



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - May 31, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke started the meeting and advised that the Township lowered its flags in honour of the 215 children discovered in a mass grave at the former Kamloops, BC residential school. The Township's flags will continue to fly at half-mast for 215 hours - one hour for each child- as a sign of collective mourning. Council also took a moment of silence in honour of the children, families, and generations of people affected by the violence and trauma caused by the residential school systems across Canada.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that as the Province gradually reopens with their three Step Plan, the Township of Ramara is working on a plan to reopen its facilities and provide more in-person services and/or programs to residents. At the next Committee of the Whole meeting on June 7th, a report will be sent to Council providing information on the Township's road to reopening plan. As well, our CAO advised that on Tuesday, June 1st at noon, the fire danger will change to high as a result of the dry conditions. With this change, small campfires are still permitted at this time, but require extreme vigilance in supervision. Bona Fide Farmers will not be permitted to burn oversized piles. Residents can learn more at ramara.ca/fire.

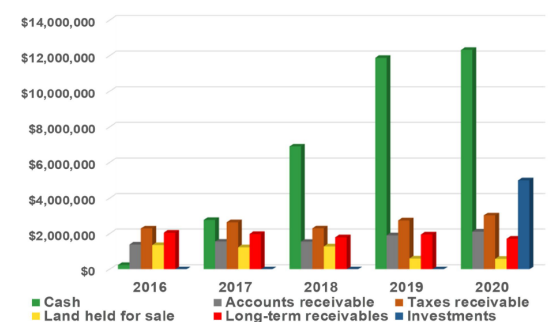
Next COUNCIL meeting is on June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

2020 AUDITOR REPORT

The Township of Ramara's Auditor, Richard Steinginga from Baker Tilly, presented his Auditor's report on the Township's 2020 Financial Statements. The statements showed that the Township of Ramara received a clean audit opinion. As well, it was noted that the Township's reserves and cash balances have increased gradually over the past five years and has put the Township in a strong financial position going into 2021.

In the graph to the right, it details how Ramara has increased its financial assets over the past five years due to the Township focusing on building reserves and increasing its savings. The increase in 2020 is mainly due to capital road projects not completed due to the pandemic

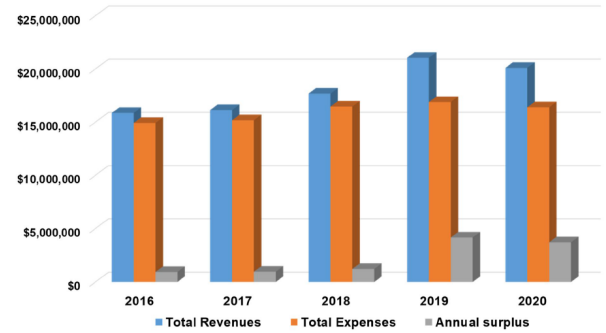
Financial Assets at December 31st



2020 TOTAL REVENUES, EXPENSES AND ANNUAL SURPLUS

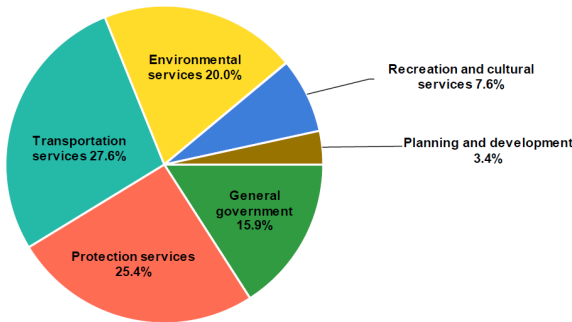
In the graph to the right, it examines the trend of revenue and expenses over the past five years. Revenue has increased over expenses the last three years to help build strong reserves balances for future capital work.

Total Revenues, Expenses, and Annual Surplus



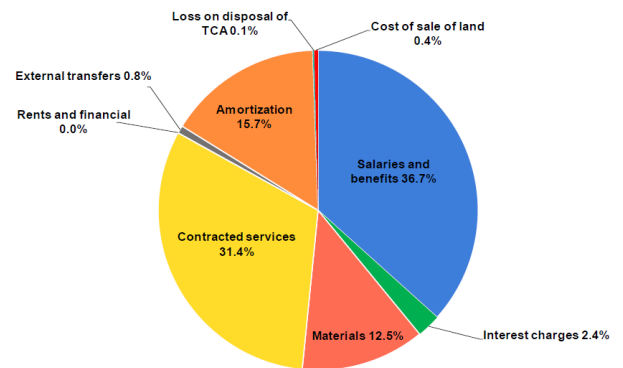
2020 EXPENSES

Financial Activities – Expenses



In the graph to the left, the graph shows the breakdown of expenses by department for the Township.

Expenses – Segmented Information

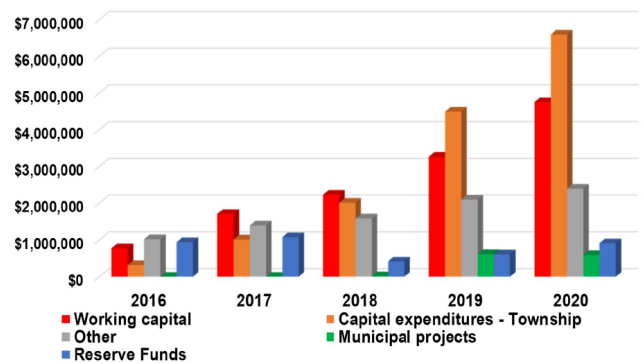


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2020 RESERVE AND RESERVE FUNDS

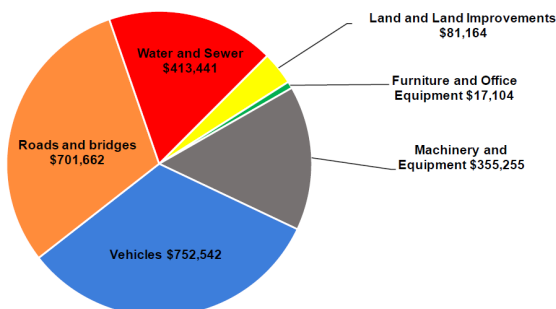
In the graph to the right the graph depicts the increase in reserve amounts for the Township over the past 5 years. The Township has worked diligently at moving funds into reserves to cover future capital costs. This will help decrease the risk of tax rate spikes due to large capital purchases and projects.

Reserves and Reserve Funds



2020 TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Tangible Capital Assets – Additions



In the graph to the left, the graph shows the breakdown of capital spending by departments. These capital projects are funded by taxes, grants, and user fees.

BYLAW TO STOP-UP, CLOSE AND CONVEY PARTS OF THE UNOPENED ROAD ALLOWANCES

Council adopted a Bylaw to Stop-up, Close and Convey Parts of the Unopened Road Allowances known as Concession Road B-C, Sideroad 15-16 and Concession Road D-E.

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BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND PAYMENT OF TAXES, MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICE RATE AND ADOPTION OF TAX RATE FOR 2021

Council adopted a Bylaw for the levy and payment of taxes and the mosquito control service rate and the adoption of tax rates for 2021. The 2021 levy for Municipal purposes is set at \$ 12,946,246. The mosquito rate that is collected from all rateable property within the mosquito service area is set at \$17.00 per charge. The following is the tax rates for Residential , Farm and Managed Forest for 2021:

Tax Class	Municipal Own Purpose	O.P.P rate	Total Tax Rate
Residential	0.00461089	0.00072110	0.00533199
Farm	0.00115272	0.00018028	0.00133300
Managed Forest	0.00115272	0.00018028	0.00133300

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RAMARA RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING

Have you applied for your Ramara Parking Permit? You can also purchase an Orillia Parking and Boat Launch add-on for \$50 plus a 4.5% convenience fee to your Ramara Parking Permit. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.



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