



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - October 25, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Clarke opened up the meeting and reported that on Saturday, October 22, he attended a Fire Safety Presentation on Southview Drive with Deputy Mayor Gough, Councillor Fisher and Hon. Jill Dunlop, M.P.P, Minister of Colleges and Universities. The Fire Safety Presentation was presented by our Director of Fire and Rescue Services, Chief Stong. It provided residents with information on the importance of having a fire safety plan, fire extinguishers and other safety tips. Councillor Johnson reported that he attended the Lagoon City Association Meeting on Saturday, October 22, which was the first time in the last seven years.

CAO UPDATE

Zach Drinkwalter, Acting CAO/Director of Finance, provided an update to the Council on the status of Lovely Day Park, road construction and internet. The construction of a new playground at Lovely Day Park has been postponed to late spring 2022 due to the delay in receiving playground equipment and materials. Road Construction for 2021 is near completion. The off-load ramp for Lagoon City commenced on Monday, October 25th, 2021 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of November 2021. Lastly, the Muskoka Wifi agreement came to the October 25th, 2021 Council meeting, which will provide 50/10 Mbps internet service to over 200 homes in the north area of the township.

Next COW meeting is on November 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN RAMARA

As the Township of Ramara reviews their Fleet Management and future Infrastructure plans, purchasing more fuel efficient vehicles, such as an electric vehicle (EV), will be discussed.

RAMARA ROADS TRANSFER TO RAMA FIRST NATIONS

The agreement between Ramara and Rama First Nations regarding the transfer of roads was **not** on the October 25th, 2021 agenda. At this time, Ramara's legal counsel is awaiting correspondence from Rama First Nation legal counsel in creating a corporate entity capable of receiving the public roads from the Township.

GOOD DOCTORS

Jennifer Connor, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, provided an update to Council that the Good Doctor services will start on December 1st, 2021 at the Mara Medical Centre.

SEPTIC RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM

Walied Zekry, Chief Building Official, answered some questions regarding the mandatory and discretionary septic re-inspection program that commenced this fall. Residents can learn more about the programs, the locations that are being reinspected in 2020 and 2021, and the questions asked by residents through the FAQ on the website. Learn more at www.ramara.ca/septicreinspection.

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MOORING BOATS IN LAGOON CITY CANALS

Council passed a bylaw that would regulate the mooring of boats in Lagoon City. The bylaw repeals bylaws 2019.85 and 2019.86 and stipulates the following:

- No mooring a boat or vessel perpendicular to the shorewall;
- No rafting or mooring a boat with another boat already moored to a shorewall;
- No mooring in the navigational channel except in the case of an emergency or special event. With a special event, permission must be granted through the Township of Ramara prior to the event

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION BYLAW UPDATE

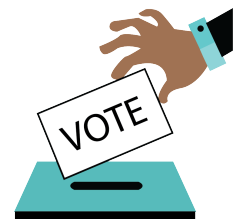
Council passed a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020.11 - A Bylaw to license, regulate and govern Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Uses. The bylaw outlines the following:

- Increase with Administrative Monetary Penalty (fine) to \$2,500 per day/offence;
- Maximum STRA property occupancy rate of 10 occupants/guests between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.;
- Occupancy rate cannot exceed the approved maximum overnight occupancy rate as approved by the Township between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. the following day, and
- 300 meters distancing regulation between STRAs.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Council 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.



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