



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Council - March 8, 2021**

## MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Clarke opened the meeting and advised that the Township of Ramara put a stop work order on the Orillia Rama Regional Airport on the importation of soils. The Mayor advised that the Township has no jurisdiction on any work completed on airport properties (aerodromes) (i.e building hangers or moving dirt). The Mayor reported that the airport project encompasses a multi-jurisdiction review from all levels of government, and with the clearing of the trees and violation of the County of Simcoe's tree cutting bylaw, the project is stopped until all permits and processes are adhered to.

## CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported no update tonight.

Please note that the Township Administration Building is open for appointments only other than for services offered in the Finance Department. The only walk-in services available will be for the following:

- Pay a Bill
- Purchase Water tokens
- Tax and Utility Bill lookup
- Purchase Dog Licences (Dog tags)

The CAO advised that due to changes to staffing related to turnover and departures, we encourage residents to contact staff by phone and/or email and to use available online services. To learn more on how to book an appointment, what to expect when entering the Township Administration building, online services and more, please visit [www.ramara.ca/ramarareopens](http://www.ramara.ca/ramarareopens).

**Next COW meeting is on March 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

## STATUS OF DECISION ON AMENDMENT NO. 19 - OFFICIAL PLAN

The County of Simcoe reported that no appeals were lodged within the 20 day appeal period. The amendment 19 to the Official Plan for the Township of Ramara as adopted by By-law No. 2020.05 as outlined by item CCW 2021-049 is approved and came into force on February 23, 2021.

## UNIVERSAL BROADBAND FUND SUPPORT LETTERS

The Township of Ramara provided two support letters for the Universal Broadband Fund.

1. Bell's application to help provide Fibre to 200-300 households in the northern area's of the Township including County Road 169 from Fairgrounds Road to Line 5 and households from Fairgrounds Road to Coopers Falls Road.
2. Ruralwave application to help support Fibre in the Gamebridge area and upgrades to Ruralwave an Rogers Towers to support 50/10 and 100/10 service.

## RAMARA TRAILS

Council approved for the Trails Committee to start development of the trails on Sideroad 15 from Concession Road 7 south to where the boardwalk would be built.

Council approved for the Trails Committee to proceed with the development of trails in the northern area of the Township from Rama road to Fairgrounds road. This would improve safety for cyclists and walkers on Highway 169.

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## COUNCIL DECISION WITH ROAD ALLOWANCE FOR THE ORILLIA RAMA REGIONAL AIRPORT

Council approved to defer the decision regarding the request to purchase the unassumed road allowance by the Orillia Rama Regional Airport. Committee approved for the applicant to meet several conditions in order to possibly receive approval; however, due to cutting of trees without permit and bringing in fill without following Ramara's fill bylaw process, Council has decided to defer any decisions until proper processes have been followed.

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## FILL PERMIT REQUEST - ORILLIA RAMA REGIONAL AIRPORT

Council received a verbal request from the Orillia Rama Regional Airport for fill. The Township can control the quality of the fill; however, it does not have control on the importation of the fill. Our **Fill Bylaw 2018.64** process would ask for applicants to provide a site plan with application; however, as this area is federally controlled, the Township has no jurisdiction. As a result, the Township can control type and quality of fill but not the quantity or what its being used for.

## UPCOMING REPORTS AT NEXT MEETING

The following reports will be on the March 15 agenda:

- Broadboard Update
- Capital Plan Presentation from OCWA
- 10 year water sewer forecast

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