



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - July 27, 2020

INTERNET UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, provided an update on internet services in Ramara and advised that Xplornet is constructing two new towers, one in Rathburn and one in Brechin, and utilizing an existing Point to Point tower located south of Washago. John reported that these new towers will give residents 100 megabits per second download speed.

BEACH UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, provided an update on beach reopening in Ramara. It was advised that By-law Enforcement were busy all weekend issuing parking tickets, dealing with short-term rentals and attending to canine issues. John Pinsent reported that By-law Enforcement is recommending that public beaches in Ramara stay closed for the Civic Long weekend, but water access points remain open.

NEW TRAIL IN RAMARA

Councillor Snutch reported that the Trails Committee has been working hard on the new trail that runs from Mara Rama Boundary Road to the Casino. This portion of the trail is now open and ready for public use. Councillor Snutch also updated Council on the abandoned rail line that goes from the Casino to Washago. Councillor Snutch reported that CN has not started the process of selling the rail line which goes first to the private sector before the Federal, Provincial or Municipal government have the opportunity to get it. It was also reported that the new trail in Lagoon City is open for public use that runs from the rail line to Laguna Parkway.

Next Council meeting is on August 24 at 9:30 a.m.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BEACH SECURITY AT LAGOON CITY PRIVATE BEACH

Council approved to amend the Lagoon City Parks & Waterways 2020 Budget to decrease the budget for Trees/Benches/Picnic Tables by \$5,000 and increase the budget for Foot Patrols by \$5,000 in order to accommodate the additional beach security for summer 2020.

FOUR-WAY STOP AT SIDEROAD 15 AND CON B

Council approved a four-way stop at Sideroad 15 and Concession Road B. Staff will start the process of installing a sign that includes: ordering locates, signs and installing signage.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT - GUN RANGES IN RAMARA

Council approved to proceed with the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment to modify the definition of "Active Recreation(al)" in both the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw, stipulating that a gun range/shooting range is not a permitted active recreational use. The new process will require applicants to get an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment as well as complete other necessary reports and studies deemed necessary by Council. As well, this would then become a public process that will allow the public to provide their comments on the proposal.

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MID-YEAR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Council approved the [Mid-Year Council/Committee calendar](#) that outlines important reports and budget process that will be submitted to Council and Committee of the Whole for the rest of year.

STRATEGIC MID-YEAR STATUS REPORT

Council approved [Ramara's Strategic Mid Year Status Report](#) that highlights all of the 2020 Strategic priorities. Any delays noted are due to COVID-19 where hearings, public meetings and consultations with the public cannot be done.



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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