



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - February 1, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 8, 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.

ONTARIO CLEAN WATER AGENCY - FACILITY OPTIMIZATION STUDY FOR BAYSHORE VILLAGE SEWAGE WORKS

Yaldah Azimi, PhD, P.Eng., Senior Wastewater Process Engineer of the Ontario Clean Water Agency, presented to Committee about the Bayshore Village Sewage Facility Optimization Study. The presentation went into detailed information about the sewage facility, operational requirements, capacity, and future impacts. Overall the report found that the lagoon treatment system has adequate capacity to treat wastewater from the service area but that the spray irrigation system is limited due to limited field area, soil exhaustion and high infiltration and inflow. The report also reviewed next steps and recommendations that will be brought forward to a future Committee meeting.

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RAMARA CENTRE TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

On March 3, 2021, the Ramara Centre will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. To celebrate this great milestone, the Ramara Recreation Department and the Ramara Township Public Library will be celebrating virtually with a logo contest, trivia, anniversary videos, children activity packs and more. Make sure to check out the [Ramara Recreation](#) or the [Ramara Township Public Library](#) social media accounts to participate in one of these great virtual events.

RAMARA TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee approved for the Ramara Trails Committee to modify their Terms of Reference in order to accommodate more committee members from 10 to 15 members. Committee appointed Tigera Longstreet and Dave Readman to the Ramara Trails Committee. Welcome new Trail Members!

CONSULTATION: LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN 10-YEAR REVIEW

Dyana Marks, Resources Technician, reported to Committee that the Province of Ontario has initiated a 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) and is asking for feedback to help assess whether amendments to the plan are necessary to continue to protect and restore the lake. Staff and Council can participate through an [online survey](#) or through a virtual town hall. Dyana recommended in the report that the Township request direct consultation with the Minister in order to offer comments for the LSPP, and to ask the Ministry to recognize the Bayshore Village Sewage Works as an existing municipal sewage treatment plan. Recognizing it as an existing municipal sewage treatment will help to get approvals needed for modifications to the treatment plant in order for the long-term solution under the Class EA to be possible.

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RAMARA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES MASTER PLAN

Tony Stong, Township of Ramara Fire Chief, and Rob McCarthy, Deputy Fire Chief presented the Ramara's Fire and Rescue Services Fire Master Plan. The Fire Master Plan is a strategic document that guides the delivery of fire protection and emergency services over the next ten to fifteen years. This Fire Master Plan will be on the March 1st, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting in order to give time for Council members and residents to review the document.

DESIGNATE SIDEROAD 10 AS A NO TRUCK ZONE AND REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON EAST RIVER ROAD

Committee approved for Sideroad 10 to be posted as a No Truck Zone from Concession Road 7 north to County Road 169. As well, Committee approved for East River Road to be reduced to 40 km/hr.

INFRASTRUCTURE TENDERS - MOSQUITO LARVICIDING PROGRAM

Committee approved for Zimmer Air Services for the application of the Mosquito Larvicide granular and Natural Insect Control for the supply of mosquito larvicide granular (Aquabac 200G) for the 2021 season. The mosquito larviciding program is conducted between April 10, 2021 and May 15, 2021, approximately, in the area of the Township along the shore of Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching and from the Talbot River in the South to Fawn Bay in the north.

INFRASTRUCTURE TENDER - STREET SWEEPING

Committee approved for National Sweeping Ltd. for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 season to sweep 70 km of paved roads. Road sweeping operations begin around the middle of May and ends around the end of May beginning of June, approximately.

PAPERLESS BILLING AND PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT SIGNUPS

Zach Drinkwater, Director of Finance, presented Committee with a report regarding paperless billing and pre-authorized payment (PAP) signups. Zach reported that paperless billing and PAPs have increased steadily over the last 4 years. The Township will continue to promote both paperless billings and PAP in the tax inserts, social media and other communication channels. **Don't miss out on paperless water billing starting in 2021!!**

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SNOWMANATHON

Our Ramara Recreation department is having their 11th annual 'Snow Creations' building contest. From December to March 1st 2021, residents of Ramara can send a photo of their creations to the recreation department at recreation@ramara.ca and the winner will be judged for prizes & acknowledged at a future Council meeting. Good Luck to Everyone and Happy Building!



RAMARA CENTRE CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Township of Ramara Recreation department and Ramara Township Public Library are partnering to host a logo design contest to celebrate 20 years of the Ramara Centre.

We are calling all **LOCAL** artists to get their creative juices flowing and submit their logo designs by **Friday, February 12th**. Please email your submissions to Melody: mmadden@ramara.ca.

Contest guidelines are as follows: please use only one (1) colour, the design is your choice, but needs to incorporate Ramara Centre 20 Years.

A \$100 prize will be awarded to the successful artist. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your community while sharing your creative flare!



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