

Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission Governance Review

Township of Ramara – Public Consultation

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Agenda

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- ❖ Comprehensive review of the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission
- ❖ Current State of the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission
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- ❖ Purpose of the Town Hall
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Introductions



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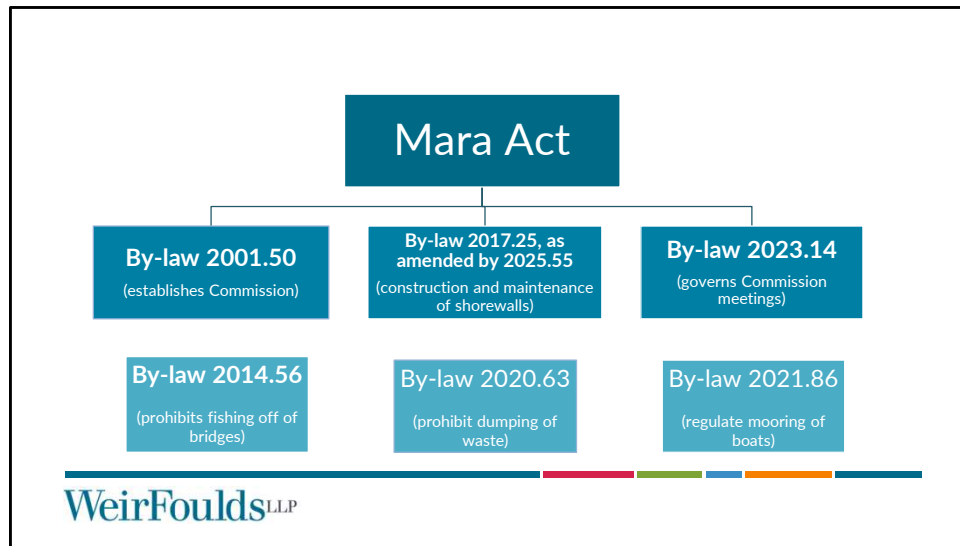
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Comprehensive review of the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission

- ❖ Comprehensive review of the legal, governance, operational, and service delivery framework governing the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission
- ❖ Retained WeirFoulds to conduct an independent assessment
- ❖ Purpose of the review is to provide Township Council with a report providing an overview of the legal authorities, obligations, governance framework, risks, opportunities, and potential alternatives available to support informed decision-making regarding the future governance and delivery of services currently undertaken by the Commission
- ❖ Today's meeting is part of the public consultation of this comprehensive review

Current State of the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission



The Mara Act

The powers of the Commission come from a hierarchy as noted on the slide. At the top we have An Act respecting the Township of Mara, S.O. 1986, c. Pr21 (the “Mara Act”) which came into effect on November 1986 and authorizes the Township to establish the Lagoon City Parks & Waterway Commission to provide for the governance of the lands conveyed to the Township.

The Mara Act permits council to pass by-laws under the Act.

The three by-laws noted under the Act on the slide authorizes and governs the commission.

The last three by-laws noted on the slide are regulated in part through the powers of the Commission, but do not establish the powers or authority of the Commission, which is why they are shown on a different level on the slide.

By-law 2001.50

On June 11, 2001, the Township enacted By-law No. 2001.50 (the “2001 By-law”) which created the Commission with the same powers and authorities pursuant to subsection 3(1) of the Mara Act. Under this By-law the Commission has certain delegated authority from council. This by-law was amended in 2021.78 to provide for the levies that are charged in Lagoon City.

By-law 2017.25

Passed in 2017 and amended in 2025, the by-law sets out the formular for charges levied in Lagoon City.

By-law 2023.14

Sets out the requirements for all meetings of the Commission.

Spheres of responsibility

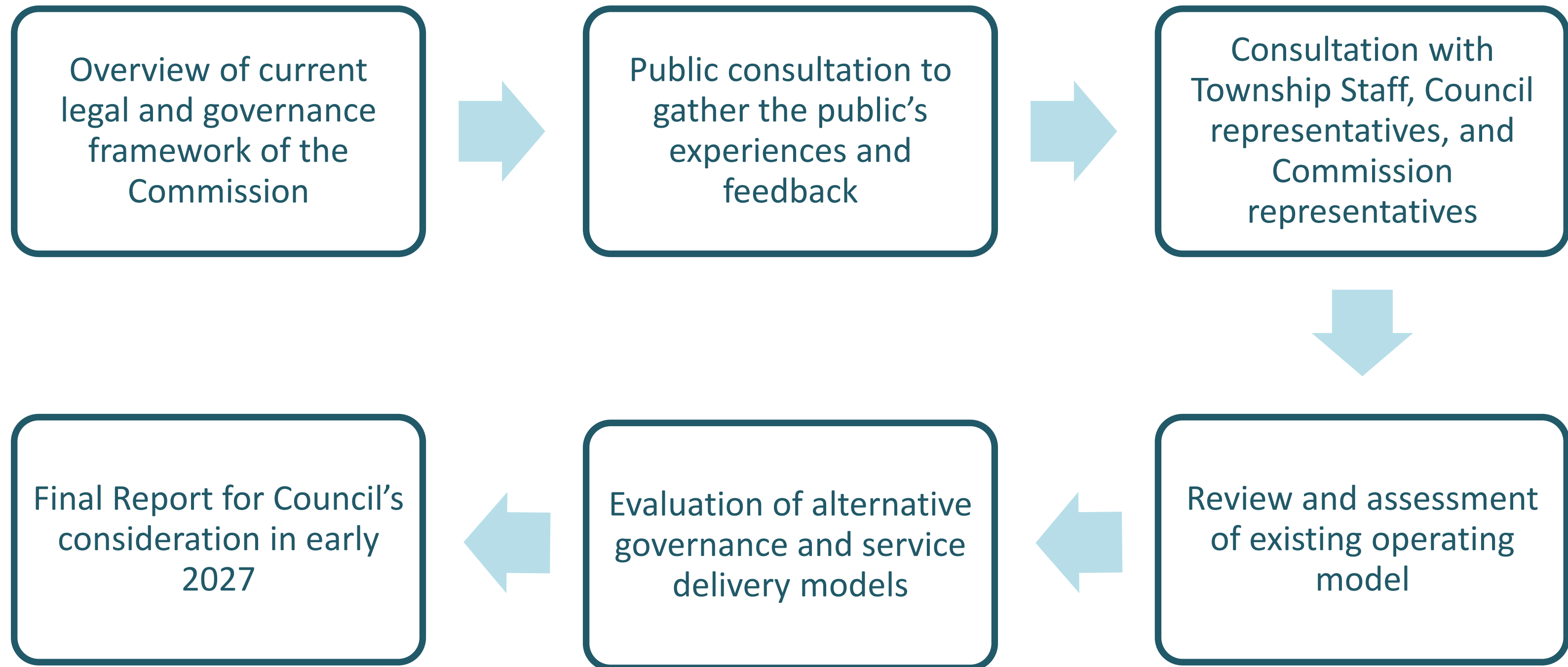
Both the Township and the Commission have certain roles and responsibilities under the Mara Act and the various by-laws.

For example, the Township has the Authority to pass by-laws to regulate the canals, waterways, shorewalls, and parks in Lagoon City; delegate authority to the Commission; appoint and remove members of the Commission.; approve Commission’s Budget; and approve levy formula and collect levies from property owners for the Commission.

The Commission has the authority to manage, maintain, regulate, and control any lands/easements for Township

Purpose of the Public Consultation

Overview of the Review Process



Community Input

- ❖ This presentation will be available on the Township's website after the conclusion of today's Town Hall
- ❖ Opportunity to provide oral feedback on the review process this evening
- ❖ All submissions will be reviewed and considered as part of the independent governance review
- ❖ Written submissions through the Clerk until September 9th
 - emailed to clerks@ramara.ca
 - mailed to or dropped off at the Township Administration Building, 2297 Highway 12, Brechin, ON L0K 1B0

Thank you for joining us

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