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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Township lifts Fire Ban

**Ramara/May 1, 2020** – Effective today at 3:00 p.m., the Township of Ramara has decided to lift the Township wide Fire Ban in order to help residents in the community alleviate any mental and physical stress.

“In an effort to help people mitigate some of the mental and physical stressors that this global pandemic has caused, we have decided to lift the Fire Ban, says Fire Chief Tony Stong. Our community’s mental health is of great importance and if a small campfire on one’s property will afford an escape from today’s chaos, we welcome that opportunity.”

The Township reminds residents that all burning regulations in Ramara still apply. The burning regulations are as follows:

- Fires cannot be larger than 1m x 1m x 1m.
- Responsible person must attend the fire at all times.
- A form of an extinguisher must be close by i.e. a garden hose or bucket of water.
- The fire must be a minimum of 15 feet from all structures and/or combustibles (shed, shrubs, decks).
- Smoke from the fire must not affect your neighbours rights to enjoy their property.

We ask residents who have a burning complaint to please call 705-484-5374 ext. 253 during regular business hours or call 705-325-5201 after hours.

As a reminder, all other restrictions imposed by the Township or Province are still in place. Residents are reminded to:

- Practice physical distancing of at least 2 metres
- Follow gathering restrictions of not more than 5 people
- Stay at home and avoid non-essential travel
- Self-assess and follow all health guidelines and advice.

For more up-to-date information on the status of Township’s services, please visit [COVID-19](#) page on the Township’s website and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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