



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - May 3, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 10, 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.

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

John Pinsent, CAO and Diana Keay, Planning Manager from D.M. Wills and Associates provided an update to Council regarding the Official Plan. At this time, the County of Simcoe is undertaking a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) in accordance with the Provincial Growth Plan, *A Place to Grow: Growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. The MCR is a specific planning process used to bring an Official Plan (OP) into conformity with the Growth Plan. The Township of Ramara will participate in the process, which will establish the overall pattern of development and environmental management in the County and specifically Ramara. D.M. Wills and Associates provided an estimated work plan that will have the Official Plan completed by 2022. Committee approved to endorse the Official Plan work and the priority areas of work. Once this plan is approved, staff will be providing residents and stakeholders with information on the work plan and how they can get involved. Subscribe to www.reachoutramara.ca/official-plan to get project updates.

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BREAKDOWN OF BRECHIN SEWER DEBT

Zach Drinkwalter, Director of Finance, provided Council a breakdown of the Brechin sewer debt. At this time, the total debt owing for the Brechin Sewer project is \$3.1M, and will be funded through the payment of development charges and/or by taxes.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

At Council on April 26th, 2021, Strategy Corp Inc. presented the final report on the Ward Boundary Review based on the six different options for ward boundary changes that would achieve an effective system of fair representation. Strategy Corp Inc. found that Option 5 with minor amendments (Option 5A) is the most suitable option for meeting the requirements of the Terms of Reference, having regard for overall "effective representation." Committee approved to proceed with Option 5A and that staff prepare a bylaw for Council consideration to redefine the ward boundaries. A public meeting will be scheduled for a later date for residents to provide comments on Option 5A for the Ward Boundary review.

POLICE SERVICES BOARD COMPOSITION

The composition of police services boards are changing as a result of the Ministry of the Solicitor General announcement of the development of its OPP Detachment Board Framework. This change requires municipalities served by OPP to come up with a recommended composition of their police services board. Committee supported a recommendation that one OPP Detachment Board comprised of 10 members be established within the Orillia OPP Detachment with representation from the City of Orillia, and the Townships of Oro-Medonte, Ramara and Severn. The 10 members in the OPP Detachment Board will include the following:

- One elected representative from each municipality;
- One community representative from each municipality; and
- Two Provincial representatives appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

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MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FEES

Committee approved to implement a parking rate of \$5.00 per hour for municipal parking lots where Honk Mobile will be implemented. Paid parking fees will come into effect once the Provincial orders are lifted and Council has recommended to start the paid parking program.

Remember, starting May 20, the Ramara Resident permit program for residents only, will commence. Learn more and register for your two Resident Parking Permits at ramara.ca/parking.

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SHORT-TERM RENTALS ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

Jon Popple presented Council with the Short-Term Rentals Accommodation Housekeeping Update that outlined amendments that would improve and clarify, administration and enforcement of the bylaw. The following amendments were approved by Committee:

1. Insurance
 - a. Proof of Liability and Property Insurance will be required at licensing and anytime upon request.
 - b. That the licence holder contact the municipality if their insurance is cancelled or revoked.
2. Licensing Number
 - a. A STRA licence holder must post their valid STRA licence number on all rental listings.
3. Ontario Building Code and Fire Code Reference
 - a. The amendment will advise that the structure(s) and/or dwelling(s) used be a licenced STRA be compliant with a building permits issued to the property under the Building code and applicable Fire Code enacted at the time of construction.
4. Administrative Monetary Penalties
 - a. The minimum Administrative Monetary Penalty be increased by \$500.00 per offence, and a system of escalating fines be implemented on both licenced and non-licenced properties.
5. Separating between Licenced STRA Locations (setbacks).
 - a. A licence shall not be granted to an applicant if the location of the proposed STRA is within 300 metres of any lot line of a current STRA.

TOWNSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

VACCINATION REMINDER

The Health Unit continues to roll out vaccinations to more residents and age groups across Simcoe County. For details and to schedule a vaccination as an eligible resident (e.g. 60 years of age and older), visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line: 1-833-943-3900; Hours of Operation - 8AM-8PM, Monday-Sunday. For current SMDHU guidance, go to smdhu.org/.

WATERFRONT AND PARKING STRATEGY



The Township of Ramara's new waterfront and parking strategy will make improvements to our waterfront access, beach and park locations to ensure that our public spaces are safe and enjoyable to use. Learn more at

Ramara Resident Permit Parking

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