



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council - March 22, 2021

## MAYOR UPDATE

Mayor Clarke reported no news from Council but reported that the weather has improved greatly over the past weekend. The Mayor reminded everyone that as the weather conditions continue to warm up, to stay off the ice as conditions can change quickly.

## CAO UPDATE

CAO, John Pinsent, reported that the fire rating has been changed to high due to conditions being unfavourably dry. Small campfires are still permitted at this time, but require extreme vigilance in supervision as conditions are favourable for rapid spread. Please note that Bona Fide Farmers will not be permitted to burn over sized piles. For more information, please visit our [Township website](#).

John Pinsent welcomed our new Chief Building Official, Walied Zekry, who worked in East Gwillimbury as a Deputy Chief Building Official/Acting Chief Building Official. As Walied came from another County of Simcoe municipality, he has experience in working with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and all of their processes. Walied has extensive experience with various types of building and construction with a focus on custom homes. Residents can contact Walied at 705-484-5374 ext 234 or by email at [wzekry@ramara.ca](mailto:wzekry@ramara.ca).

The Township of Ramara is in the process of hiring for various positions including building inspectors, bylaw inspectors and summer student positions. For more information on job opportunities in the Township of Ramara please visit [ramara.ca/employment](http://ramara.ca/employment)

**Next COUNCIL meeting is on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

## WORLD AUTISM DAY

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the Township of Ramara will raise the flag for World Autism Day. World Autism Day is usually celebrated on April 2nd, but due to Good Friday, it has been moved to April 6th. For more information on how you can celebrate World Autism Day virtually, visit [raisetheflagforautism.com/](http://raisetheflagforautism.com/).



## TRAILS COMMITTEE

Council approved the Trails Committee to install two gates and signage on either side of the Heron Rookery to prevent motorized vehicles from traveling on this portion of the Lagoon City trail. This will protect the herons, who are sensitive to noise, from March 15th to August 15th during their mating and nesting season. The gates will be open during the winter to allow for snowmobiles to access the area.

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## SEWAGE SERVICE RATES

Council approved Bylaw 2021.19 to amend the Bylaw 201.10 - Being a Bylaw to Set Water and Sewage Rates for the Year 2017-2024. Council approved to change the sewage service rates to increase it by 1.5%.

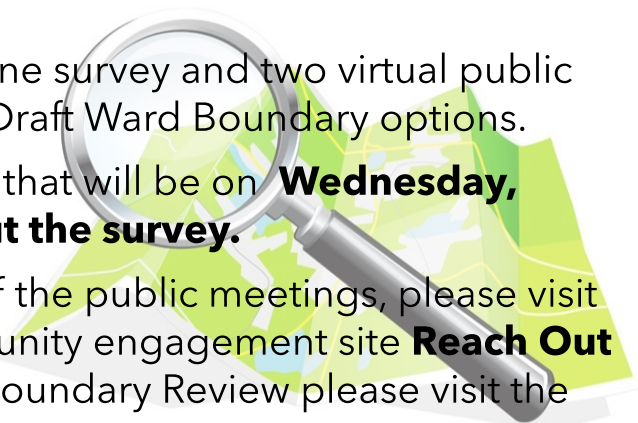
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## WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

From March 8th to March 29, there will be an online survey and two virtual public meetings to get resident's input on Ramara's six Draft Ward Boundary options.

Register today for the next virtual public meeting that will be on **Wednesday, March 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or fill out the survey.**

For access to the survey and to register for one of the public meetings, please visit our **Ward Boundary Review Page** on our community engagement site **Reach Out Ramara**. For more information about the Ward Boundary Review please visit the **Township Website**.



Happy Easter



The Township of Ramara wants to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter long weekend! Whether you are celebrating with family together or apart, the Township wants to remind residents to follow all health and safety guidelines and protocols and think of creative ways to celebrate the holiday virtually. The Township office will be closed from April 2-5th, 2021. The Township of Ramara Administration Building will reopen on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021.



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