



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - June 14, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke started the meeting and advised that the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit catchment area has moved into Step 1 of the Province's **Roadmap to Reopening Plan** which has allowed for many of the small businesses and restaurants to open with restrictions.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that the Township Administration Building is open to the public for appointment only other than for services offered from the Finance Department. The only walk-in services available will be those offered in the Finance Department and include the following:

- Paying a Bill (taxes, utilities and accounts receivable)
- Purchasing water tokens
- Tax and utility bill lookup
- Purchasing dog tags

For services such as business licenses, commissioning of documents, building and planning applications, the public will be required to **book an appointment** online or by phone. For more information on how services are impacted, please visit www.ramara.ca/COVID-19. For more information on how you can book an appointment, what to expect when entering municipal facilities and access to the COVID-19 screening tool, please visit www.ramara.ca/ramarareopens.

Next COUNCIL meeting is on June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL BEING PLAN

Karie Warner from Avail Consulting presented the Community Safety and Well Being Plan that was developed in partnership with the City of Orillia and the Townships of Oro Medonte and Severn. This plan, as required under the Province of Ontario's **Bill 175 Safer Ontario Act (2018)**, provides a framework on how partners across different sectors can work together to explore options and provide solutions that support our community's safety and well-being. The focus with the plan is on Mental Health and Addictions, Preventable Mortality: Social Connectedness/Safety, Employment and Access to Services. Overall this plan is aimed to support residents by improving equity, access and quality of supports that Ramara residents may need and ensuring that those are connected to the most appropriate service and provider.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION BYLAW

Council adopted a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 2020.11 being a Bylaw to License, Regulate and Govern Short-Term Rental Accommodation Uses. The updates to that bylaw include the following:

- Administrative Penalty (fine) increased from \$300 to \$500 per offence.
- Administrative Penalty (fine) escalating fine system - Fine of \$500 for each offence increase by \$500 for each repeat offence to a maximum of \$2000.
- Increased licensing fee from \$1000 to \$1500 for STRA's operators who apply for a licence after advertising or operating without a licence.
- References to the Building Code Act and Fire Code updated within the Bylaw.
- Updated insurance requirements based on current insurance industry standards for notifications of third parties.

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WARD BOUNDARY BYLAW

Council adopted a Bylaw to Re-Divide the Wards in the Township of Ramara. Learn more on the Ward Boundary Review by visiting ramara.ca/ward-boundary-review.

LONG GRASS BYLAW

Council adopted a Bylaw to Require and Regulate the Cutting of Grass and Weeds on Private land. This Bylaw had no changes, but consolidated Bylaws 2014.36, 2014.47 and 2014.61. Long grass regulations are in effect from May 31st to October 15. All written complaints can be submitted through our Report a Concern form on the website or by email at bylaw@ramara.ca. Long grass is only applicable in certain areas of the Township and grass higher than 30 cm.

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SPEED LIMIT ON FAIRGROUNDS ROAD

Council adopted a Bylaw to reduce the speed on Fairgrounds Road (from County Road 169 to east of Martinelli Road) 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.



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