



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - March 15, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021 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.

RAMARA WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Cindy Spencer, Nick Leroux and Nick Larson from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) presented the Capital Investment plan for Ramara. OCWA examined all Ramara's water and wastewater systems and identified 67 projects that maintain current service levels and two projects that enhance services. The recommended projects are categorized into the following project timelines: Immediate, Medium Term, Long Term, Ongoing-Annual. This plan will be reviewed yearly to ensure budgetary planning is up to date. The Township, with OCWA's support, will next investigate the number of users, efficiency of systems and the possibility of decommissioning of systems due to high costs and little use.

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WATER SEWER - 10 YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

The Director of Finance presented the 10 year financial forecast for water and sewer services in order to determine if the sewer consumption rates should remain unchanged. It was reported that 58% of water and sewer revenue comes from fixed charges while the remaining 42% comes from consumption charges. As well, revenue from development charges can be used to support the cost of capital projects and to help service any outstanding financing costs. Committee approved to increase sewer rate of 1.5%. Without the increase, the Township could create a yearly deficit that may be difficult to recover from.

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORTS

OCWA presented the 2020 drinking water report that represented seven drinking water systems. The report has been prepared by OCWA and incorporates three mandatory reports that include: Section 11 and Section 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03. The full report can be found on the [Township website](#).

INTERNET UPDATE

Committee approved to make internet a priority for the Township of Ramara. The Committee asked for monthly updates. Staff is to report on the progress of getting residents connected to 50/10 mbps service and the investment in internet through the use of a portion of the modernization funding. At this time, the Township of Ramara is waiting to hear about approved projects through the **ICON** and **UBF** program; however, in that time there are many areas in the Township that need connection. Learn more at www.ramara.ca/internet.

TREE CUTTING AT AIRPORT

Committee approved to write a letter to the County of Simcoe Forestry department to discuss any actions or repercussions to Ramara Township concerning the cutting of trees on a Township road allowance in contravention of the County of Simcoe tree cutting bylaw. The Committee also approved that the Township would enquire on what is required if the the runway is not built on the property.

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT 4X4 WALK-IN RESCUE WITH ONBOARD BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR

Committee approved to award the proposal from Oro Design Manufacturing Limited to build a 4x4 Walk-in Rescue with Onboard Breathing Air Compressor to the specifications we have provided at a cost of \$476,069.00 (excluding HST).

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FIRE SAFETY GRANT

Committee approved for Fire and Rescue Services to apply for the Fire Safety Grant that addresses the challenges faced with training and virtual inspections. The Township of Ramara is eligible to receive up to \$6,900.00.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON CONCESSIONS A,B AND SIDEROAD 15

Committee approved to reduce Sideroad 15 from Concession Road A to Furniss Crescent to 60 km/hr.

ALL WAY STOP - CREIGHTON STREET/WINCHESTER STREET AND WINCHESTER STREET/PATRICIA DRIVE

Committee approved to receive the requests from residents as information. At this time, there will be no action taken on the requests.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES - MULEY POINT ROAD AND CONCESSION ROAD 9

Committee approved to receive the requests from residents as information. At this time, there will be no action taken on the requests.

SHARE THE ROAD SIGNS

Committee approved to receive the request from the Trails Committee as information and will discuss it at a future meeting.

SIMCOE AND COURTLAND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Committee approved to implement permanent parking restrictions on Ridge Avenue, Simcoe Road, Lone Birch Trail, Courtland Street, Concession Road 10, Anderson Avenue and Orkney Beach Road. These no parking zones will help with the flow traffic and address any safety concerns. The Waterfront Strategy that will address resident parking and paid parking zones that will be on the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

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CONCESSION ROAD 1 ENCROACHMENT REQUEST

Committee approved for the applicant to pay a \$5,000.00 deposit for legal fees to cover the development of an encroachment agreement for an irrigation pipe crossing Concession Road 1 between the railways tracks and Sideroad 5. Committee approved for the encroachment agreement be registered on title on both farms and that no work be carried out during the load restriction period.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

Phase 2 of Public Consultations are now open!

From March 8th to March 29, there will be an online survey and two virtual public meetings to get resident's input on Ramara's six Draft Ward Boundaries.

The first virtual public meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The second virtual public meeting will be **Wednesday, March 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

REGISTER FOR PUBLIC MEETING

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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