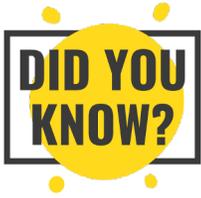




COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - July 19, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 26, 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 TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Anne Belanger, Library Board Chairperson, and Janet Banfield, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update to Council on the new programs and services that the library has provided during the pandemic. The library implemented new virtual programs such as crafts at home, writer groups, escape rooms, and more educational programs. The library has also created grab & go packs, theme kits, home school kits, and monthly activities that incorporated numeracy, literacy, science, and more. During the pandemic, the library met the needs of many residents by providing seniors and low-income residents the ability to rent one of six tablets with Zoom to help residents contact others to help with social isolation and mental health. With all of the new programming and events, the Ramara Township Public Library earned the 2020 Pivot award from the Orillia Regional Arts and Heritage Awards due to pivoting their library programming during the pandemic.

Next Council Meeting is on JUNE 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm

MID YEAR REVIEW

John Pinsent, CAO, provided a mid year review of the Township's strategic priorities, projects, and initiatives. The presentation outlined 18 strategic priorities presented to Council in January of 2021 and the five new priorities that Council added throughout the year. The **Mid Year Review** provides an overview of the status of priorities, achievements, and future considerations.

MID YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW

Zach Drinkwater provided a **mid year financial review** that highlighted the manager forecast by department and expense. Some of the department's actuals are lower than the Manager's forecast due to significant expenses, such as capital projects, not starting yet. With tax receivable, it highlighted what finance is waiting to collect and properties that are in the process of tax sale or will be sold through tax sale in 2021. With reserves, it shows that our reserve balance is growing steadily.

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PHYSICIAN AT MARA MEDICAL CENTRE

To address the shortage of primary care providers in Brechin and the surrounding community, Good Doctors Medical can provide specialized telemedicine services with a nurse practitioner for \$8,300 a month. This agreement would be in place for one (1) year with the option of extending or renewing based on mutual agreement. Good Doctors can provide prescription refills, specialist referrals, mental health and addictions care, urinalysis and strep testing, and other diagnostic testing. They can also administer injections, provide MTO Driver's medical exams, remove tick bite, suture, and staples, and perform telephone visits from home. Committee approved to receive the correspondence regarding a physician at the Mara Medical Centre, and we enter into discussions and continue to work towards an agreement with The Good Doctor.

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PAID PARKING WITH HONK

Visitors now 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. Drivers will pay \$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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