

For Immediate Release

Minden, ON. Wednesday, May 10, 2017

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Release #17-37

**SUBJECT: Available Services****Donations**

Individuals, businesses and organizations interested in financial or material donations such as food, clothing, toiletries, bedding etc. are encouraged to seek out a local community organization of their choice (churches, service clubs etc.), the [Minden Food Bank](#) or [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Volunteers

For those who wish to volunteer, Registration Forms are available at the following locations:

- S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena lobby, 7:30am to 8:00pm daily
- Township Administration office 1st floor, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

The Township appreciates all volunteer efforts.

Red Cross Reception Centre

The Red Cross has set up a reception centre in the Community Centre daily from 10:00am to 7:00pm until further notice.

Minden Food Bank

The Minden Food Bank is serving soup, sandwiches and beverages daily at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena & Community Centre. Dinner will also be served at 5:30 p.m. at this location.

Please continue to check the Township website or drop into the Community Centre for updates regarding these services.

Water

The public water tap, located at the Fire Hall, remains available, with limited accessibility. Additional water services are available at the Water Depot, located at Hwy. 35 and Bobcaygeon Road (adjacent to Jug City).

Pets

Individuals requiring assistance due to flood related emergencies are asked to call the Minden Animal Hospital – 705-286-2919. Please be advised that there will be a fee for this service.

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

The EOC has been activated in accordance with the Township's Emergency plan and Procedures. The control group will continue to work with Trent Severn Waterway and the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry and to communicate all information by means of media broadcasting and media releases to radio stations, local newspapers and our website.

Health Unit

Please visit the Health Unit website for information regarding potentially spoiled food, wells, septic systems and boiled water advisory etc.

Residents with private wells are reminded to contact the **Health Unit** regarding the **safe use and consumption of well water, in the event that the well may be affected by ground water**. Information regarding water testing bottles and drop-off locations can also be obtained from the Health Unit:

1-866-888-4577

The Health Unit also provides information on [Flooded Wells and Septic Systems](#), [Cleaning After a Flood](#), [Food Safety During a Power Failure](#) and [Cleaning and Removing Mould](#). Visit the Flood Safety section of their website for more information:

www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Environments/EmergencyPreparedness/FloodSafety.aspx

Residents with private septic systems, which may have been affected by flooding, are encouraged to contact the Municipal Building Department at 705-286-1260 x209.

Hydro One

If you are concerned about water in or around your residence, or other buildings, call the Hydro Call Centre at 1-888-664-9376. Disconnected services may impact water removal equipment (i.e. sump pumps); therefore, it may also be necessary to contact your insurance company.

Sandbags

For information on sand and sandbags, please refer to Media Release #17-36

FOR MORE INFORMATION regarding notices, including road closures, water levels and suggestions to assist you during the Flood Warning, please visit the Township website at www.mindenhills.ca. Information on road closures can also be obtained by visiting the Road Closure App, accessible from the township website or by typing the following URL into your web browser's search bar: roadclosures.haliburtoncounty.ca

To receive important information and updates, including in the event of an emergency, please ensure that you are subscribed to the Minden Hills website, by following these easy instructions:

- On the bottom right hand side of the Minden Hills website, type in your email address into the “Subscribe to Alerts” box and click the gray arrow.
- Confirm your email address on the next prompt screen.
- Enter in the digits in the captcha box and click the submit button.
- You should receive an email to complete the subscription process, if you don't, check your junk mail.
- Your confirmation email will provide you with a link, select the link.
- The link will allow you to customize your subscription list.
- Select “Emergency Alerts” to receive emergency posts and notifications.
- Select “Newsroom” to receive all other non-emergency posts, including water levels and road closures notifications.
- Select other categories if interested in receiving notifications.
- Select save.

The Township will communicate all information by means of broadcasting media releases to local media, radio stations and the Township website.

Tune into Canoe FM 100.9 and Moose FM 93.5 for these broadcasts.

For Municipal Emergency contact after hours call: 1-866-865-3247

For Emergency Services call: 911

For more information please visit www.mindenhills.ca for accurate updates.

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