



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - August 23, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke opened the Council meeting from the Chambers to commence our hybrid-style Council meeting. Basil reported attending the ribbon-cutting in Mara Shores for the North Toronto Centurions Motorcycle Club's 3rd Annual Cruisin' for the Cause charity ride. The ride took place on Saturday, August 21, and they raised \$15,000 for Sick Kids Hospital. They are the first motorcycle club in Canada to be recognized as a charitable organization.

Next Council meeting is on September 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that he would be sadly departing the Township of Ramara and joining the team at Greater Napanee as CAO as of September. In John's remarks, he thanked Council for the support and trust they placed in him, especially over the COVID-19 pandemic, which allowed him to make quick decisions needed for the municipality. John reported that he is grateful for the opportunities Ramara Township has provided him since his tenure began and feels fortunate to have worked with such a dedicated, hard-working and talented staff. Council, staff and the residents of Ramara want to wish John the best of luck in his future endeavors. As the Township begins the process of looking for a new CAO, Zach Drinkwalter, Director of Finance, will be the interim CAO.

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INFRASTRUCTURE TENDER RESULTS

Council approved a contract with Rot-Mill Inc. for the Pulverization of approximately 39,670 m² of road at the contract price of \$35,306.30 plus HST, and a contract with Duncor Enterprises Inc. for the supply and application of Surface Treatment of approximately 46,750 m² of road at a bid price of \$272,552.50, plus HST.

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CAO - SALARY REVIEW

Council approved to enter into an agreement with Legacy Executive Search Partners to conduct the recruitment of a CAO for the Township. As part of that process, it was identified that the salary for the CAO position should be re-evaluated and removed from the salary grid.

FIREWORKS AT SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Council approved to amend Bylaw 2020.11, being a bylaw to license, regulate and govern short term rental accommodation uses, to include that no owner or operator of a Short-Term Rental Accommodation shall discharge fireworks from their rental property at any time including holidays. Within that bylaw, Short Term Rental Accommodation owners and operators must also post a notice in a visible location advising of such information.

SIMCOE COUNTY NEW CART PROGRAM

**Holds more waste.
Takes up less space.**



On November 1, the County of Simcoe will roll out a new automated cart collection system to pick up residential waste, announce new waste collection days for most of our communities, and introduce a new waste collections contractor. Residents of Ramara should expect to see their carts over the next month if they have not received them already. Please visit the County of Simcoe's **Cart Collection** website for more information on the new cart system.

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. Download the HONK app prior to leaving and use the app to find, pay and even extend parking. Drivers will pay \$5 per hour at each park location and can park from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.



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