



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - June 21, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 28, 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.

DEEMING BYLAW - LOTS 6,7,8,9, REGISTERED PLAN 341

Committee approved to deem the two residential parcels at 7342 and 7344 Glen Ellen Drive to be no longer part of Registered Plan 341 in order to merge the two parcels. Under Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, Council is authorized to pass a bylaw to deem part of a plan to not be part of a registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of subdivision control. A bylaw will be sent to the June 28th Council meeting and a Notice of Passing is sent to the owners of the subject lands. The owners then have 20 days from the date of the Notice of Passing to request a deputation to Council, if they so wish. Please note that this bylaw does not affect any surrounding properties and only the subject owners are entitled to Notice.

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PROPOSED LAND USE COMPATIBILITY GUIDELINE - MOECP.

Committee received the report prepared by Mark Dorfman regarding the Proposed Land Use Guideline from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and for it to be submitted prior to July 3rd, 2021. The proposed Land use Compatibility Guideline is used by municipalities to consider applications for pits and quarries and sensitive land uses near pits and quarries. The intent is to ensure that there is compatibility between residential areas and operating pits and quarries. Learn more by reviewing the complete [report](#) from the Committee of the whole agenda.

GREEN LINE PROPERTIES LIMITED - ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

Committee approved to receive the information regarding a new Environmental Compliance Approval (M&P Sewage) for Green Line Properties Limited for sewage treatment works to serve Hamock Harbour, located in Ramara Township. The proposal is to establish sewage works for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage generated by trailers within the camping establishment. For more information, please review the [report](#). Any comments regarding this proposal will need to be submitted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) before July 19, 2021.

RAMA FIRST NATION AND RAMARA UPDATE ON ROADS

Committee approved to initiate the public process to stop up, close and transfer ownership of the roads in question to Rama First Nation and to facilitate an appropriate agreement between Township of Ramara and Rama First Nation communities. The roads in question are the following: Fish Sideroad, Benson Sideroad, Willison Sideroad, William Street and Victoria Street.

The transfer of roads is a result of the Chippewas of Ramara First Nation receiving a grant from the Federal government to upgrade these roads. However, they cannot proceed with the upgrades to these roads until the ownership has been changed. The upgrade to these roads are as follows:

- Upgrade Fish road to handle increased residential travel traffic and improve residential traffic use.
- Upgrade Benson Sideroad intersection with Fish Sideroad for improved sight-lines and drainage.
- Upgrade Willison Sideroad, William and Victoria Street for improved local traffic use.

This work is mutually beneficial to both communities and demonstrates our commitment to work with our neighbours and supports our strategic priorities of working with partners. The next step is to provide a notice to all residents affected and schedule a public meeting.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL BEING PLAN

Committee approved to adopt the Community Safety and Well Being Plan in principle as long as there is no direct cost to the Township. The Community Safety and Well Being Plan was developed in partnership with the City of Orillia and the Townships of Oro Medonte and Severn. This plan, as required under the Province of Ontario's **Bill 175 Safer Ontario Act (2018)**, provides a framework on how partners across different sectors can work together to explore options and provide solutions that support our community's safety and well-being. The focus with the plan is on Mental Health and Addictions, Preventable Mortality: Social Connectedness/Safety, Employment and Access to Services. Overall this plan is aimed to support residents by improving equity, access and quality of supports that Ramara residents may need and ensuring that those are connected to the most appropriate service and provider.

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BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST - BRIDGE #2 (POPLAR) AND BRIDGE #4 (PINETREE)

Committee approved to reallocate \$1,065,000 earmarked in the 2021 budget for the replacement of the Concession Road 9 culvert be reallocated to the rehabilitation of bridge #2 and bridge #4. Committee also approved that funds be included in the 2023 budget for the replacement of Concession Road 9 box culvert, and all unspent funds be reallocated to reserves. Our engineers reported that the Concession Road 9 project can be held off up to five years to accommodate the Concession Road 9 municipal drainage works which will aid in dewatering.

2021 TOURISM, CULTURE AND SPORT GRANT

The Township of Ramara applied to the 2021 County of Simcoe Tourism, Culture and Sport Grant and Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RT07) Partnership Program for videography and photography that would highlight Ramara's assets such as waterfront parks and beaches, trails, cycling routes and more. Through this grant, the Township would be able to get a Mid-Level Video package that would create 1 - 60 second video and 2- 15 second videos and around 200-300 high-resolutions photos. Ramara received approval for both grants and hopes to start this project at the end of August beginning of September depending on Provincial regulations.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

Zach Drinkwalter, Director of Finance, provided Committee with an Investment update. In July 2020, the Township invested \$5M of its reserve funds into approved Municipal investments. The Township ingested into two portfolios are provide a return of around 4 to 5%. As Municipalities are not able to invest in the stock market directly, financial institutions put products together, similar to bonds, that municipalities can invest into.

STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

Brittney Wilson, Manager of Human Resources and Health and Safety, presented an updated Code of Conduct for staff. Code of Conduct is a policy that is applicable to all Township employees and is intended to outline clear standards and expectations of staff while following the Township values, ethical principles and vision. For more information on the Code of Conduct, please see the [report](#).

PAID PARKING WITH HONK

Starting Thursday, June 24, 2021, visitors will have access to contactless paid parking at our three park locations: Bluebird Park, Lagoon City Beach and Park and Lovely Day park. Drivers will have two touch-free ways to pay with HONK by either scanning the QR-code located on site or downloading the free HonkApp. Residents will be paying \$5 per hour at each park location, and each location will have five parking spots available. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.



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