



Community Newsletter #1

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The Township of Ramara is reviewing their Official Plan over the next year as required under the *Planning Act*. The review is an exercise used to ensure that the Official Plan conforms to all Provincial Policies and Legislation like the Provincial Policy Statement (2014) and updates to the *Planning Act*. The Official Plan provides a policy framework intended primarily to manage and direct physical development and its effects on the social, economic and natural environment of the Township of Ramara. The Township's current Official Plan came into effect on July 31, 2003 and can be found of the [Township of Ramara's website](#).

A Public Open House was held on August 23, 2017 at the Township of Ramara Offices. The Open House was an opportunity for residents to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team. The Open House was well attended the Project Team obtained useful information that will assist with the update.

In addition to hosting the Open House, EcoVue has prepared a Background Report that was presented to Committee of the Whole on October 2, 2017. The Background Report is a summary of information gathered by the project team that will be used to inform new (and revise existing) goals, objectives and policies of the Township of Ramara Official Plan.

The Report covers topics such as Provincial Planning Documents, the Township of Ramara Strategic Plan, Stakeholder Engagement and Community Consultation and issues that have been identified by the public.

The Open House was the first opportunity for the public to be involved. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the Community Roundtable, in November. This will provide an opportunity to discuss key policy issues related to the Official Plan. There will be more information regarding this event at a later date.

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