



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - May 10, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke started the meeting and advised that Ted Conway, the former Fire Chief for Ramara, passed last week at the age of 74. Ted Conway served Mara and then Ramara Township Fire Services for a total of 44 years and was Fire Chief for 19 of those years. Basil reported that Ted was instrumental in creating the Fire department that we have today, and that he will be truly missed by his family, friends, the Ramara fire fighting community and all those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him. Learn more about Ted's years of service in Ramara by viewing the [article](#) written by Nathan Taylor of Orillia Matters.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that in an effort to expand communications and reach to residents, the Township of Ramara will have a monthly update in the Orillia Today the first Thursday of every month. The Orillia Today paper is distributed to over 2000 households in Ramara from Atherley to south of Brechin. John Pinsent also reported that the Township has initiated its customer service review that will examine how services are provided to residents and identify opportunities for maximizing the efficiency of its service delivery both online and in person. Public consultations are now open, and this is your chance to have YOUR say. Fill out the survey at www.reachoutramara.ca/customer-service and enter for a chance to win 1 of 3 \$50.00 gift certificates for a local business of your choice.

Next COUNCIL meeting is on May 31, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE TENDER

Council awarded Robinson Haulage for the 2021 gravel program at a bid price of \$276,059.00 plus taxes. Council also awarded T. Hamilton & Son Roofing for the roof re-shingling and structural repairs for the Brechin Sand Dome for a price of \$80,460.00 plus taxes.

WELCOME NEW BYLAW OFFICERS

The Township welcomes four new seasonal bylaw officers that will be around Ramara from now until the end of summer. The four new seasonal bylaw officers include: RJ Hensley, Eric Susel, Yuriy Ivaniv, Luke Charlebois. Remember, if you have a bylaw concern, to report it online using our [Report a Concern](#) form, by email at bylaw@ramara.ca, or by calling Monday to Friday during business hours at 705-484-5374. Visit our [Bylaw enforcement page](#) to learn more.

BYLAW TO PROHIBIT KITESURFING FROM MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Council adopted an amendment to Bylaw 2020.53 to advise that Kiteboarding/Kitesurfing is prohibited from municipal property from the Thursday prior to the May long weekend to the Thursday following Labour Day weekend in September.

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VACCINATION REMINDER

The Health Unit continues to roll out vaccinations to more residents and age groups across Simcoe County. For details and to schedule a vaccination as an eligible resident (e.g. 60 years of age and older), visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line: 1-833-943-3900; Hours of Operation - 8AM-8PM, Monday-Sunday. For current SMDHU guidance, go to smdhu.org/.

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Ramara Resident Permit Parking

Beginning May 20, the Ramara Resident permit program for residents only, will commence. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.



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