



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - March 1, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 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](mailto:council@ramara.ca).

## PLANNING PRESENTATION

John Pinsent, Deb McCabe and Eric Brathwaite presented the 2021 planning presentation along side our new Planning Consultants at D.M. Wills Associates Limited: Diana Keay, Darryl Tighe and Amanda Dougherty. The presentation outlined the planning department's roles and responsibilities, Strategic Priorities for 2020 and 2021 and significant projects that include the Ward Boundary Review, Economic Development and Official Plan.

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## WATERFRONT STRATEGY

Jon Popple, Manager of Community Standards, presented the Waterfront Strategy to Council. The strategy focused on the four primary waterfront locations: Heritage Farms, Lagoon City Beach and Park, Lovely Dark Park and Boat Launch and Poplar Lane Boat Launch. As well, it focused on the four secondary locations: Bluebird Street, Florida Ave, the Steps and Simcoe Road. The focus of this strategy is to enhance these locations by implementing various improvements that will promote safety and enjoyment of our public spaces. Some of the updates include the following:

1. Infrastructure/Physical Upgrades
  - a. New gravel, signage and barriers
2. Parking Regulations Updated
  - a. Parking lot regulations
  - b. On street parking regulations
  - c. New resident parking passes
  - d. Non-resident parking rates
3. Kiteboarding/Kitesurfing Bylaw

Residents can participate in a public consultation meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Waterfront Strategy Plan. Residents can register using the [online registration form](#) or watch it live on [YouTube](#). For more information, please visit the Township of Ramara's [News and Notices](#) page.

# CANADIAN INTERNET REGISTRATION AUTHORITY (CIRA) INTERNET SPEED TEST

Committee approved to enter into a contract with CIRA for \$3,000.00 annually in order to help the Township identify priority areas and encourage broadband infrastructure investments. Don't forget to test your speed today at [performance.cira.ca/ramara](https://performance.cira.ca/ramara). Learn more at [www.ramara.ca/internet/](https://www.ramara.ca/internet/)

## INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Ashley Watson, Business and Communications Coordinator, and Susan Grant, Records and Information Coordinator, presented the Information Management (IM) and Information Technology (IT) plan. The plan is focused on the following key strategic themes: Digital Services for Residents and Businesses, Information Management in a Digital Workplace/Environment, Modernizing Workforce and Workplace and Data Driven Decision Making. Through these key strategic themes, the IM/IT multi-year strategy will promote efficient and effective use of municipal resources, support efficient processes with trained staff and up to date policies, make information easier to find and ensure information is protected and supported with technology. Committee approved to implement the IM-IT plan.

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## REQUEST TO PURCHASE UNOPENED ROAD ALLOWANCE - ORILLIA RAMA REGIONAL AIRPORT

Committee approved to provide Notice that we will consider stopping up, closing and selling the portion of road allowance that crosses the airport lands. Committee also approved for the following conditions to apply:

1. That Mr.Smith be responsible to pay for all legal, advertising, survey and appraisal costs;
2. That the Township of Ramara receive an appropriate deposit to cover estimated costs;
3. That the value of the land be determined by appraisal; and
4. That Mr.Smith provide all required permits to be obtained prior to transfer.

Similar to other requests to purchase unopened road allowances the following procedure is followed:

1. Applicant makes a request to purchase unopened road allowance.
2. Council requests staff to write a report advising whether this road is surplus to municipal needs.
3. Staff from all departments provide input into report whether the road is deemed surplus taking into account future use of the road.
4. If Council determines to sell the property, then Bylaw 2005.114 applies.
5. Applicant is required to pay for a survey, an appraisal by a qualified appraiser and any legal fees.
6. A Notice will be circulated by newspaper and to all property owners within 400 feet of the subject land and resident associations.
7. The public will be able to make comments, as specified in the notice, by writing to the Clerk at the Township office.
8. Comments will then be sent to Council to be considered before deciding if any further action needs to be taken.

## **PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES ON TAX ARREARS**

Committee approved to support charging penalty and interest as of March 1st, 2021. Please note that this information was outlined in the 2021 interim tax insert. Please note that this does not affect any commercial business that applied for the Commercial Financial Relief program through the Township of Ramara.

## **GORING CROSSING - OAKLAND BEACH**

Committee approved to collect Goring Crossing funds from existing residents benefiting from crossing upgrades as stipulated in the written agreement completed on August 17, 2007.

## **SIMCOE MUSKOKA AREA MOVING INTO GREY ZONE**

Committee approved to receive and support the letter written by Mayor of Wasaga Beach, Nina Bifulchi. On March 1st, 2021, the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit catchment area entered the Grey - LOCKDOWN Zone. To learn more about the COVID-19 Response Framework, click [here](#). To learn how this change impacts Township of Ramara services, please visit [www.ramara.ca/covid-19](http://www.ramara.ca/covid-19).

## **LAGOON CITY TRAIL EXTENSION ON SIDEROAD 15**

Committee withdrew the original motion and approved for staff to continue as previously directed as it relates to the trail. The Ramara Trails Committee helps plan and implement new trails in the Township in order to improve our trail system and link the greater trail system. Learn more about trails in Ramara, please visit [www.ramara.ca](http://www.ramara.ca).

## **4510 FERN ENCROACHMENT**

Committee withdrew the original motion and approved to enter into a lease with 4510 Fern Resort Road for 4.5 metres of the road allowance.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT - TENDER AWARDS**

Committee approved to award the following:

1. Provincial Road Markings Inc for the annual repainting of center and edge line road markings.
2. Black and MacDonald Limited for the maintenance cleaning and repair of existing and new streetlights throughout the Township for a three year term.
3. Hub International Equipment Limited to supply the Township with a tractor Brusher Unit at a price of \$159,000 plus taxes.
4. Toromont Cat Inc to supply the Township with a new tracked excavator unit at a price of \$290,856.00 plus taxes.

# PLUM POINT ALL - WAY STOP REQUESTS

Committee approved to receive the requests as information. As the September 28th, 2020 Council meeting, a petition from area residents requesting the reduction in speed and additional stop signs was received. As a result, the speed limit was reduced from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr, and Community Safety Zone was enacted

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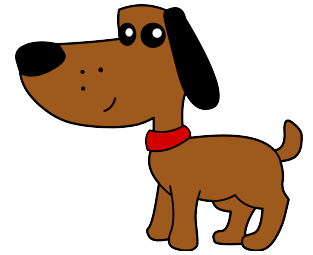
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## DOG LICENCES (TAGS)

Council has extended the time for you to get your 2021 Dog Licence before prices go up. From now until April 1st, you can purchase your dog licence for \$20.00 each (limit of 3). [Apply online](#) with a small convenience fee or visit our Administration Building.



## RAMARA CENTRE CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Learn more about the 20th anniversary celebrations by viewing the [media release](#) on our news and notices page and visiting the Ramara Recreation and Ramara Township Public Library Social Media channels.



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