



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Council - September 13, 2021**

## **MAYOR UPDATE**

Mayor Basil Clarke opened the Council meeting from the Chambers to commence our hybrid-style Council meeting. Basil reported that he and Deputy Mayor Joe Gough, Councillor Jennifer Fisher and Councillor David Snutch recently attended the Lake St. John Association BBQ and reported that the association had a great turn out of people. The Mayor also noted that the federal election takes place on Monday, September 20th and encourages all eligible residents to get out and vote. Advance polls were open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from September 10th to 13th; however, they are now closed. Residents can learn more on how to vote on Monday by visiting [elections.ca](https://elections.ca).

**Next COW meeting is on September 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

## **CAO UPDATE**

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that staff had worked hard to get multiple contracts on the agenda for tonight; however, both internet (Rogers Communications and Muskoka Wifi) contracts will be on the next Council meeting held on Monday, September 27. Both internet contracts will look at providing fibre and wireless services to approximately 1000 households. The contract for Good Doctors outlines an agreement that would be in place for one (1) year with the option of extending or renewing based on mutual agreement. Good Doctors can provide prescription refills, specialist referrals, mental health and addictions care, urinalysis and strep testing, and other diagnostic testing. They can also administer injections, provide MTO Drivers' medical exams, remove tick bites, sutures, and staples, and perform telephone visits from home.

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## **SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION**

Council received a deputation from Rosemary Bell and Maureen Drayton regarding their community's Short Term Rental Impacts and concerns. Council and staff are working diligently to control short-term rental accommodations in Ramara. They will be bringing a report to a future COW meeting on how the zoning bylaw can help control and enforce future short-term rental accommodation locations. Residents who have concerns about Short-Term Rental Accommodation locations in the Township are encouraged to report a problem using our online [Report a Concern](#) form or email By-law at [bylaw@ramara.ca](mailto:bylaw@ramara.ca). To learn about the enforcement and complaint process of Short-Term Rental Accommodations, please visit our [STRA webpage](#).

# TRANSFER OF RAMARA ROADS TO RAMA FIRST NATION

On September 27th at 7:00 p.m., the Township of Ramara and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation will be hosting a public information session regarding the transfer of Fish Sideroad, Benson Road, Willison Sideroad, Williams Road and Victoria Park Road. Residents can register to attend the meeting, either by video or listen by phone, at [www.ramara.ca/public-meeting-road-transfer](http://www.ramara.ca/public-meeting-road-transfer). Residents can learn more about the process by visiting our News and Notices page on the Township website.

## RAMARA COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Over the past two months, the Township adopted a hybrid model format for council and committee meetings that provide council members, staff, consultants and the public the ability to engage electronically and in person. Residents can watch the meetings online by visiting our [YouTube channel](#) or accessing the video on the [agenda](#). Staff have also added timestamps to the various areas of the agenda, so residents can jump ahead to the section of the agenda they want to listen to.

## SIMCOE COUNTY NEW CART PROGRAM

**Holds more waste.  
Takes up less space.**



**On November 1**, the County of Simcoe is rolling out an automated cart collection system to help with the continuity of collection service and help reduce potential wide spread collection impacts. Residents of Ramara will continue to have garbage pick up on Tuesdays and should expect to see their carts over the next month if they have not received them already. Residents can learn more about the program by visiting the County of Simcoe's [Cart Collection](#) website for providing feedback to the County at [info@simcoe.ca](mailto:info@simcoe.ca) or calling 705-726-9300

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