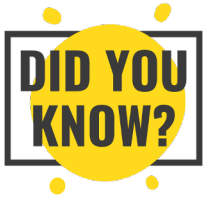




# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole - June 7, 2021



Please note that all Committee of the Whole decisions are subject to Council approval. The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding agenda items or decisions made at Committee or Council meetings, please email [council@ramara.ca](mailto:council@ramara.ca).

## 2021 STORYWALK - TD SUMMER READING CLUB

Rebecca Taylor, Child/Youth Librarian at the **Ramara Township Public Library**, presented the **2021 StoryWalk** pilot project. This project, which is funded by the TD Bank, Toronto Public Library and Library Archives of Canada, encourages families to get out on the trails while involving their children in story telling. The book chosen is 'The Thing Lou Couldn't Do' by Ashley Spires and consists of 20 laminated, professionally illustrated and printed story boards aimed at children ages 2-8. The Ramara Township Public Library hopes to start this program soon, so check out our social media channels to learn when this programs starts!

**Next Council Meeting is on June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

## SUMMARY OF MECP'S BULLETIN "STRENGTHENING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROACH"

Committee received the County of Simcoe memorandum regarding the summary of MECP's Bulletin "Strengthening Our Environmental Compliance Approach." The Ministry of the Environment is proposing several initiatives based on the commitments in the **Made-in-Ontario Environmental Plan** to hold polluters accountable and create consistent guidelines for environmental compliance. Learn more on the initiatives on the **Environmental Registry of Ontario** site.

## PAID PARKING PROGRAM

Committee approved to implement a limited paid parking program for our Municipal Parking lots at Lagoon City Park & Beach, Lovely Day Park and Bluebird Parking Lot. This program will be implemented when the Province moves Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit and the Township of Ramara into **Step 1** of the Province's **Road to Reopening Plan**. At each Municipal parking lot, there would be five paid parking spaces and would cost a non-parking permit holder \$5 per hour. Non-permit holders will be able to pay for the parking fee through Honk Mobile by downloading the app or scanning the QR Code on the sign. Please note the paid parking program is subject to Council final approval on June 14 and installation of the required signage. Please monitor the Township website and social media pages for further information on when paid parking will be available.

## EXCESS SOIL MANAGEMENT

Committee received the Excess Soil Management report as information. The report outlined the new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act titled **On-Site and Excess Soil Management (O.Reg. 406/19)** that supports the proper management of excess construction soil and recognizes excess soil as a valuable resource if properly managed. The new regulatory requirements will have an impact on costs for any future capital projects that involve construction activity for new water/wastewater infrastructure or roads; however, this new regulation will not affect our current Excess Soil for Public Acceptance Policy.

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## SPEED LIMIT ON FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND BROOKS SIDEROAD

Committee approved to reduce the speed on Fairgrounds Road (from County Road 169 to east of Martinelli Road) and Brooks Sideroad from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr. Fairgrounds Road is also an established **Trans Canada Trail**, so reducing the speed will also increase safety for trail users.

## LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

Committee approved to re-engage with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and pay for outstanding fees up to 2020. Committee also approved that before 2021 fees are paid, that the Township of Ramara and LSRCA will draw up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will clearly set out the needs of both the Township and LSRCA.

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## RAMARA REOPENING PLAN

Brittany Wilson, Manager of Human Resources/ Health and Safety presented Ramara's road to reopening plan. The Township of Ramara plans to reopen the Township Administration Building for appointment only, other than for services in the Finance Department. Services offered by the Finance department will be available for walk-in services. The Township plans to reopen when the Province moves Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit and the Township of Ramara into **Step 1** of the Province's **Road to Reopening Plan**. The report also advised that as the Province moves through the three-step reopening plan, the Township of Ramara will adjust and communicate any changes to residents.

## ROAD ALLOWANCE ADJACENT TO 1545 MONCK ROAD

Committee approved for staff to initiate the public process for the closure and enactment of the appropriate bylaw to be drafted to stop up and close the road adjacent to 1545 Monck Road.

## INTERNET PLAN

Committee approved the Internet plan to improve broadband services in Ramara. Ramara identified seven service gaps around the Township that were identified using the CIRA performance tests and responses from residents. With the seven service gaps, over 800+ households will receive a minimum of 50/10 service. To learn more, please read the internet reports (**main report** & **Davy Drive** addition) on the agenda.

# TOWNSHIP NEWS AND REMINDERS

## POP-UP CLINIC IN RAMARA

In partnership with the Couchiching OHT, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is hosting a pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinic on June 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Station 1 located at 3290 County Road 47. Residents who require their first dose or are eligible for their second dose can **BOOK ONLINE**.

## Ramara Resident Parking Permit

Have you registered for your Ramara parking permit? Remember that you can register for a Ramara Parking permit (that can also be used in Severn Township) for free on our website at [ramara.ca/parking](http://ramara.ca/parking). You can also purchase an Orillia Waterfront Parking and Boat launch add-on for \$50 each, plus a convenience fee to go on your Ramara Parking permit. Remember that you can't park in any permit parking areas without your permit.



## CUSTOMER SERVICE STRATEGY

Participate today and take the survey to provide **YOUR** input on Township of Ramara's current customer service practices, and provide information about the services/programs important to **YOU!** Every person that participates in the survey has a chance to win 1 of 3 \$50.00 gift certificates to a local business of their choice.

[Complete the Survey](#)



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