

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole and Special Council - June 15, 2020

AUDITOR PRESENTATION

The Township of Ramara's Auditor, Richard Steiginga from Baker Tilly, presented his Auditor's report on the Township's 2019 Financial Statements. The statements showed that the Township of Ramara received a clean audit opinion. As well, it was noted that the Township's reserves and cash balances have increased gradually over the past five years and has put the Township in a strong financial position going into 2020.

EXTENSION OF INTEREST AND PENALTY

In order to provide further financial relief to all residents in the Township, Council has decided to extend the date for waiving interest and penalty fees for late payment of taxes until December 31, 2020.

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Committee of the Whole and Council meetings will take place at 9:30 a.m. on the regularly scheduled day, unless otherwise noted. All meetings will take place electronically through Zoom and streamed live on the <u>Township of Ramara's YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u> until September 30th, 2020. Please note that as the Township of Ramara begins to reopen any changes to Council meetings will be communicated publicly in a timely manner.

Next Council meeting is on June 22 at 9:30 a.m.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REVIEW

As part of the Township's strategic priorities for 2020, the Township is assessing all the Township's boards and committees for their relevancy, composition and effectiveness. The report addressed 14 recommendations for Council's consideration. Council accepted the report as information, but asked that an action plan be brought to Council based on the recommendations submitted.

RAMARA LIBRARY UPDATE

Council is permitting the Ramara Public Library to implement curbside pick up of materials at the Ramara Centre library location. The implementation of the re-opening plan will be done in coordination with the Township of Ramara CAO.

KITE SURFERS IN RAMARA

Council discussed the issue of kite surfers using Township property for kite surfing lessons. Council asked staff to prepare a bylaw to prohibit the loading/unloading and setting up of kite surfers on Township property. As well, Council asked for staff to investigate parking areas and parking solutions, including paid parking, in Township parks.

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WATER ACCESS OFF OF CONCESSION ROAD A

Council received correspondence and photographs from a resident regarding the water access at Concession Road 'A.' Council asked staff to prepare a report regarding the safe use of using Concession Road A as a boat launch and a paid parking area.

REOPENING RAMARA

The Township of Ramara is committed to returning to a new normal as the province and the Township move to a recovery phase from the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask residents to remain vigilant in following provincial directives during this time, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and patient with the Township as it reopens.

Our main priority is the health and safety of our community and staff.

As the province announces further stages of reopening, the Township will need time to ensure that proper safety protocols are in place for users and staff. View the Province's stages of reopening.

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