



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Council - September 27, 2021**

## **MAYOR UPDATE**

Mayor Basil Clarke opened the Council meeting and reported that Deputy Mayor Gough lost his mother earlier in the morning and could not attend the entire meeting. Basil and the rest of Council send their condolences and deepest sympathies to him and his family.

Basil reported that Adam Chambers, Conservative candidate for Simcoe North, won with more than 55% of the votes as a result of the election. Congratulations to our newly elected MP, Adam Chambers.

Councillor Ted Lamb and his wife Doreen celebrated their 50th anniversary on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

**Next COW meeting is on October 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

## **CAO UPDATE**

Acting CAO, Zach Drinkwalter, advised that the Township of Ramara continues to be open to the public, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents are still encouraged to make an appointment to meet with staff members to reduce wait times and ensure availability. Remember that most services can be accessed online such as paying bills online, submitting a building permit, and watching Council meetings. Residents who have concerns or complaints can file a complaint 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using our [online reporting tool](#). These complaints/concerns get submitted directly to staff by email to deal with as soon as possible. Our building department has also launched its [new e-permitting system](#) that allows residents to apply for, check the status, and book inspections for their building and septic permits from anywhere, at any time. With this new system, you can start an application and finish it later, and receive email updates on the status of your permit application.

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## **GOOD DOCTORS**

Council received a deputation from Good Doctors Medical Inc. regarding providing telemedicine services to residents in Ramara at the Mara Medical Centre. This agreement 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, strep testing, and other diagnostic testing. They can also administer injections, provide MTO Driver medical exams, remove tick bites, sutures, and staples, and perform telephone visits from home. Council approved to bring the one-year agreement back to the October 25, 2021, Council meeting.

## **TRANSFER OF RAMARA ROADS TO RAMA FIRST NATION**

The Township of Ramara and the Chippewas of Rama First Nation hosted a public information session regarding the transfer of Fish Sideroad, Benson Road, Willison Sideroad, Williams Road and Victoria Park Road. Residents submitted questions and asked questions in the meeting regarding road access, road maintenance and improvements, change to garbage/recycling, changes to taxes, access to sanitary system, council decision/process. The public can find answers to the questions submitted or discussed on our news and notices page at [www.ramara.ca/news](http://www.ramara.ca/news). At this time, Council has made no decision on the matter and is neither in support or opposition. Council will consider all comments and submissions received. A bylaw will come before Council for its consideration on October 25, 2021, regular Council meeting held virtually at 7:00 p.m.

## **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

Council has declared September 30, 2021, as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools by sharing stories of residential school survivors, their families and communities.

## **CONGRATULATIONS JON**

Jon Popple, Manager of Community Standards, received the Long Service Award for 25 years of service with the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association. Congratulations Jon on this monumental milestone and your continued dedication and commitment to excellence.



## **OAKLAND BREACH SUBDIVISION - GORING CROSSING COSTS**

Council approved to proceed with collecting fees related to Goring Crossing repairs, but allow for a \$3,000 write-off for the homeowners and developer. At this time, \$79,198 from homeowners (\$3,167.92 per lot) and \$54,198 from the developer remain outstanding.

## **PATRICIA DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION - BALSAM TO PAGET**

Council approved to contract G.Priest Services for the contracted price of \$1,096,907.50 plus HST for the reconstruction of Patricia Drive from Balsam Street to Paget Street. The tendered amount came in higher than what was previously budgeted (\$525,000). In consultation with the Director of Finance, it was agreed that in order to have this project move ahead in this calendar year, other projects that were budgeted for in 2021 could be changed to only receive maintenance and/or postponed and re-budgeted for in 2022. The projects that will be modified will be as follows: re-paving of Canal Road from Mara Rama Boundary Road to the White Elephant Bridge and the paving of Concession Road 3 from Harrigan Drive to Highway 12.

## INTERNET

Council approved the agreement with Rogers Communication Canada Inc. to improve connectivity to 828 underserved homes through wired and wireless services. The Township of Ramara would contribute a maximum of \$425,000 towards this initiative, with Rogers contributing \$4,391,833. On top of this investment, Rogers announced on June 30, 2021, that it had been awarded a partnership with the Government of Canada's Universal Broadband Fund to bring fibre to over 1,000 homes in the Gamebridge, Bass Lake and Orr Lake area. Learn more about how internet connectivity is expanding in Ramara by visiting [www.ramara.ca/internet](http://www.ramara.ca/internet).

## MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Council passed a bylaw to prohibit Motorized and Electric Vehicles on Municipal Properties including the private beaches in Lagoon City. These vehicles will include golf carts and electric bikes. Please note that the bylaw will not prohibit any accessible mobility devices.

## 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. Feedback can be provided to the County at [info@simcoe.ca](mailto:info@simcoe.ca) or by calling 705-726-9300.

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