



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - June 28, 2021

MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Basil Clarke started the meeting and advised that the Township lowered its flags on Friday to half mast in honour of the 751 children who never came home from Marieval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan. Council took a moment of silence in honour of the children, families, and generations of people affected by violence and trauma caused by the residential school system across Canada.

Mayor Clarke advised that celebrating Canada Day this year may be different for all Canadians and choosing to celebrate or not will be a personal decision. While celebrating Canada day this year, he invites the community to reflect on both the painful and positive sides of our national identity. He also encourages residents to take this time to learn and understand Canada's past atrocities and dark history and acknowledge that we live in a country that wants to uncover and make amends of our dark past. Mayor Clarke reported that on Canada Day, he will be wearing orange to recognize and honour the thousands of Indigenous children and families who suffered and continue to suffer from the legacy of the residential school system.

Next Council meeting is on July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that the Township Administration Building is open to the public for appointment only, and walk-in services are available from the Finance Department. CAO Pinsent reported that as the Province enters Step 2 of the **Roadmap to Reopening Plan**, more staff will continue to be working in the Administration building with the Administration building fully reopened by September.

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.

UPDATE TO FIRE BYLAW

Council passed the Bylaw that establishes and regulates the Fire Department for the Township of Ramara. The Bylaw provides an overview of the Fire Department's services, staffing and when the department can respond to an emergency call outside of the Township's limits.

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AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT - TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

Council passed the Bylaw to authorize the Execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Township of Brock. Automatic Aid is used with Fire departments in order to provide greater fire protection to citizens along mutual boarder properties. This agreement ensures that the closest fire hall is dispatched to a call regardless of jurisdiction and is supported by the host community.

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RAMA FIRST NATION AND RAMARA UPDATE ON ROADS

Council approved to initiate the public process to transfer ownership of the roads in question to Rama First Nation and to facilitate an appropriate agreement between Township of Ramara and Rama First Nation communities. The roads in question are the following: Fish Sideroad, Benson Sideroad, Willison Sideroad, Williams Road and Victoria Park Road. The next step is to provide a notice to all residents affected and schedule a public meeting.

PAID PARKING WITH HONK

Visitors now have access to contactless paid parking at our three park locations: Bluebird Park, Lagoon City Beach and Park and Lovely Day park. Drivers will have two touch-free ways to pay with HONK by either scanning the QR-code located on site or downloading the free HonkApp. Drivers will pay \$5 per hour at each park location, and each location will have five parking spots available. Learn more at ramara.ca/parking.



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