



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - April 26, 2021

## MAYOR UPDATE

Deputy Mayor Joe Gough started the meeting on behalf of the Mayor and advised that a active Ramara community member, Michael Harrington, died suddenly last Thursday in a car accident. Joe sends his condolences and deepest sympathies to his family and friends and all those in Ramara Township who knew him.

## CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that he was contacted by Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and was advised that only 65% of residents in Ramara who are over the age of 80 have received their vaccine. He strongly urged residents that may be listening to the meetings or watching the Township's social media channels, to reach out to that vulnerable population in Ramara to help them get access to either making an appointment or other resources that they may need. The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's [website](#) provides residents all the information they need from accessing eligibility requirements, accessing transportation supports to booking a vaccination appointment. If residents are experiencing issues with booking their vaccination appointment, residents can call the SMDHU directly at 705-721-7520 or can go to their website at [smdhu.org/](http://smdhu.org/).

**Next COUNCIL meeting is on May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

## WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

John Matheson and Olivia Lahaie from Strategy Corp Inc. presented the final report on the Ward Boundary Review based on the six different options for ward boundary changes that would achieve an effective system of fair representation. Strategy Corp Inc. found that Option 5 with minor amendments (Option 5A) is the most suitable option for meeting the requirements of the Terms of Reference, having regard for overall "effective representation." At the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 3rd, 2021, Council will have a discussion on the various options and the recommendation in order to make a decision. After that, a public meeting will be held at a later date to get the community's feedback. Learn more at [www.ramara.ca/ward-boundary-review](http://www.ramara.ca/ward-boundary-review).

## FIRE RATING

As of April 21, 2021, the Fire Rating changed from Moderate to Low. At this time, the potential for spread is low. For more information, please visit [ramara.ca/fire](http://ramara.ca/fire).

# INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY FOR CHRONIC IMMUNOLOGICAL AND NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES

The Township of Ramara declares May 12, 2021 as the 29th anniversary of the International Awareness Day for Chronic Immunological and Neurological Diseases (CIND). Over 20 million people are affected by this disease worldwide. For more information, please visit [actioncind.org](http://actioncind.org).

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## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

That the Township of Ramara declares May 1st to May 7th as National Youth Week. Thank you to youth in Ramara for their active participation in the community!

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## WATERFRONT AND PARKING STRATEGY

Council adopted the following as it relates to the Waterfront and Parking Strategy:

1. To **not** participate in the City of Orillia's parking and boat launch program.
2. Implement **parking pass only** parking for designated parking lots and designated areas on Ramara roads. The parking passes will be for **residents only** and will be in place for the summer of 2021. If the Emergency Orders are lifted, Council will then reconsider implementing the paid parking program to allow for non-residents to access designated parking lots.
3. Kiteboarding Bylaw was rejected by Council. At this time, the previous bylaw is still in affect. Kiteboarding can occur on any municipal property from now until June 1st and then again after September 30th. Kiteboarding is restricted from June 2nd to September 29th.
4. Implement a Phased Closure Policy and start in Phase two that advises that all waterfront amenities, parks and beaches are open for residents with parking lots, on street parking and waterfront zones posted as **Resident Parking Passes Only**.
5. Implement specific regulations at each Waterfront Access such as designated parking areas, portable washrooms and waste receptacles and permanent entrance barriers with COVID-19 signs to facilitate quick closures or restricted use of parking.

More information on the waterfront strategy and the Township's new parking pass program, please visit [www.ramara.ca/waterfrontstrategy](http://www.ramara.ca/waterfrontstrategy)



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