

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - October 5th, 2020



Please note that all Committee decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding agenda items or decisions made at Committee or Council meetings, please email [council@ramara.ca](mailto:council@ramara.ca).

## OPP UPDATE ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND ICE/WATER RESCUE

The Township of Ramara received an update from Orillia OPP regarding Traffic Enforcement and Ice/Water Rescue. OPP advised that under the current Police Services Act, the Township of Ramara is a non-contract location, so there is no ability to enhance or have a dedicated resource for traffic enforcement. However, once the Community Safety and Policing Act is enacted, Ramara can look into enhancements in the Township.

With Ice/Water rescue, OPP only recovers a person or property from ice water/water. During the marine season, which is May to October - weather dependent, OPP operates on inland waterways and can perform rescue operations; however, OPP is limited in conducting activities on board the vessel and has no in-water rescue capabilities.

**Next Committee of the Whole meeting is on October 19 at 9:30 am**

## TRANSPORTATION SURVEY RESULTS

The Township conducted a Transportation survey from March 5, 2020 to August 31, 2020 to explore the need for transit services in the community. In the 5 months, the Township received 246 surveys and found the following:

- Majority of residents in Ramara drive to their destination.
- Most residents are driving over 11 kms to their destination of either a grocery store, social gathering or medical appointment.
- Some residents are taking fewer trips in the winter and tend to not want to drive to a town that they don't know very well or at night.
- Majority of residents are not relying on others for transportation and when they do, they are relying on their spouse or friends/neighbour for 25% of their trips.
- Residents commented that if they had a transit service available, they would want a fixed route that would cost them around \$4.00 in town and \$5.00-\$10.00 out of town.
- Majority of residents who answered this survey are over the age of 55. (68.9%)

Committee approved to investigate alternatives of either partnering with community municipalities transit services, or subsidizing a ride-share program.

# INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL REVIEW

The Director of Infrastructure, provided a Infrastructure Capital Review of the past three years. It was reported that in 2018, the Township budgeted \$3.22 million for capital and approximately one million was carried to 2019. In 2019, the Township budgeted \$3.85 million for capital and \$1.6 million was carried to 2020. In 2020, the Township budgeted \$4.06 million and \$2.15 million is proposed to be carried over to 2021. The deferrals of capital projects is due to waiting for funding approval and delays related to weather, engineering and COVID. For a full list of completed and awaiting capital projects, please refer back to report [WD-18-20](#).

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## GLADSTONE STREET - NO TRUCK ROUTE

Committee approved to designate Gladstone Street a no truck route in order to prevent heavy trucks from using Gladstone and Church street as a shortcut. Please note that delivery trucks will still be permitted to use the street.

## WINTER SAND TENDER

Committee approved to accept the winter sand tender from Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. at the bid price of \$73, 750.00 plus tax to supply the Township with winter sand, stockpiling of mixed sand/salt and screening and/or reclaiming winter sand from 2020 spring street sweeping.

## SNOW REMOVAL QUOTATIONS

Committee approved that Corran Property Maintenance, Cottage Country Property Maintenance, Stephen Contracting, the Grounds Guys, Imrie Group and Boyd Cronk are the successful bidders for snow removal for the specified locations as stipulated in report [WD-20-2020](#).

## LCPWC BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission (LCPWC) requested a budget amendment in order to proceed with the shorewall repairs. Council will consider the amendment at the October 26th, 2020 Council meeting. For the notice and further information, please visit the News and Notices section on the Township website [www.ramara.ca](http://www.ramara.ca).

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## RAMARA WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Committee approved the Website and Social Media Policy which identifies parameters for participation with the community and clear guidelines on what can and cannot be posted. The Township's focus is to improve communications and citizen engagement through the use of social media and the development of a new website. Our new website is easy to use, responsive with all devices and interactive. It also gives residents the ability to subscribe to notifications on their favourite pages, news and notices and alerts. Don't forget to check out our website at [www.ramara.ca](http://www.ramara.ca)

## RESERVE TRANSFERS

Committee approved that \$113, 780 will be removed from the Fire and Rescue reserves and \$1,407,814 will be removed from the Infrastructure reserves. These reserves will be used to cover 2019 expenses that were deferred to 2020. These expenses were deferred as a result of shipping and construction delays in 2019.

# RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Earlier this year, Council committed to investigating Library and Recreation services as part of recommendations from the Board and Committee review and StrategyCorp Service Delivery. When investigating a future vision for these two departments, it has become apparent that these two services are competing for space and programming. Committee approved for staff to undertake a Community Services/Infrastructure review in 2021 and to remain status quo with an open approach to communication and program development. The Community Services/Infrastructure review will investigate the state of infrastructure used by both departments, placement of infrastructure in relation to settlement areas and other amenities and a clear vision for these two departments.

## OCWA TRANSITION

The Director of Infrastructure presented a transition update with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA). OCWA took over the maintenance, operation and management of Ramara's water treatment facilities and sanitary sewer system as of September 1, 2020. Since transitioning, OCWA has been able to do the following:

- Tagged over 300 assets into the Computerize Maintenance Management System (CMMS)
- Ordered equipment and panels for the Outpost 4 SCADA that should be fully installed by mid-October.
- Scheduled the Process Optimization Study for Bayshore Village sewage works in order to look at ways to improve plant performance and respond to current and future challenges.
- Started the preliminary review for the 10-year Capital Investment Plan and will present 2021 recommendations in late October.
- Initiated the Process Data Management (PDM) process that allows for collecting, storing and retrieving of operational data at the facilities.
- Scheduled the Energy Audit of the facilities for October.

## WHAT IS ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The following reports will be on the October 19th agenda:

- Multi Year Shorewall Rehabilitation Plan
- Council Initiatives
- Trails Committee Presentation



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