



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - January 11, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Clarke opened up the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and advised that due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and the Province-wide shutdown, his holidays were quiet and that Christmas was spent with family very differently than years past. Jennifer Fisher reported that the Ramona Twisted Stitchers, who have been making masks and delivering them to people free of charge, has made 10,000 masks since March of 2020. Thank you to those volunteers for their thoughtful and important work.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, advised that due to the Province-wide shutdown all Township buildings are closed to the public, but staff are responding to calls and providing services through [online delivery](#). Residents are asked to visit our [COVID-19](#) page on the website for up to date information on how services are affected or subscribe to our news and notices page. John Pinsent also reported that the Township is completing a Ward Boundary Review and is asking for residents to provide their input by completing the survey or registering for one of the two public meetings. Find out more information on our [Ward Boundaries page](#).

Next Council meeting is on January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT - LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN AND BAYSHORE VILLAGE SPRAY IRRIGATION SYSTEM

It is Ontario's commitment to protect and restore Ontario's water resources including Lake Simcoe. In July, the Minister released the [10-year report on Lake Simcoe](#), that highlighted progress made to protect and restore the lake as well as projects that will help reduce the amount of pollutants. The Ministry has launched the 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and as part of the process, Ramara will be able to provide feedback on the plan policies.

As well, through our agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency, they will be completing a Process Optimization study for Bayshore Village Spray Irrigation system. This plan will help Council and Staff in their discussion with the MECP about the future of the spray fields and policies that prevent the reclassification of the Bayshore Village system to a sewage treatment plant.

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RAMARA TRAILS COMMITTEE

We want to thank Ardena Hutchison for all her hard work on the Trails Committee. The Ramara Trails Committee is looking for new members to join the Committee. Residents can apply to be on the Committee by visiting the [Township's Committee application page](#).

BOT AGGREGATES

Council approved BOT Aggregates Limited to extend their operating hours to 24 hours per day, 7 days a week until June 30, 2021. BOT Aggregates reported that this will allow them to clean, wash and crush aggregates only.

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WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY UNTIL MARCH 1ST, 2021

Council approved to waive interest and penalty for property taxes until March 1st, 2021. The first installment of interim taxes are due on February 25th, 2021 and can be paid online, by cheque or through your bank. For more information on how to pay your taxes, please visit our [Pay a Bill](#) page on the website. At the next Committee of the Whole meeting, a report regarding Commercial Tax Relief will be discussed.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

Did you know that the Township of Ramara is completing a Ward Boundary Review? Ramara's current ward boundaries have not been reviewed in 25 years, so the review will ensure that Ramara's ward boundaries continue to provide a system of effective and equitable representation for all residents in accordance with the guiding principles of *effective representation* as set out by the Supreme Court of Canada.

There will be two rounds of public consultation. The first will run from **January 11 to February 1st, 2021** and will give members of the community the opportunity to learn more about Ramara's ward boundaries and to provide their comments and feedback. This will include a public survey and two virtual public meetings scheduled for **January 20th at 9:30 a.m.** and **January 27th at 6:30 p.m.**

This is your chance to provide **YOUR SAY**, so please take the time to participate in the process as **YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

For access to the survey and to register for one of the public meetings, please visit our [Ward Boundary Review Page](#) on our community engagement site [Reach Out Ramara](#). For more information about the Ward Boundary Review please visit the [Township Website](#).



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