



## **TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA**

### **MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM**

#### **MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, pursuant to Section 299 of the Municipal Act, 2001, requires all Ontario municipalities to provide information to their taxpayers by September 30 each year on the efficiency and effectiveness of operations in a variety of areas based on the previous year activities. The 2005 results for the Township of Ramara are presented in the attached report.

Previous results have also been included for comparison purposes. The formula for some of the measures has been significantly changed for 2005 to improve the definition of operating costs. Therefore previous results for these measures cannot be reported.

It should be noted that the financial measures alone may not provide enough information to make an accurate assessment or comparison. Factors such as weather or other environmental conditions may cause a measure to appear to decline when in actuality the service levels and value to the taxpayer was greatly improved. Also, the measures are affected by a number of factors such as population, geographic size, assessment values and economic conditions that make direct comparison between municipalities difficult and should be considered if comparison is attempted.

Further information on the Province's Municipal Performance Measurement Program may be obtained from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca>.

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	FIR Reference	Local Government	2005			
1.1	91 0204 13	Operating costs for governance and corporate management as a percentage of total municipal operating costs.	11.6%			

**NOTES**

The Township of Ramara provides centralized support for services such as payroll, accounting and information technology for all departments and boards. A centralized support model will result in a higher measurement result than a decentralized model where these support costs are allocated directly to service areas.

		Fire Services	2005			
2.1	91 1102 13	Operating costs for fire services per \$1,000 of assessment.	\$0.54			

**NOTES**

Factors that can influence these results include:

- a) Size of the municipality and its mix of urban and rural coverage. The Township of Ramara has mainly rural areas with several urban clusters spread throughout the Township.
- b) Composition of fire services – use of paid or volunteer firefighters. The Township of Ramara provides fire protection through a volunteer firefighting force.
- c) Service level decisions made by local councils on response time and other services can affect the number of firefighters on staff and the number of fire halls and equipment levels. There are currently three fire halls servicing the Township of Ramara and approximately 60 volunteer firefighters. The firefighting force also responds to medical emergency calls and ambulance assistance requests.

		Police Services	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
3.1	91 1203 13	Operating costs for police services per person.	\$69.54				
3.2	92 1258 07	Violent crime rate per 1,000 persons.	6.14	5.56	4.50	8.06	6.87
3.3	92 1259 07	Property crime rate per 1,000 persons.	15.06	23.64	31.99	27.01	24.52
3.4	92 1263 07	Total crime rate per 1,000 persons (Criminal Code Offences excluding traffic).	31.75	39.74	49.52	49.40	
3.5	92 1265 07	Youth crime rate per 1,000 youths.*	26.36				

**NOTES**

Police services are provided on a non-contract basis by the Ontario Provincial Police.

\*The formula for youth crime was changed in 2005 to include youths who receive pre-charge resolutions such as warnings and cautions.

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<b>Roads</b>			2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
4.1	91 2107 13	Operating costs for paved (hard top) roads per lane kilometre.	\$1,195.00				
4.2	91 2108 13	Operating costs for unpaved (loose top) roads per lane kilometre.	\$1,358.53				
4.3	91 2204 13	Operating costs for winter maintenance of roadways per lane kilometre maintained in winter.	\$722.61				
4.4	92 2152 07	Percentage of paved lane kilometres where the condition is rated as good to very good.	70.20%	70.20%	69.10%	53.75%	54.05%
4.5	92 2251 07	Percentage of winter events where the response met or exceeded locally determined municipal service levels for road maintenance.	98.70%	98.60%	96.20%	98.59%	100.00%

**NOTES**

There are 255 paved and 453 unpaved lane kilometres that must be maintained in the Township of Ramara. Costs included in the hard top measure include: pavement patching, street sweeping and shoulder maintenance. Costs included in the loose top measure include: gravel patching and resurfacing, grading and dust control.

Factors that can influence the winter maintenance results include:

- a) The maintenance standards set by the Municipality. The Township of Ramara has a standard of plowing, sanding or salting when snow accumulates to two to four inches or more.
- b) The number of lane kilometres of unpaved roads versus paved roads. Of the total lane kilometres within the Township of Ramara, 36.02% of them are paved.
- c) The amount of snowfall each season and/or the number of winter events. There were 76 winter events in 2005 (2004 = 69).

Data for several of these measures is based on data from a Roads Needs Study completed in 2003.

<b>Wastewater (Sewage)</b>			2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
6.3	91 3109 13	Operating costs for the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater per megalitre (Integrated System).	\$724.74				
6.4	92 3154 07	Number of wastewater main backups per 100 kilometres of wastewater main in a year.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.5	92 3155 07	Percentage of wastewater estimated to have by-passed treatment.	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%

**NOTES**

The Township of Ramara is responsible for the operation and maintenance of two area specific sewage collection and treatment systems. The cost to operate and maintain these two systems is combined to derive the above cost per megalitre.

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<b>Storm Water</b>			2005			
7.1	91 3205 13	Operating costs for urban storm water management (collection, treatment, disposal) per kilometre of drainage system.	\$1,487.00			

**NOTES**

The Township of Ramara is responsible for approximately 0.8 kilometres of storm drains within the Village of Brechin.

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Measures are reported by municipalities with a separate storm water system.

<b>Drinking Water</b>			2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
8.3	91 3309 13	Operating costs for the treatment and distribution of drinking water per megalitre (Integrated System).	\$1,293.59				
8.4	92 3355 07	Weighted number of days when a boil water advisory issued by the Medical Officer of Health, applicable to a municipal water supply, was in effect.	0.1032	0.0000	0.2643	0.0000	0.0000
8.5	92 3356 07	Number of water main breaks per 100 kilometres of water distribution pipe in a year.	0.00	6.90	10.38	10.38	6.92

**NOTES**

The Township of Ramara is responsible to operate and maintain seven area specific water treatment and distribution systems. The cost to operate and maintain these systems is combined to derive the above cost per megalitre.

Total megalitres treated increased by 13.80% in 2005 (decreased by 17.86% in 2004).

There is 28.9 kilometres of water main within the seven area specific water systems in 2005. There were no water main breaks reported in 2005 and two in 2004.

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		<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
10.1	91 7102 13	Operating costs for parks per person.	\$24.61				
10.2	91 7202 13	Operating costs for recreation programs per person.	\$6.16				
10.3	91 7303 13	Operating costs for recreation facilities per person.	\$22.65				
10.4	91 7304 13	Operating costs for parks, recreation programs and recreation facilities per person (Subtotal).	\$53.42				
10.5	92 7255 07	Total participant hours for recreation programs per 1,000 persons.*	3,158.035				
10.6	92 7151 05	Hectares of open space.	49	49			
10.6	92 7151 07	Hectares of open space per 1,000 persons.	5.677	5.677			
10.7	92 7152 05	Total kilometres of trails.	3	3			
10.7	92 7152 07	Total kilometres of trails per 1,000 persons.	0.348	0.348			
10.8	92 7355 05	Square metres of recreation facility space.	2,038	2,038			
10.8	92 7355 07	Square metres of recreation facility space per 1,000 persons.	236.126	236.126			

**NOTES**

Parks and Recreation measures were introduced for the first time as part of the 2004 Financial Information Return and MPMP reporting.

\*The measure, total participant hours for recreation programs per 1,000 persons, was redefined in 2005 to exclude special events. The denominator of the measure is total population divided by 1,000 and does not represent the number of participants in recreation programs.

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<b>Libraries</b>			2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
11.1	91 7403 13	Operating costs for libraries per person.	\$26.74				
11.2	91 7404 13	Operating costs for libraries per use.	\$4.12				
11.3	92 7460 07	Library uses per person.	6.49	8.06			
11.4	92 7461 07	Electronic library uses as a percentage of total library uses.	11.7%	5.7%			
11.5	92 7462 07	Non-electronic library uses as a percentage of total library uses.	88.3%	94.3%			

**NOTES**

Library measures were introduced for the first time as part of the 2004 Financial Information Return and MPMP reporting.

<b>Land Use Planning</b>			2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
12.1	92 8154 07	Percentage of new lots, blocks and/or units with final approval which are located within settlement areas.	15.90%	11.10%	36.10%	82.60%	5.90%
12.2	92 8163 07	Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was not re-designated for other uses during the reporting year.	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	77.20%	100.00%
12.3	92 8164 07	Percentage of land designated for agricultural purposes which was not re-designated for other uses relative to the base year of 2000.	77.10%	77.10%	77.10%	77.10%	99.996%
12.4	92 8165 07	Number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural purposes which was re-designated for other uses during the reporting year.	0	0	0	3,213	0
12.5	92 8166 07	Number of hectares of land originally designated for agricultural purposes which was re-designated for other uses since January 1, 2000.	3,214.0	3,214.0	3,214.0	3,214.0	0.5

**NOTES**

There is currently 10,850 hectares (14,064 on January 1, 2000) of agricultural land within the Township of Ramara. The Township of Ramara adopted a new Official Plan in 2002, which decreased the amount of land designated agricultural. The new area now designated agricultural is based on OMAF's (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food) definition of agricultural.