



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - July 12, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke opened the meeting and advised that he participated in the Bayshore Village Canada Day parade with his granddaughter Jemma, Deputy Mayor Joe Gough and Ward 2 Councillor Jennifer Fisher. Our Council was also joined by Simcoe North MP Bruce Stanton and Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop. Mayor Clarke advised that through the celebration of Canada Day, he reported that individuals were wearing orange in recognition and honour for the thousands of Indigenous children and families who suffered and continue to suffer from the legacy of the residential school system.

Deputy Mayor Joe Gough reported that he participated in the Lagoon City Canada Day boat parade with Councillor Gary Hetherington. Deputy Mayor Gough reported that there were 100 or more decorated boats in the canal celebrating Canada Day.

Next COW meeting is on July 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that as the Province enters Step 3 of the **Roadmap to Reopening Plan**, Council will be returning to the Council Chambers. The Township Administration Building will continue to be open to the public for appointment only; however, walk-in services are available from the Finance Department.

For services such as business licenses, commissioning of documents, building and planning applications, the public will be required to **book an appointment** online or by phone. For more information on how services are impacted, please visit www.ramara.ca/COVID-19. For more information on how you can book an appointment, what to expect when entering municipal facilities and access to the COVID-19 screening tool, please visit www.ramara.ca/ramarareopens.

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OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENT

Council approved the Official Plan Amendment for 2428 Concession Road 3 in order to allow for two dwellings to be permitted in the Agriculture designation. Council passed the Bylaw to amend the Official Plan, and the Clerk will forward the amendment to the County of Simcoe for approval and adoption. The supporting Zoning Bylaw amendment will be brought back to a future meeting for consideration, which will include a holding provision.

PAID PARKING AT LAGOON CITY BEACH AND PARK

Council approved to extend the paid parking at the Lagoon City Beach and Municipal Park in order to allow for more paid parking spaces. The municipal parking lot for the beach and park will be an all paid parking area. Permit parking is also permitted in this lot.

Remember that residents can still apply for the FREE Ramara parking permit that allows residents to park in permit parking and municipal lot locations. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.

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OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT

Council discussed the Ombudsman 2020-2021 Annual Report. An ombudsman is an independent and impartial officer who raises citizens' concerns with government bodies such as municipalities, law and order, education and more. Learn more by reading the [Ombudsman 2021-2021 Annual Report](#).

PARKING AMENDMENT

Council approved the bylaw to regulate the parking of vehicles within the Township of Ramara to include Lone Birch Trail. The parking amendment will be from the boundary between 2680 and 2678 Lone Birch Trail around the cul-de-sac to the boundary between 2679 and 2681 Lone Birch Trail.

PAID PARKING WITH HONK

Visitors now have access to contactless paid parking at our three park locations: Bluebird Park, Lagoon City Beach and Park and Lovely Day park. Drivers will have two touch-free ways to pay with HONK by either scanning the QR-code located on site or downloading the free HonkApp. Drivers will pay \$5 per hour at each park location, and each location will have five parking spots available. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.



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