

Councillor Ward 2 – Marg Sharpe

Ramara Township 2017 Budget

Our budget was ratified at Council for 2017. The full and more detailed budget is posted on the Township website www.ramara.ca for your perusal.

What Is Affecting the 2017 Budget?

- Policing costs up \$296,726.00 from 2016 which is an increase of 20.92%
- Provincial Funding down by \$38,500.00 or 3.46% over 2016
- Strategic Plan and Community Improvement Plan and Township Branding work
- Official Plan and Zoning Update
- Fire Department Tanker purchase
- Many Roads projects

2016 Municipal Levy	\$9,491,554.00
2017 Municipal Levy	\$9,926,293.00
2017 Municipal Levy Increase	3.94%

2017 Overall Revenue

- Total 2017 Revenue \$3,809,714.00
- Total Taxation Revenue \$9,926,293.00

Total per 100,000 of Residential Assessment

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Increase per</u> <u>\$100,000.00</u>
\$441.75	\$459.14	\$17.40

The actual tax rate increase will go down to perhaps 2% once we receive County and School Board rates. The website will be updated once these are submitted to our Treasurer.

Speed Tube Results: The following are the results of the speed tubes:

Bayshore Village, Glenrest Dr., Amilia Dr., John St., Peter St. and Louis Lane have had the speed reduced to 40 km/h and designated as a Community Safety Zone. There have been many complaints with safety concerns of excessive speeding in all of these areas. I asked Council to place speed tubes in Bayshore and on Glenrest Dr. Below are the results. I have asked Council to have the Policing

Committee give more details as to times and dates so we can present the statistics to the OPP for more policing, ensuring they are there at the peak times.

1. Glenrest Drive

- a) Counter was placed near #3852 Glenrest Drive September 27 – October 5, 2016. A total of 626 vehicles used the road during this period.
 - i. 4.2% travelled at 10-20 km/hr
 - ii. 14.7% travelled 20-30 km/hr
 - iii. 35.1% travelled 30-40 km/hr
 - iv. 33.7% travelled 40-50 km/hr
 - v. 10.5% travelled 50-60km/hr
 - vi. 1.6% travelled 60-70km/hr
 - vii. 2% travelled 70-80km/hr

Therefore, 77 vehicles or 12.3% were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 11 vehicles or 1.8% were traveling above 60 km/hr.

- b) Counter was placed near #3716 Glenrest Drive October 7 – 18, 2016. A total of 1009 vehicles used the road during this period.
 - i. 3.4% travelled at 10-20 km/hr
 - ii. 4.3% travelled 20-30 km/hr
 - iii. 12.9% travelled 30-40 km/hr
 - iv. 23.0% travelled 40-50 km/hr
 - v. 24.2% travelled 50-60km/hr
 - vi. 15.8% travelled 60-70km/hr
 - vii. 10.5% travelled 70-80km/hr
 - viii. 4.3% travelled 80-90km/hr
 - ix. 1.4% travelled 90-100km/hr
 - x. 0.4% travelled 100-110km/hr

Therefore, 569 vehicles or 56.4% were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 325 vehicles or 32.2% were traveling above 60 km/hr. (Note: due to rounding total is 100.2%)

2. Bayshore

- a) Counter was placed near entrance on Sideroad 20 to capture westbound traffic September 27 – October 5, 2016. A total of 6,569 vehicles used the road during this period
 - i. 1.1% travelled 50-60km/hr
 - ii. 0.2% travelled 60-70km/hr
 - iii. 0.3% travelled 70-80km/hr
 - iv. 41.0% travelled 80-90km/hr
 - v. 20.3% travelled 90-100km/hr
 - vi. 4.2% travelled 100-110km/hr
 - vii. 16.8% travelled 110-120km/hr
 - viii. 5.1% travelled 120-130km/hr
 - ix. 5.0% travelled 130-140km/hr

- x. 0.7% travelled 140-150km/hr
- xi. 5.3% travelled 150-150km/hr

Therefore, all of the vehicles were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 6497 vehicles or 98.9% were traveling above 60 km/hr.

- b) Counter was placed at the island west of the entrance on Sideroad 20 to capture westbound traffic October 5 – 18, 2016. A total of 12,374 vehicles used the road during this period
 - i. 0.2% travelled 20-30 km/hr
 - ii. 0.0% travelled 30-40km/hr
 - iii. 12.4% travelled 40-50km/hr
 - iv. 35.7% travelled 50-60km/hr
 - v. 3.0% travelled 60-70km/hr
 - vi. 0.0% travelled 70-80km/hr
 - vii. 1.4% travelled 80-90km/hr
 - viii. 0.7% travelled 90-100km/hr
 - ix. 0.8% travelled 100-110km/hr
 - x. 0.0% travelled 110-120km/hr
 - xi. 0.0% travelled 120-130km/hr
 - xii. 45.8% travelled 130-140km/hr

Therefore 10815 vehicles or 87.4 % were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 6397 vehicles or 51.7% were traveling above 60 km/hr.

- c) Counter was placed at the island west of the entrance on Sideroad 20 to capture eastbound traffic October 20 – 31, 2016. A total of 7,086 vehicles used the road during this period
 - i. 2.1% travelled 20-30 km/hr
 - ii. 0.0% travelled 30-40km/hr
 - iii. 0.0% travelled 40-50km/hr
 - iv. 48.6% travelled 50-60km/hr
 - v. 45.4% travelled 60-70km/hr
 - vi. 0.0% travelled 70-80km/hr
 - vii. 3.8% travelled 80-90km/hr
 - viii. 0.0% travelled 90-100km/hr
 - ix. 0.1% travelled 100-110km/hr

Therefore 6937 vehicles or 97.9% were operating in excess of 50 km/hr and 3493 vehicles or 49.3% were traveling above 60 km/hr.

We will be conducting another test in late spring or early summer.

I would like to share with you an article written by Marc Bertrand, a Bayshore member, which was published a few years ago, with his permission. Since this was first published our speed limit has dropped to 40 kms/hr and is designated as a Community Safety Zone.

Travel Time in Bayshore

The distance from the entrance of Bayshore Village to the far end of Park Lane is 2.8 kms.

Leadfoot Lucy enters what she believes is a racetrack and recklessly speeds her way through the streets of the community at the incredibly dangerous speed of 60 km/h. With no care for her fellow Bayshorites, their animals or wildlife, she arrives at her destination in a world of record-setting time of 2 minutes and 48 seconds. Leadfoot Lucy feels no shame because she has shaved precious time off her daily commute.

Law-Abiding Larry finishes his hard day at the office and is eager to get home to his loving wife who has prepared the most delicious of meals for him. He can't wait to get home, enters the gateway of Bayshore Village. Law-Abiding Larry respectfully travels through Bayshore observing the posted speed limit of 40 km/hr (Community Safety Zone). He passed fellow walkers with their dogs and is able to make eye contact, smile and "wave". Suddenly, one of our unique white squirrels ran onto the road in front of his car, but Larry is able to slow down in plenty of time, allowing this precious creature to continue on its way. He arrives safely at his home at the end of Park Lane in a very satisfying time of 4 minutes and 12 seconds.

Leadfoot Lucy has now been home for 1 minute and 24 seconds. Larry says "hi" to her as she is unlocking her door.

Incredibly, the lives of these two neighbours intersect regardless of the speed they chose to navigate the streets of Bayshore. The moral of this story? Seems fairly obvious.

Bayshore Village Sprayfields

C.C. Tatham held an open house on their Class EA Study of the Bayshore Village Effluent Spray Irrigation on Concession Road 8. The Sprayfields are not recognized by the Ministry to be a waste treatment plant and under the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan there are to be no more waste treatment plants built around Lake Simcoe. Please be assured that the Sprayfields are still working properly.

When a new facility is built, or a new field added, there have been questions and concerns from the public outside of Bayshore Village as to if this will be paid for by all ratepayers. No, if you are not on sewers you do not pay.

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)

Council took a vote and ratified that Ramara Township would not be a member of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) as of January 1, 2017. They were advised by letter. Rising costs of permits/fees, delays in getting permits, duplicate regulations that our own Planning Department must adhere to, it was felt that this would be more efficient and cost effective for the Township Planning and Development and residents.

Until such time as the membership is resolved, permits are still required from LSRCA.

Of course we are still under the Provincial Government regulations of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc.

Note that Orillia is not a member of the LSCRA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you cannot find what you are looking for on the Ramara Website www.ramara.ca please let me know and I will follow up.

Please review the pamphlet tucked inside the envelope of the 2017 Interim Tax Bill. There is a lot of information that can be valuable to you.

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