



## **2019 Final Newsletter**

### **Township Contact Information**

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Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Website: [municipal website hyperlink www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)

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### **Municipal Telephone Numbers**

Administration/Clerk's Office 705-286-1260 x 212

Finance/Tax 705-286-1260 x 0

Building/By-Law and Planning 705-286-1260 x 209

Environmental and Property 705-286-1260 x 212

Cultural Centre 705-286-2808

Agnes Jamieson Gallery 705-286-3763

Minden Hills Museum 705-286-3154

Community Centre and Arena 705-286-1936

Roads 705-286-3144

Minden Library 705-286-2491

Fire Chief 705-286-1202

Nature's Place 705-286-2298

### **Members of Council**

**Mayor:** Brent Devolin, phone 705-455-7077, email [bdevolin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:bdevolin@mindenhills.ca)

**Deputy Mayor:** Lisa Schell, phone 705 286-1035, email [lschell@mindenhills.ca](mailto:lschell@mindenhills.ca)

#### **Councillors:**

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## **Department Information**

### **Finance Department**

Are You Looking for a Better Way to Pay Your Taxes? Ensure that your taxes are paid on time, no matter where you are!

The Township offers the following preauthorized payment plans. There is NO FEE to sign up:

A ten (10) month plan to make budgeting easier. There are no payments in December or January which allows you to catch up from the busy holiday season.

A due date plan in which your payment is automatically deducted on the designated due date.

See enclosed application form for more information.

You can also pay your taxes on-line or by telephone banking through your bank or credit union.

Please allow 2 to 3 business days for your payment to reach us.

You can pre-set your payment date when you receive your bill, so that you don't miss a payment on or before the required due date.

**Water and Sewer Bill:** You can also pay your water/sewer bill on-line or through telephone banking.

You may also pay your taxes by debit, cheque (payable to Township of Minden Hills) or cash in person at the Township Office, using the Pritchard Lane entrance.

Payment may be mailed to our postal address - please ensure PO Box 359 is indicated. If you require a receipt please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**Please note** that if you use telephone or internet banking to pay your taxes, a separate account is required for each roll number. Your account is the 19 digit roll number found on your tax bill that starts with 4616. As we now have automatic uploading of payment information, it is even more important that you use the correct account information. The Township will not be held responsible for any penalty or interest charges resulting from inaccurate account information.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Township Office written notification of any address change. This may be done by email, fax or regular mail. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

### **Cultural Centre and Programming Information**

#### **MIND ON MINDEN**

In this day and age, it's challenging to slow down. The world is moving quickly, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't stop and smell the campfire.

This summer, we will be focusing our Mind on Minden. As the new Economic Development, Destination and Marketing Officer, I am so excited to launch this summer season with a reminder to celebrate the stories of Minden Hills. We are lucky to call this place home, and share it with the thousands of visitors who value this space as a retreat; a destination to disconnect.

Keep an eye out for our new logo, designed by local artist Taylor Vlaming. Wherever you see this image around the community, I hope it will act as a reminder to slow down, and enjoy all the events, experiences, and opportunities Minden Hills has to offer.

If you have new ideas for Minden, or if you are interested in moving, growing, working, or living in Minden Hills, please do not hesitate to contact me at [estonehouse@mindenhills.ca](mailto:estonehouse@mindenhills.ca) or by calling 705-935-0153.

Have a safe and happy summer!

**Opening this summer at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - The official Minden Hills Information Centre!**

### **Minden Hills Artisans Market**

Saturday mornings from June 22 to October 12, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Held downtown in front of the Municipal Administration office. Vendors wanted. Items must be handcrafted. For more information contact Elisha at 705-286-2808

### **Minden's Santa Claus Parade**

**Saturday November 23**

**11:30 AM**

This event is great fun for the whole family to start the Christmas season here in Minden Hills. Floats start at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena, travel down Bobcaygeon Road and through town, ending at the Township Office parking lot on Milne Street.

Kids can meet Santa after the parade outside the Cultural Centre and enjoy a free hot chocolate. Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa!

### **Minden's Christmas Artisan Market**

**Sunday November 24**

**11:00 AM-4:00 PM**

At the SG Nesbitt Community Centre

This is a great opportunity to buy local, handmade products (quilts, felted items, wood products, pottery, jewelry and more) from over 40 artisans. Just in time for the holiday season and gift giving.

Admission is free.

### **Cultural Centre and Library Activities**

For all of July and August, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Library Minden Branch are combining activities every Tuesday to Saturday! Interactive and engaging, these activities for all ages will involve history, art and nature, to learn something new every day!

**There's something for everyone!**

Admission is by donation. Daily activities can be found at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre or at [municipal website hyperlink www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)

### **Canada Day**

Township of Minden Hills Canada Day Festival is on Monday, July 1.

### **Haliburton County Farmers' Market**

Saturday mornings from May 18 to October 12, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Held downtown in the Municipal parking lot. For more information contact Faye at [incrediblehcfma@gmail.com](mailto:incrediblehcfma@gmail.com)

### **Clerk's Department**

**Accessible Minden Hills**

The Township of Minden Hills is committed to complying with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and its standards in order to create a barrier free Ontario. We strive to provide information in accessible formats and encourage individuals to visit us at our [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) or contact the Clerks Department at 705-286-1260 for more information or to request alternate formats or communication supports.

### Advisory Committees

If you or someone you know is interested in participating as a member on an Advisory Committees for the current term of Council, please visit our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/) or contact the Clerk's Department at 705-286-1260 or email [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca).

### Request to be a Delegation at Council

If you have an important issue or concern that you wish to bring forward for Council's attention, you will need to make a delegation request with the Clerks Department. To make a request or for more information, please contact the Clerk at 705-286-1260 or email [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca)

### Township Policies

Township Policies can be viewed on our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/clerks-department/policies/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/clerks-department/policies/)

### Council Meeting Schedule

Council typically meets twice per month, at Committee of the Whole and at Regular Council, with some exceptions. The following table lists the meeting dates for 2019. Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers unless otherwise specified. The public are welcome to attend these meetings each month. Meeting agendas and minutes can be viewed from [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/)

Committee of the Whole (COTW)	Council
COTW June 13	Council June 27
COTW cancelled for July	Council July 25
COTW cancelled for August	Council August 29
COTW September 12	Council September 26
COTW October 10	Council October 31
COTW November 14	Council November 28
COTW cancelled for December	Council December 12

### Services

The Clerk's office provides the following services:

- Council Agendas, Minutes Coordination.
- Marriage Licences issued by appointment.
- Civil Marriage Ceremonies by appointment. Performed on the second Friday of the month, subject to availability, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Municipal property in town.
- Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates. Application Forms available.
- Lottery Licences.
- Municipal Elections.
- Commissioner of Oaths administered on prescribed forms that state "Commissioner for taking Affidavits". Please provide all information sheets. Signature must be performed in front of the Commissioner. Valid Government issued photo ID required. \$10.00. Please note: Health Cards will not be accepted as Government ID.

## **Website News**

Be sure to visit and subscribe to our website at [www.mindenhill.ca](http://www.mindenhill.ca) to stay “in the know” on what’s happening in Minden Hills. Subscribers receive email notifications on events, employment and tender opportunities and more!

## **Community Services Department**

### **Renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Arena**

Completion is scheduled for summer, 2020. The Community Centre remains operational during this time. Please call (705) 286-1936, extension 200 for booking information.

For more information and progress photos, please visit our municipal website.

### **The Township has received funding approval for the following initiatives:**

Rehabilitation of the Minden Tennis Courts – New Horizons for seniors \$25,000

Green Jobs Initiative – Summer Student Parks \$5,700

Canada Summer Jobs – Summer Student Parks \$3,900

Hydro One Save On Energy – Arena Energy Incentives \$32,000

## **June is Parks and Recreation Month**

June is Recreation and Park Month (JRPM) is a movement that promotes the benefits of recreation and parks for physical, social, and environmental health. Communities across Ontario have embraced JRPM as a way to promote local programs and events, parks and facilities that are available for all citizens to enjoy.

Access to park and recreation is a fundamental human need that helps foster personal health, strong communities, and social inclusion. JRPM celebrates Ontario’s spectacular parks and recreation services and raises awareness for the role they play as a pathway to individual, community, and environmental well-being.

## **Environmental and Property Operations Department**

### **Household Hazardous Waste Days**

The Township will be sponsoring Household Hazardous Waste Days from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Scotch Line Landfill Site on the following Saturdays:

June 22

August 10

August 31 (long weekend)

October 12 (long weekend)

Grey Landfill User Identification Cards must be shown

### **Hydrant Flushing**

Hydrant Flushing is scheduled to be performed throughout the Minden Water Distribution System during June and October of each year. During these periods, please allow water to run for 2 to 5 minutes to clear any discolouration which may occur. This is a normal effect of the flushing.

## **2019 Final Tax Billing**

Your 2019 final residential tax bill is enclosed. Payment is due in two (2) installments, on July 19 and September 20, 2019.

This tax bill also indicates any past due taxes and penalty accumulated up to June 30, 2019.

In order to avoid penalty your payment must be received in the Township Office by the due dates.

Penalty at the rate of 1 ¼% per month is added to all past due taxes on the first day of each and every month until your account is paid in full.

## **Tax Rates**

The total 2019 Tax Rate for properties in the Residential Class has increased by 1.81%. Please refer to our website for full tax rates.

## **Fire Department**

Working smoke alarms keep you and your family safe. It's the law and it could save your life and the lives of your loved ones. Are you ready to make your home fire safe?

## **Roads Department**

### **2019 Roadwork**

#### **Brushing**

Soyers Lake Road

Buller Road

Swinson Road

Grace Road

Osprey Road

Blairhampton Road

Cox Farm Road

Bacon Road

Ritchie Falls Road

#### **Hard Top Resurfacing - Single Surface with Base Repairs**

Rackety Trail Road

Little Bob Lake Road

Cox Farm Road

Minden Lake Road

Alfred Road

#### **Hard Top Resurfacing Slurry**

Red Umbrella Road

Crooked House Road

Ritchie Falls Road

Osprey Road

Reynolds Road

#### **Road Maintenance**

Roadside Mowing will begin in July

Calcium Application will begin in June

All Roads will be maintained as per Ontario Regulation 239/02

### **Construction**

Pre-Engineering of Sunny Brook Bridge

Pre-Engineering of Sedgwick Road Bridge

Pre-Engineering of IGA Road

### **Civic Address and Road Name Signs**

Missing Civic Addressing and Road Name Signs should be reported to the County of Haliburton Roads Department at 705-286-1762.

### **Permits**

Entrance Permits are available at the Township Office. New entrances and modifications to existing entrances require an Entrance Permit.

Wide Load Permits are available at the Township Office. All vehicles carrying an over-dimensional load as per the Highway Traffic Act are required to receive permission from the Township prior to moving the load.

### **Other Services**

#### **Haliburton County Library Minden Branch Hours**

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10 AM to 8 PM

Wednesday 10 AM to 8 PM

Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM

Friday 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM