



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - July 13, 2020

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke reported that the municipality received much needed rain this past weekend which the farmers were eagerly waiting for. He reported that he was **interviewed by CTV** news regarding the issues around closing the beaches.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, advised that all municipal buildings are closed to the public, but the Township is working on reopening plans that are in align with directives from both the Province and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. As well, the Township is waiting for Plexiglas to get installed, but due to high demand, it has been delayed. John also gave a bylaw update and reported that due to the poor weather conditions, beaches and parking were quiet with only warnings issued. John reported that staff are working on a clear plan to effectively manage waterfront access.

Next Council meeting is on July 20 at 9:30 a.m.

KITESURFING UPDATE

Council listened to Paul Abernethy, Kite Surfer and Member of the Lagoon City Kite Boarding Association of Ontario. Paul reported that Kite Surfers come from all walks of life, are good for local businesses and have invested in Ramara to take advantage of the exceptional kitesurfing conditions found in Lagoon City. He reported that he understood the effects that the pandemic has had on municipalities, especially around Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay, and the decision for some municipalities to close their beaches. Paul has offered to work with staff and Council at the Township in order to develop bylaws, procedures and protocols that would be in the best interest of all beach users. Council has adopted the bylaw that prohibits kite surfers until September 30, 2020 and that staff will work with Paul to create a bylaw, procedures and protocols that would allow for kite surfers and other beach users to work together.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BEACH SECURITY AT LAGOON CITY PRIVATE BEACH

Council approved a **notice** be posted to amend the Lagoon City Parks and Waterway Budget. The Budget amendment is to reduce \$5,000.00 from the Trees/Benches/Picnic tables budget and \$5,000.00 be increased to the Foot Patrols budget in order to accommodate increased beach security for the private Lagoon City Beach

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INCREASED ENFORCEMENT AT BEACHES

Council extended the Agreement for beach security at the public beaches and water access points as long as the beaches remain closed. Staff will prepare a report and present it to Council on proactive enforcement measures for the rest of the 2020 summer.

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NEXT MEETING

At the July 20th meeting, Council will discuss the following:

- Presentation from Service Delivery Consultants, StrategyCorp, on current state of Ramara and areas for exploration.
- Ramara's Strategic Mid Year Status Report for 2020.
- Presentation from OCWA

COMING SOON

Township staff have been working hard on creating a mobile-friendly and resident focused site that includes accessibility improvements, news and emergency notifications, and more. Stay tuned for more information!

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