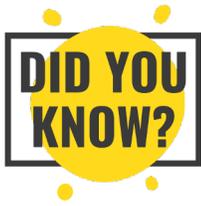




COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - December 7, 2020



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020 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.

LARGE TRUCKS TRAVELLING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

Councillors reported that they received many complaints from residents on the weekend that large trucks were travelling to Kawartha Lakes on Concession Road 10, Ramara Road 46, Monck Road and County Road 46. Deputy Mayor, Joe Gough, asked if a letter can be sent to the County requesting the lowering of the speed on County Road 46. As well, Mayor, Basil Clarke asked if a letter can be drafted to Kawartha Lakes requesting a haul route agreement if they continue to allow a fill operation occur on a property in Kawartha Lakes. The Mayor advised that the Township has established Haul routes that others in the Township abide by.

Next Council Meeting is on December 14 at 7:00 pm

SEWAGE BIO-SOLID STORAGE AND APPLICATION CONTROL PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

Committee discussed this issue thoroughly and concluded by deferring the Zoning Bylaw Amendment regarding bio-solids to another meeting. The Committee also approved that a letter be sent to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs requesting that that the spreading of sludge be restricted to Prime Agricultural lands only.

VEHICLE RATIONALIZATION AND TRANSFERS FOR 2020

Kathy Sipos, Director of Infrastructure, brought a report to Council with a vehicle rationalization plan that provided recommendations that would help utilize vehicles more effectively, understand operating costs more holistically and provide a plan for future replacement. Committee approved to dispose of 7 vehicles by declaring them surplus and that seven vehicles and one ATV be re-purposed for other departments to use as necessary.

REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT DRAINAGE THROUGH CONCESSION ROAD 5

Committee received the request from the property owner of 2449 Highway 12 to install a 15 inch drainage pipe through Concession Road 5 and that the property owner would apply for a municipal drain branch by completing the necessary paperwork. The Director of Infrastructure reported that the necessary paperwork can be sent to the resident.

WATERFRONT STRATEGY UPDATE- PRIMARY WATERFRONT LOCATIONS

Jon Popple, Manager of Community Standards, provided Committee with an update of the Waterfront Strategy. He reported that the following four locations will be selected as the primary locations for physical improvements:

1. Heritage Farms (Suntrac Drive) Boat Launch - Lake Simcoe
2. Lagoon City Beach and Park - Lake Simcoe
3. Lovely Day Park and Boat Launch - Lake Simcoe with access to Lake Couchiching
4. Poplar Lane Boat Launch - Green/Black River

The improvements in the area would be for off street parking facilities, parking lot/park signage, waste receptacles, washrooms, sitting areas and any other infrastructure upgrades.

Secondary Access Points will also be upgraded and they include the following:

1. Fern Resort Dock Road/Launch/Parking - Lake Couchiching
2. Bluebird Street Parking and Launch - Lake St John
3. Longford Mills Road Parking and Launch - Lake St John

Parking plans and active enforcement is part of the Waterfront Strategy.

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REQUEST TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON COUNTY ROAD 45 (MONCK ROAD)

Committee approved to send a request to the County of Simcoe to lower the speed limit to 60 km/hr in Rathburn on County Road 45 (Monck Road) from Sideroad 20 to the train tracks west of County Road 169.

NO PARKING - COURTLAND STREET

Committee approved to establish a no parking zone on Courtland Street from Creighton Street North south to the end of the road (on the north side of Highway 12).

WATER FINANCIAL PLAN

Committee discussed the Water Financial Plan and the Mayor reported that our drinking water rates are higher than surrounding municipalities. As part of the Infrastructure plan for 2021, staff will examine the financial viability of our water systems as it relates to the future plans for the Township.

INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM: COVID-19 RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE STREAM GRANT

The Township of Ramara received \$100,000.00 from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream grant. As a result, the Township is able to apply for one project that meets one of the four criteria. Committee approved to apply the Waterfront Strategy that will help provide and support a safe and accessible waterfront areas to residents that follow all COVID-19 protocols.

2020 YEAR END REPORT

Ashley Watson, Business and Communication Coordinator, presented the 2020 Year End Report that examined the Township's 2020 Strategic goals and planned priorities for 2020. The Township completed 9/27 planned priorities with the remaining priorities being presented in early to mid 2021. It reviewed the challenges staff and Council had with COVID-19 pandemic as well as six extra priority projects that were created as a result. In 2020, the Township was also able to accomplish the following:

- Enhanced Internet Services
- New Website
- GIS
- Virtual Recreational Programming (Rec2Go)

At the January 18th, 2021 Committee of the Whole, staff will present 2021 Strategic goals and planned priorities.

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COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Committee approved the COVID-19 Safety plan which is in compliance with O.Reg 641/20:Rules for Areas in Stage 2 following the Province of Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework. Within this document, it outlines how the Township of Ramara complies with all health and safety protocols such as to ensure the safety of all employees and visitors to the Township.

2021 BUDGET

At the December 14th Council meeting, Budget 2021 will be presented for final adoption with a tax rate of **1.11% decrease**. To review the budget and provide your input, check out our Community Engagement page at <https://reachoutramara.ca/budget-2021>. Remember all comments need to be in by **December 14th at 9 a.m.**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Council and Staff at the Township of Ramara want to wish everyone in Ramara a Happy and Safe holiday season whether it is celebrated with family together or apart. The Township wants to remind residents to follow all health and safety guidelines and protocol by limiting your close contacts, maintain physical distancing, and thinking of creative ways to celebrate the season virtually.



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