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MEDIA RELEASE

Mobile food trucks permitted to operate on May 15

Ramara/May 8, 2020 – Effective on May 15, 2020, mobile food trucks are permitted to be open during the state of emergency as long as they follow the provincial emergency order 518/2020.

The operation of mobile food trucks will resemble the operation of restaurants where they will provide delivery and/or curbside pickup for food. Their operation will also be subject to the following requirements as stated in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Provincial Emergency Order:

- The purpose of your Food Truck shall be for takeout dining purposes only;
- No seating or tables are to be set up or made available on site;
- Large signage shall be posted both inside and outside of Food Truck encouraging hand washing and maintaining physical distancing;
- Lineups must abide by physical distancing principles and required to be maintained at a minimum of 2 metres between patrons by providing markings on the ground indicating where patrons are to stand while waiting in line;
- Food pick-up must be done in a way to maintain physical distancing requirements and ensure the safety of the worker and patron are maintained;
- Self-serve condiments and tables are prohibited, only prepackaged condiments are to be provided to patrons;
- No sharing of condiment containers (ketchup, mustard, salt, pepper, etc.);
- It is the responsibility of the business operator to ensure their patrons are not gathering nearby the food truck;
- Garbage is to be collected away from the public and removed every day;
- Regular disinfecting and frequent hand washing is expected at all times;
- Business owner must contact the SMDHU to notify them of their intention to begin operation;
- Should the Business owner be found to not comply with the above, in the interests of public safety your licence may be revoked without prior warning

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has informed the Township that it is permitting seasonal food trucks to begin operating without having their routine inspections. The Township is asking that any food truck operators reach out to the [SMDHU](#) at 705-721-7520 and inform the health unit of their intended date of opening, so that it can be easily located once inspections resume.

Please note that all Refreshment Vehicle (Chip Trucks) operators must still comply with all Township of Ramara licensing requirements and have a valid 2020 licence before being

permitted to operate. Also, any new licences may take up to 20 days to process if they have all the right documentation in order.

A reminder that under current provincial orders, all non-essential businesses are required to remain closed, outdoor amenities remain closed except for walk-through purposes, and public gatherings of more than five people are prohibited. Residents who are concerned with individuals or groups violating Provincial emergency orders can report them by phone during business hours at 705-484-5374 or by e-mail outside and/or during business hours at bylaw@ramara.ca.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as the Township works to ensure the health and safety of the community. For more up-to-date information on the status of Township's services, please visit [COVID-19](#) page on the Township's website.

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