



News Update- Township of Ramara

ONLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST NOW AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS!

In order to streamline support requests and better serve you, we are now utilizing an online support ticket system. Every support request is assigned an unique ticket number which you can use to track the progress and responses online. For your reference we provide complete archives and history of all your support requests. A valid email address is required to submit a ticket. This will allow you to track your request and staff response, actions and even update your request if need be. To access the CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST feature available on the Township website, simply click the “Online Services” button at www.ramara.ca



CUTTING OF GRASS IN EXCESS OF 12 INCHES

The Township has a bylaw that regulates the cleaning and clearing of any grounds, yards and vacant lots, which includes weeds and grass in excess of 12” in height. This bylaw applies to Lagoon City, Brechin, Bayshore Village, Floral Park, Oak Point Road and Val Harbour as well as all properties zoned Village, Hamlet or Shoreline Residential. The Township will cut grass or weeds exceeding 12” in height. Owners will be charged a minimum of \$300.00 each time a cutting is required.



MAILBOX PERMITS

Permits are required for new installations– NO FEE REQUIRED. You may download the Application Form from our website or contact the Township office.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS—Time change!



A reminder that Committee of the Whole meetings are now held during the daytime starting at 9:30 a.m. in Township Council Chambers in Brechin. Please see the website for a full schedule of meeting dates and times.

RAMARA BUILDING DEPARTMENT—Septic Re-Inspections

Ontario Building Code Regulation 315/10 took effect January 1, 2011. It mandated that all septic systems within 100 m of the Lake Simcoe shoreline be re-inspected within a five year period for Phase 1 of its implementation.

Phase 1 has ended and all systems in the prescribed area have undergone inspection.

As of January 1, 2016, Phase 2 of the mandatory septic system re-inspection, came into effect. Phase 2 requires ALL septic systems be re-inspected within 100 m of;

- Lake Simcoe shoreline
- Any river or stream that continually flows in an average year
- Any lake or pond that is connected on the surface to a river or stream
- Any other lake or pond that has a surface area greater than 8 hectares



The Township is responsible for completing septic re-inspection in these areas prior to January 1, 2021. We are currently preparing a schedule to ensure all properties affected by Phase 2 are completed within this timeframe. If your property falls within the Phase 2 area and is scheduled for inspection in 2016, you will be notified by regular mail. Please check the Township website, or contact the Building Department, for additional information. 705-484-5374 ext. 234

Marg Sharpe, Ward 2 Councillor
*Wishing everyone a happy, safe,
successful 2016!*



**NRK—Remediation of Contaminated Facility Soil
Site—Decision from the Ministry of Environment**

An Environmental Compliance Approval (Waste Disposal / Processing Site) was issued for a Soil Bio-Remediation Facility located at 7406 Concession Road B-C.

Council voted not to appeal this decision due to the high financial costs for the Township and due to the fact that realistically we would most likely not be successful in the end.

Communication is important. If anyone has any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a phone call or email- msharpe@ramara.ca 705-484-5786.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM



Sign up for our new COMMUNITY INFORMATION SYSTEM! Do you want to be informed about—road closures, Council schedules, imminent severe weather, cancellation of Rec programs, Water delivery issues and other major events or notices impacting our community? The Township of Ramara, in partnership with Stepan Canada and Rama First Nation are offering a new information platform to keep you up to date. Simply sign up, at your own convenience, via the internet and choose how you want to be informed in a timely fashion on subjects that are important to you. Please visit our website or call 705-484-5374 ext. 253



Ramara Fire & Rescue

Throughout the year Ramara Fire & Rescue Services receives several open air burning complaints. This number increases this time of year as many residents are trying to get rid of yard waste by burning it. This yard waste tends to create an abundance of smoke, which affects the lives of those around you. Please be advised that the County of Simcoe will collect yard waste on certain days – this may be a better option than burning your yard waste. Please visit their website for yard waste collection days, www.simcoe.ca or call 1-800-263-3199 (toll free).

Ramara Emergency Management

The Township of Ramara Emergency Planning Department is always looking for individuals who are interested in becoming registered volunteers to help out throughout the Township in the event of an emergency, with various tasks. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or for more information, please contact Brittany Wilson, 705-484-5374 at ext. 253.

Rapid Response Unit—New!



Ramara Fire & Rescue Services is pleased to welcome a new County of Simcoe Rapid Response Unit to Station 1 in Brechin. This unit will be responding to daytime calls in the Station 1 area. The hope is that this unit will allow a fully trained paramedic to be on scene with each patient in a more timely manner. For further information please contact the Township Office at 705-484-5374 ext. 253

ATHERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD—LOOKING FOR MEMBERS! The Atherley Community Centre Board is working to make the Atherley Park and Lovely Day Playground at the end of Creighton St on Lake Simcoe a place for all our community residents to enjoy. However, a lack of members limits the Board in their fundraising activities. The 7 active members wish to set up a sub-committee as “Friends of the Atherley Park” to help with various events. Currently, the Annual Flea Market in July is the main fundraising activity but more are being planned. Goals include updating the playground, maintenance of the ball diamond, cleaning and updating the beach area, finding solutions to the geese problems and a possible pavilion. Roderick Young, a local architect is lending his expertise (pro-bono) to create a long term plan for the park. They meet 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7:30 pm - Atherley Firehall. Call Steve Hinton, Chair at 705-325-1013 OR Erika Neher 705-325-6654

WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE Nominations close on **June 21, 2016** for eligible inductees. Forms are available at the Ramara Centre, Township Office and The Sign Guys in Atherley. Criteria for nominations include— received recognition in his/her field of endeavour including a special award or prominent position, dissemination of work, philanthropy, etc and/or should have resided in Ramara, prior to the recognition. The inductee must have made a substantial impact or brought recognition to Ramara Township or its citizens. Inductees can be awarded posthumously where the family of the nominee (where possible) consent to the submission. Historical inductees may be considered as an exception to the above criteria where significant contribution to the building of the Township has occurred.