



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - August 24, 2020

MAYOR UPDATE

Our Mayor, Basil Clarke, gave an update and advised that Erin O'Toole is the new Conservative Leader for the Conservative Party. He advised that there was a 6 hour delay due to issues with the ballots.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, provided an update on the reopening of Ramara Township offices. John advised that we are still waiting for some of the protective measures to be installed, but conversations with staff will be made and information will be shared with the public on any changes. At this time, the plan is to reopen Township Administration building in September. However, all Community Centres will remain closed until January 1, 2021.

4431 MONCK ROAD - ROAD REQUEST

Stefan Szczerbak of Planscape Inc presented on behalf of the landowners of 4431 Monck Road to create a small 152 metre public internal road off of Monck Road just east of Rama Road. The road will be used by three proposed residential lots and would be built to Township standards. Council passed the motion to approve the requested assumption of the road once it was built to Township standards. For the Official Plan and Zoning bylaw amendment, a public meeting will be scheduled and the Planning Services department will circulate all information to surrounding neighbours.

Next Council meeting is on September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

LAKE SIMCOE REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PRESENTATION

Mike Walters on behalf of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority presented on the 2020 Budget Companion and Annual Operating Priorities. The Budget Companion report is an annual report that details the LSRCA approved budget, expenditures and sources of income. The approved budget for 2020 is 21.10 million dollars and can be viewed by visiting <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/annual-reports.aspx>.

LPAT UPDATE

Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) advised that the Township of Ramara has not yet had their first event Case Management Conference (CMC). Due to LPAT not conducting in person events at this time, they are requesting the first event CMC be conducted via an alternative format. Council voted to object to conducting the meeting via alternative format and will investigate how much this would delay the CMC and any related consequences.

BOT AGGREGATES REQUEST EXTENSION OF HOURS OF OPERATION FOR 2020

Due to increased demand, BOT Aggregates has requested from Council to operate their plant on Concession Road B-C 24/7 from August 31, 2020 through to November 20, 2020. Council supported their proposal on a 30-day trial period for the purpose of crushing, washing and screening of the products. If no complaints are received during the 30 day trial period, BOT Aggregates may continue to operate until the end of November 2020.

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INTERNET UPDATE

Forbes Bros. Ltd. on behalf of Xplornet Communications Inc. advised that the land-use authority and public consultation as required under Innovation, Science and Economic Canada has been completed for Xplornet's proposed 45m lattice tower site at 4884 Fairvalley Road in Ramara. They advised that they received no submission during the consultation period and will require a Letter of Concurrence stating the Township of Ramara has no municipal concerns. Council has directed staff to forward a Letter of Concurrence. Stay tuned for more information on when constructions begins and when better internet services will be available to residents.

TRAIL DONATIONS

The Trails Committee advised that they have received donations this year from LaFarge Aggregates and a local resident. These two donations help support the development and the maintenance of the trails around Ramara and help build outdoor recreation. Please note that the Trails Committee has been able to complete two trail projects: the final link to the rail line from Laguna Parkway north and the trail north from Boundary Road to the Casino.

SIGNAGE IN RAMARA

CAO, John Pinsent reported that staff are working on a plan in 2020 and 2021 to deal with Waterfront access which will include parking and consistent signage at boat launches, parks, trails and beaches. Having an overall plan will ensure there is consistency through the township and cohesion in the development of bylaws an signage.

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ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

On July 21, 2020, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economy Recovery Act, 2020 was enacted that allowed for a member of council, member of a local board or member of a committee to participate in electronic meeting. Staff advised Council that this would provide a contingency plan to have meetings if the pandemic hit a second wave or in case of an emergency. Council has advised staff that they would like to be in the Council Chambers as soon as possible and that the right electronics be installed in order for Council to continue in the Chambers and allow for resident and stakeholder participation through Zoom and the Township's YouTube channel. Council has requested for this to be brought up again at the next Council meeting when there is a plan in place to get Council back in the Council Chambers in a safe and transparent manner.

AMENDMENTS TO PARKING BYLAW

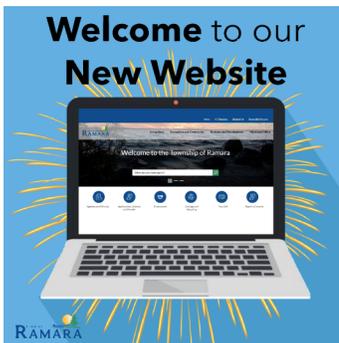
Council passed Bylaw that would prohibit overnight parking of Commercial Motor Vehicles, heavy trucks or a Recreational Vehicles between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. As well, there will be no parking on the south side of Fern Resort Road from the intersection of Prospect Avenue east for a distance of 100 metres.

RAMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO RE-OPEN

The Ramara Public Library provided their Re-Opening plan to Council with their health and safety protocols and procedures. Council has permitted that the Ramara Public Libraries open concurrently with the local schools provided that they all procedures and protocols are strictly adhered to. Please stay tuned for more information on the reopening date and information residents need to know.

OUR NEW COUNCILLOR, JENNIFER FISHER

At the Special Council meeting held on August 17th, Council appointed Jennifer Fisher as our new Ward 2 Councillor. Jennifer brings both professional and personal experiences to the role and will be a great asset to Ramara. Welcome Jennifer! For more information on Council and how to contact Jennifer, please visit our website at www.ramara.ca/council.



Our new, easy to use, responsive and interactive website is here!!! Our new website is designed to enhance customers service and communication with improved navigation and search, responsive design that is compatible with all screen sizes and a subscriber tool that allows you to get email notifications for news, events and individual page updates.

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