

For Immediate Release

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SUBJECT: 2017 Flood Safety Information

Water Safety

Avoid entering flooded areas and stay clear of moving water and dams.

For personal safety while navigating through water covered streets and other areas, please remember basic water safety, including the use of life jackets, ropes, whistles, reflective clothing, etc.

Logging at Local Dams

For public safety reasons it is critical that no one other than TSW officials are to perform log adjustments to local dams. This could result in serious implications to the management of the flow of water and balancing of the watershed levels.

Boating on Gull River Watershed System and Surrounding Lakes

In consideration of those experiencing flooding on their properties along the Gull River Watershed system, boaters are asked to reduce speed and wake to minimize wave impact in these areas with high water levels.

Spoiled food, Wells, Malfunctioning Septic Systems and Boiled Water Advisory

The Health Unit provides information on [Flooded Wells and Septic Systems](#), [Cleaning After a Flood](#), [Food Safety During a Power Failure](#) and [Cleaning and Removing Mould](#).

This information as well as boiled water advisories can be found at the following links:

<http://www.hkpr.on.ca/>

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

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 be obtained from the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Water testing bottles are also available at the Township Administration office and the Red Cross Reception Centre, located at the S.G Nesbitt Arena & Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street, Minden.

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

Spoiled food and moulded items, etc. may be disposed of any of the Township Landfills - according to current landfill hours of operation and according to what is currently being accepted at each of these sites.

Please refer to the following link for further information regarding accepted materials:

<http://mindenhills.ca/environmental-services/landfill-operations/>

There is no fee for flood related waste material, however you will be asked to complete a brief form, so that the Township can track the amount of material received. Forms are available at the Township Administration office, located at 7 Milne Street (accessible from St. Germain Street), the Red Cross Reception Centre, and Scotchline Landfill and transfer stations.

Road Closure Signs & Barricades

Signs and Barricades have been placed at the intersections of each road closure.

Please obey and DO NOT REMOVE barricades and signs

As water levels recede, Roads and Bridges will remain closed until they have been inspected, assessed and deemed safe for vehicular traffic and pedestrian use.

Roadways that are underwater may create unstable and dangerous conditions. **It is illegal to remove barricades and signs.**

In addition to personal safety concerns, unnecessary travel on water covered roads creates wakes and may create additional damage to properties already experiencing flooding.

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.

Disconnected Hydro Services

Properties that have been disconnected from Hydro must contact the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) or a qualified electrician in order to have these services reconnected.

ESA - 1-877-372-7233

Electrician - Please refer to your local yellow pages or newspaper

Township Communications

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: 1-866-856-3247

For Emergency Services call: 911

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

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