



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - September 20, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 27, 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.

WELCOME NEW STAFF!!

Committee welcomed Tanya Budgen, our new Recreation & Community Services Supervisor, and Amanda Mason, our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer, to the Township of Ramara.

LAGOON CITY PARKS AND WATERWAYS LEVY BYLAW

Committee approved, in principle, the proposed amendment to Bylaw 2001.87 to increase the base levy of Short Term Rental Accommodation units in Lagoon City to the same as hotels/motels. Once the bylaw is read at the first and second time by Council, it will be sent to the Ontario Land Tribunal for approval. Once approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal, it will then be presented to Council for a third reading.

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GORING CROSSING - OAKLAND BEACH SUBDIVISION

Committee approved to proceed with collecting fees related to Goring Crossing repairs, but allow for a \$3000 grant(exact amount to be determined) to be obtained from each of the homeowners and developer. At this time, \$80,000 from homeowners and \$60,000 from the developer remains to be collected.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Committee approved for the 2022 municipal election to have the following voting options:

1. Internet/Telephone voting and
2. Paper ballot election with tabulators for three advance voting days.

For internet/telephone voting, residents will receive a letter containing instructions on accessing and completing their vote via telephone or the internet. Voters who require assistance or do not have the means to connect by internet or phone can access a help desk at the Administration Building or the Ramara Public Library. The advance voting by paper ballot will allow citizens to vote in person and cast a physical ballot on one of three advanced voting days.

GOOD DOCTORS UPDATE

Committee approved to ask the Good Doctors to join Council at the September 27, 2021, Council meeting to get all questions and concerns addressed before entering into an agreement.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Committee approved to update Bylaw 1995.36 to prohibit Motorized and Electric Vehicles on Municipal Properties including the private beaches in Lagoon City. These vehicles will include golf carts and electric bikes. Please note that the bylaw will not prohibit any accessible mobility devices.

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MOORING BOATS IN LAGOON CITY CANALS

At the August 12, 2021 Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission meeting, it was reported that some residents were parking perpendicular to the Shorewall or rafting multiple boats together. As a result of these actions, it has created a narrower passage throughout the canals, which can cause difficulty for those navigating. A report was brought to Committee to consider a new draft Bylaw to regulate the mooring of boats in the canals. After some discussion, Committee brought some options forward, including implementing a permitting system that will come back to a future Committee meeting.

COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND - CAPITAL STREAM

Committee approved to apply for the Community Building Fund - Capital Stream, to replace the playground equipment at both Bluebird Park and Lagoon City Beach and Park. The Township will ask for \$300,000 to put towards the reconstruction of both of these playgrounds.

UPDATE ON ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

Darryl Tighe of D.M Wills Associates Limited presented a report to Committee regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for 2498 Concession Road 3. The Zoning Bylaw Amendment, which is required for conformity with the Official Plan Amendment, which is currently with the County of Simcoe for adoption, will be brought forward for consideration and adoption on September 27, 2021. The Official Plan Amendment, was adopted by Council on July 12, 2021 and now at the County of Simcoe for approval, proposes changing the subject property's designation from 'Agriculture' to 'Agriculture Special Policy,' which will allow a secondary dwelling to be located on the subject property.

SEPTIC RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM

Walied Zekry, Chief Building Official, reported that the mandatory and discretionary septic re-inspection program would commence this fall. The mandatory sewage Re-Inspection program assesses 82 septic systems and is mandated through the Ontario Building Code with **Ontario Regulation 315/10**. This amendment helps protect Ontario's drinking water and the natural environment and supports implementing the **Clean Water Act, 2006 (CWA)** and the **Lake Simcoe Protection Act**. The Township of Ramara established the Discretionary Sewage Re-Inspection program through Bylaw 2019.73 to meet provincially mandated requirements. 528 out of roughly 2500 discretionary septic systems in Ramara will be looked at over the next five years. Residents can visit our [website](#) to see the [list of mandatory and discretionary sewage systems](#) that will be investigated this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

SIMCOE COUNTY NEW CART PROGRAM

Holds more waste.
Takes up less space.



On November 1, the County of Simcoe is rolling out an automated cart collection system to help with the continuity of collection service and help reduce potential wide spread collection impacts. Residents of Ramara will continue to have garbage pick up on Tuesdays and should expect to see their carts over the next month if they have not received them already. Residents can learn more about the program by visiting the County of Simcoe's [Cart Collection](#) website for providing feedback to the County at info@simcoe.ca or calling 705-726-9300

NEW FEATURES TO RAMARA'S ONLINE PORTAL FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Over the past two months, the Township adopted a hybrid model format for council and committee meetings that provide council members, staff, consultants and the public the ability to engage electronically and in person. Residents can watch the meetings online by visiting our [YouTube channel](#) or accessing the video on the [agenda](#). Staff have also added timestamps to the various areas of the agenda, so residents can jump ahead to the section of the agenda they want to listen to.

HAVE A CONCERN?



Residents who have bylaw, parking, short-term rental accommodation, roads and water/waste water concerns can submit their concerns [online](#)! When a concern is submitted online, staff are notified by email of the issue in order to act according to the nature of the problem. [Report your concerns online](#) today!

MONTHLY UPDATES



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