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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CLARKE



Summer is around the corner and the weather is finally here to prove it. With the influx of visitors we have in our township over the summer months it is important to remember to take extra care on the roads and lakes in our area as they become busier by the day. Please be sure you have the proper safety equipment when travelling by boat or car and during all your summer events and gatherings so everyone can keep safe during these upcoming sunny months. Don't forget that your kids can beat the summer heat by participating in our 2018 summer camp programs. Sign up now so you don't miss out!

If you have any comments or suggestions, don't hesitate to send them to ramara@ramara.ca

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THE CLERKS DEPARTMENT

Accessible Format

Upon request, the Township of Ramara will provide, or arrange for the provision of, accessible formats and or communication supports for people with disabilities in a timely manner. Please contact the Legislative Services Department at 705-484-5374 Ext. 256 if you wish an accessible format or communication support.

Council Meeting Schedules can be found on our website www.ramara.ca or by calling the Administration office. Individuals who submit their letters and other information to Council should be aware that any personal information contained within their communications may become part of the public record, and may become available to the public through Council / Committee agenda process which will be posted on the Township's website. You can email these communications to council@ramara.ca

If you wish to appear as a delegation before Council, please complete the [delegation form](#) found on the forms page of our website. The form must be received by 9:00 a.m. the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting. The written request must state the purpose of the deputation and provide a specific detailed outline of the subject matter of the presentation. **Deputations/Delegations shall be limited to not**

TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

July 2, 2018— for Canada Day
August 6, 2018—Civic Holiday
September 3, 2018—Labour Day
October 8, 2018—Thanksgiving
December 24, 2018—at noon until 9:00 a.m. January 2, 2019

Election 2018— Make Your Vote Count Between October 12 And October 22, 2018!

The Nomination Period is from May 1st, 2018 to July 27th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Individuals can sign up to be a candidate in the 2018 election, withdraw or change what office they wish to be a candidate in during this time.

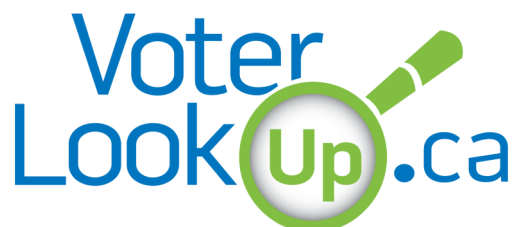
The Township of Ramara will be using **telephone/internet voting in 2018**.

Eligible electors must be on the [Voters' List](#) in order to receive their personalized Voter Information Letter which includes your 8 digit PIN, internet voting website address and 1-800- number to use phone voting, phone assistance and other election information.

AMO Online Course: "So You Want to Run for Council" [Course Flyer](#) [Course Website](#)

For more information on Ramara Votes 2018, visit www.ramara.ca

HAVE YOUR SAY.
LOG ON TODAY.



MUNICIPAL WORKS



Summer Public Works Operations

The summer months come with road construction, repairs, maintenance and a higher presence of public works operators out on the roads. Please use caution when travelling through construction zones where operators are working within the road ways. Lower your speed and keep a close eye out to ensure you and the operators can remain safe this summer.

For Information on Road Closures Click the Link



Driveway Entrance Permits—Working Within Road Allowances

Under Bylaw 2017.43, Driveway Entrance Permits are required in the Township of Ramara if you are establishing, constructing, repairing, altering or relocating an entrance. To get a copy of a Driveway Entrance application form, please contact Ashley Watson at awatson@ramara.ca or visit the Ramara website and find the application under 'Forms and Permits'. Property owners will follow the following process:

1. Property owner will complete application, stake the location and pay for inspection fees at the Township building.
2. Works will check to ensure location is acceptable and determine size of culvert, size of driveway and material needed and relay information back to property owner.
3. Property owner will provide contractor information and schedule an inspection to occur during the installation.

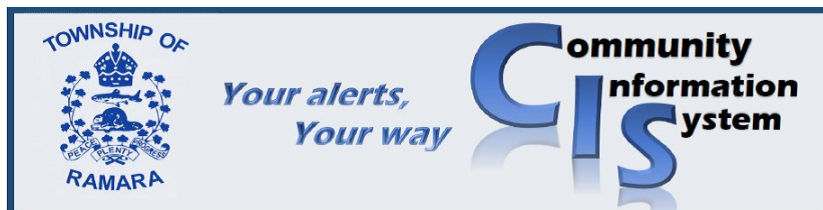
CIS - Community Information System

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Ramara Community Information System (CIS). Ramara CIS uses the Everbridge system which allows the Township to use multiple means of communication for both Emergency Alerts and relaying Community Information. You will only receive the information you choose to receive. In addition to your home phone you can add mobile phones, Voice over IP landlines, e-mail and/or text messaging to be included to receive messages from Ramara CIS. You can also choose the order in which you receive the notifications. These systems allow the Township to easily and effectively communicate with residents and interested parties through all of today's available technology. Your alerts, Your way.

This system will only work with your participation.

Help us to keep your families safer and more informed.

Sign up today by contacting Sarah Karabin at 705-484-5374 ext 253. or by going to www.ramara.ca



TREASURY SERVICES

Tax Due Dates

FINAL BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

RESIDENTIAL/FARM

JUNE 25* (New Date)

September 25

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

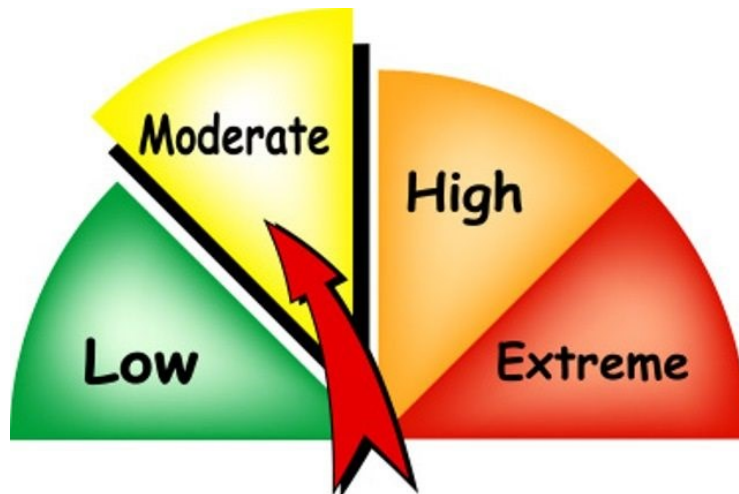
October 25

November 25



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Throughout the year Ramara Fire & Rescue Services receives several open air burning complaints. This number increases this time of year as many residents are trying to get rid of yard waste by burning it. This yard waste tends to create an abundance of smoke, which affects the lives of those around you. Please be advised that the County of Simcoe will collect yard waste on certain days – this may be a better option than burning your yard waste. Please visit their website for yard waste collection days, www.simcoe.ca or call 1-800-263-3199 (toll free). Be sure to check the fire rating signs located throughout the township before you light your fire!



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

For information on Garbage and Recycling Collection, please contact the County of Simcoe at 705-735-6901 or from 426 or 689 exchanges call toll-free at 1-800-263-3199. County of Simcoe Customer Service operators are available to help you Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



CANINE CONTROL

Our Canine Officers will continue to canvas door to door in 2018! Please make sure your four legged friends are licensed!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Information for Residents on Municipal Water and Sewers

WATER TURN ON/OFF— For your protection against leaks, breaks or blockages, it is mandatory for someone to be onsite to confirm the water is ON/OFF. Township of Ramara Environmental Services requires 24 hour notice for this procedure. All charges for these services are in accordance with the Township of Ramara [Fees and Charges Bylaw](#)

Selling Your Home? - If you are selling your home, please ensure your lawyer contacts the municipal office to provide pertinent information such as closing date, new owners contact information and arrange for a final read of your water meter.

Sewer Use Bylaw—The discharge of storm water, surface water, ground water or sump pump into sanitary sewers is strictly prohibited.



LAGOON CITY PARKS AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION

A History of Lagoon City

Weeds are prevalent in the canals and the Commission has the following programs in place:

1. Harvesting – takes place each week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between July 1st and Thanksgiving. The Commission does not have any place to store the weeds and therefore cutting can only take place when the landfill site is open. The harvester will be seen out in the canals from May 1st, but it will only be skimming debris from the surface. Due to fish spawning no cutting may take place prior to July 1st.

2. Weed Spraying – takes place annually as soon as possible after July 1st after fish spawning season has taken place. This is regulated by the Ministry of the Environment. The licence to spray REWARD is for 10 acres at a rate of 25 litres per acre and must be applied for annually. Therefore the only the areas that are affected by abundant weed growth are sprayed.

BUILDING AND PLANNING SERVICES

On-Site Sewage Maintenance Inspection Program

Effective January 1st, 2011, the Ontario Building Code was amended by Ontario Regulation 315/10 to establish and govern mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance inspection programs to be administered by the Township of Ramara. Click to view [Ontario Regulation 315/10](#).

This amendment helps protect Ontario's drinking water and the natural environment and support the implementation of the Clean Water Act, 2006 (CWA) and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

Inspections of all on-site sewage systems within this boundary will be inspected, and then re-inspected every five years thereafter.

You will receive a notice if your property is within this boundary, the inspection will be completed simultaneously during the spring/summer months by our Building Department staff and a notice will be left on your door.

Once the inspection is completed you will receive an invoice for \$150.00. Please be advised after 30 days if the invoice is unpaid the fee will be transferred to your property tax account.

The second component of the program is that you are responsible for arranging a licensed sewage hauler to have your septic or holding tank pumped out.

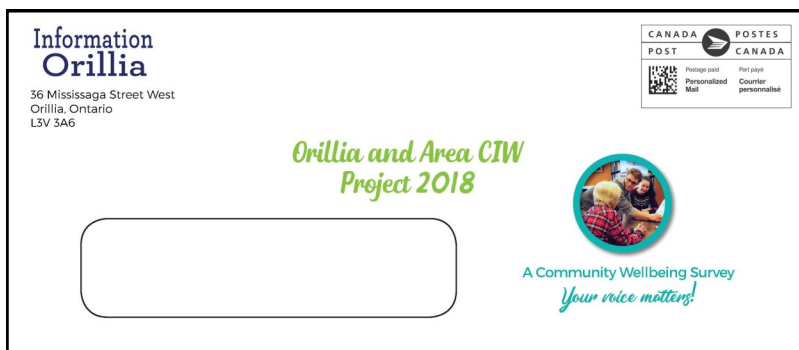
Fleming Quarry Expansion - File # OP-1/17 Z-8/17

Fowler Construction held a public meeting on Monday, May 28th to discuss the expansion of their quarry. There was a large turnout for the meeting and many questions and concerns were brought up by residents and Council. All comments and questions received during the meeting will be addressed by the Township Planning Consultants and the applicant prior to coming back to Council with a recommendation of how to proceed. To be on the mailing list for future correspondence regarding this potential expansion please contact Deb McCabe at 705-484-5374 ext. 243

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ramara Township is undergoing a Branding Exercise! Branding concepts will be available for public comment mid-late June. Our [webpage](#) will be updated as more information becomes available.

Have you received a Canadian Index of Wellbeing survey? Remember to fill it out to contribute to data that could help municipalities and community partners design better programs for your community. For more information please visit www.informationorillia.org/orillia-and-area-ciw





Do you know that a library card is FREE if you live in Ramara? Do you have a library membership? If not, we encourage you to drop by either branch to learn about the many programs and services we offer. Check out the many upcoming programs and resources that are available to you as a resident of Ramara!

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SIGN-UP FOR READING CLUBS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

Friday, June 1, 2018 - Saturday, June 30, 2018

RAMARA LIBRARY QUILTING CLUB

Every Tuesday in June at 10:00 a.m.

BRECHIN: AGILEC—EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Every Tuesday in June at 1:00 p.m.

BRECHIN: HOMEWORK HELP!

Every Tuesday in June at 3:30 p.m.

BRECHIN: BEAT BOREDOM!

Every Thursday in June at 3:30 p.m.

BRECHIN AND RAMARA CENTRE; LEGOMANIA

Every Saturday in June at 9:00 a.m.

AUTHOR VISIT; DENNIS RIZZO—A BRIEF HISTORY OF ORILLIA

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

RAMARA LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ramarapubliclibrary.org

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ART ATTACK**

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APP-VENTURES
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JUNKYARD WARS**

Educate Yourself!

**LEADERS IN TRAINING
VOLLEYBALL SKILLS
FUTURE FILM MAKERS
BIG BANG SCIENCE
SO YOU WANNA BE A
CAMP COUNSELLOR**

Register online at [Township of Ramara Community Hub](https://www.townshipoframara.ca/communityhub)