



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - August 16, 2021



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## SNOW AND ICE CONTROL - SIDEWALK SANDING AND REMOVAL

Committee approved the purchase of a Sidewalk Snow Removal Machine for \$165,768.00 from Joe Johnson Equipment, and that reserves cover the cost of the remaining purchase price of the Sidewalk Snow Removal machine.

## RAMARA ROAD 47 - CONSTRUCTION

Committee approved for Ramara Road 47, from Stone Gate Road to Concession Road 1, to be sent to tender for the design and build of the road. Soil engineers completed their samples and reported that it is recommended that a complete reconstruction of the 3.6 km of road takes place. As a result, the proposed project will commence in the summer of 2022.

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## COMMERCIAL TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Zach Drinkwaller presented the Commercial Tax Relief Program to Committee after consulting with local businesses affected by the pandemic. To offer some relief for those who applied for the Commercial Tax Relief program, the Township will write off the 2020 taxes up to \$50,000.00 for the seven properties identified in the report. Committee approved the write-off of taxes for the seven properties at the cost of \$175,121.10 that the Province's **Safe Restart Program** will cover. Committee also approved for interest rates to be waived until the report comes to the next Committee of the Whole outlining how many businesses are in arrears of their 2021 taxes.

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## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Federal Government passed legislation in early June to make September 30th, a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. Committee approved for staff to prepare a report on Simcoe County Municipalities' policies and recognition for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

# ORILLIA RAMA REGIONAL AIRPORT UPDATE

Committee received an update regarding the Orillia Rama Regional Airport's (ORRA) request to purchase the unopened road allowance. Since the deputation on February 22, ORRA advised that it has been doing its due diligence in completing the following:

- Assessed their obligation under the Canadian Aviation Regulation 307
- Assessed their obligation under the Impact Assessment Act ("IAA")
- Obtained a representative from Azimuth Environmental Consulting Inc to undertake a natural heritage evaluation of the proposed runway realignment/extension.

Learn more by reviewing the complete [ORRA update](#).

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## ONTARIO EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAMP - EXPRESSION OF HERITAGE INTEREST

Committee approved to bring back more information regarding supporting or not supporting an expression of heritage interest on the Ontario Educational Leadership Camp property.

## SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION - PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS

Committee approved to prohibit the discharge of fireworks from all properties licensed as short-term rental accommodation. The bylaw will be ratified at the Council on Monday, August 23rd, 2021.

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