



2020 Interim Newsletter

Remember to find us on Facebook at: facebook.com/Township.Minden.Hills/ and follow us on Twitter at: twitter.com/twpmindenhills.

Township Contact Information

Telephone: 705-286-1260
Toll Free: 1-844-277-1260
Email: admin@mindenhills.ca

After Hours Emergency: 1-866-856-3247

Fax: Administration 705-286-4971, Building Bylaw Planning and Finance 705-286-6005, Community Services 705-286-3070, Cultural Centre 705-286-2146

Address: 7 Milne Street, PO Box 359 Minden Ontario K0M 2K0

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

Remember to find us on Facebook at facebook.com/Township.Minden.Hills/ and follow us on Titter at twitter.com/twpmindenhills

Municipal Telephone Numbers

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

Finance/Tax 705-286-1260 x 0

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

Cultural Centre 705-286-2808

Agnes Jamieson Gallery 705-286-3763

Minden Hills Museum 705-286-3154

Community Centre/Arena 705-286-1936

Public Works 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 or 705-286-1260 extension 220, email bdevolin@mindenhills.ca

Deputy Mayor: Lisa Schell, phone 705 286-1035, email lschell@mindenhills.ca

Councillors:

At Large: Ron Nesbitt, phone 705-328-5590, email rnesebitt@mindenhills.ca

Ward 1: Bob Carter, phone 705-286-1260 extension 402, email bcarter@mindenhills.ca

Ward 1: Jennifer Hughey, phone 705-854-1205, email jhughey@mindenhills.ca

Ward 2: Pam Sayne, phone 705-454-9804 or 705-286-1260 extension 403, email psayne@mindenhills.ca

Ward 3: Jean Neville, phone 705-286-2345, email jneville@mindenhills.ca

Department Information

Building and Bylaw

Dog Tags

Pursuant to Dog Control & Licencing By-Law Number 09-28, dog tags were due January 1st. The Annual Fee is \$10.00 each until March 31st or \$15.00 each after March 31st.

Please contact the Building/Bylaw/Planning Department in person at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario or by calling 705-286-1260 for more information or to obtain a form to purchase a tag. You will need to have the following information; name, address, telephone, name of dog, breed, age, colouring, disposition, and dates of most recent rabies vaccination.

Clerk's Office

Accessible Minden Hills

The Township is committed to creating a barrier free Ontario by complying with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and its standards. We strive to provide information in accessible formats and encourage individuals to visit us at www.mindenhills.ca or contact the Clerks Department at 705-286-1260, extension 212 for more information or to request alternate formats of communication supports.

Advisory Committees

If you or someone you know is interested in participating as a member on an Advisory Committee for the current term of Council, please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/ or contact the Clerk's Department for information.

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 2020. 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/

Committee of the Whole (COTW)	Council
COTW cancelled for January	Council January 30
COTW February 13	Council February 27
COTW March 12	Council March 26
COTW April 9	Council April 30
COTW May 14	Council May 28
COTW June 11	Council June 25
COTW cancelled for July	Council July 30
COTW cancelled for August	Council August 27
COTW September 10	Council September 24
COTW October 8	Council October 29
COTW November 12	Council November 26
COTW cancelled for December	Council December 10

Delegations at Council Meetings

Do you have an important issue or concern that you wish to bring forward for Council's attention? If so, you will need to request to be a delegation. If you wish to be a delegation before Council or would like more information, please contact the Clerk Department at 705-286-1260 extension 212 or email admin@mindenhills.ca

Did You Know?

Township Policies are available to view on our website at www.mindenhills.ca/clerks-department/policies/

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 mindenhills.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/Cultural Centre

2020 Canada Day Celebration

Wednesday July 1st. For more information check out mindenhills.ca/events

Artisan Market Minden Hills

Saturday mornings June 20th to October 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Held downtown in front of the Municipal Administration office. Vendors Wanted! Items must be handcrafted. For more information, contact Elisha 705-286-2808.

Incredible Haliburton County Farmers' Market

Saturday mornings May 16th to October 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Held downtown in the Municipal parking lot. For more information, contact Faye at incrediblehcfma@gmail.com

March Break at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden Ontario, K0M 2K0

Half Day March Break Camps

Must register in advance: 705-286-3763. Camps are 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and cost is \$10 per day. Camp is for ages 9 plus.

Monday March 16 – Lino-block Printmaking
 Wednesday March 18 – Claymation Animation
 Thursday March 19 – Claymation Animation

Afternoon Open Studio

Monday to Friday March 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 from 1 PM to 3 PM. Free creative activities for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop in plus Family Storytime & Mini Makers at the Haliburton County Public Library, Minden Hills Branch.

Landfill and Water/Sewer

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Event Schedule

All events take place at the Scotch Line Landfill and run from 8 AM to 11:30 AM. Please visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for a list of accepted materials.

Dates: May 16, June 20, August 8, September 5 and October 10

Are you Practicing Good Recycling Hygiene?

You've probably heard in the news that the recycling industry is facing challenges. It's not all bad news though; practicing good "recycling hygiene" leads to high quality recyclables that are in high demand and can be recycled into new products. Poor recycling hygiene creates low quality recycling that is at risk of being landfilled instead of recycled... wouldn't that be a waste!

Good Recycling Hygiene	Poor Recycling Hygiene
Containers are empty and rinsed	Containers are dirty, unrinsed
Plastic bags bundled into one bag and placed with papers	Plastic bags are loose and scattered throughout recyclables
Styrofoam containers bundled into a bag and placed with papers	Styrofoam and plastic bags are mixed with containers
All other materials are loose (not bagged)	Materials are bagged
Boxes are flattened	Aerosols and paint cans still contain fluid
Aerosols are completely empty	
Paint cans are empty and dry, lids are off	

We've recently updated the Garbage and Recycling page of our website to make it easier to answer the question What Can I Recycle? Visit mindenhills.ca/landfill for more!

Even though they might look like it, remember that none of these things are recyclable: Drinking glasses (glass or plastic, garden hose, toys, vases, figurines and knick-knacks, pvc pipe or vinyl siding, pots and pans.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant Flushing is scheduled between May/June and October/November each year. Please watch for future media releases with exact dates and instructions.

Protect Your Pipes and Your Wallet!

Be careful what goes down the drain. Baby wipes, dental floss, salad dressing and bacon grease... What do they all have in common? These items can block your pipes if you put them down the sink or toilet.

Blocked pipes are big trouble. They can burst or back up, leading to costly flooding in your home or business.

Further down the line, items like wipes and grease can clog sewers and cause toxic sewage overflows into streets and the natural environment.

They can also damage local wastewater infrastructure, and your water rates may go up to cover repairs.

Snow Clearing around Fire Hydrants

If there is a hydrant near your home, please clear snow or ice at least 60 centimeters (2 feet) from around the hydrant. That way, in case of an emergency, Emergency Services crews can find and access the hydrant with the greatest possible speed.

Finance Department

2020 Interim Tax Billing

Your 2020 Interim tax bill is enclosed. Payment is due in two (2) installments, March 20th and May 22nd, 2020.

This tax bill also indicates any past due taxes and penalty accumulated up to February 29th, 2020.

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.

Address Changes

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.

Ensure Your Taxes are paid on Time, No Matter Where You Are!

The Township offers three (3) preauthorized payment plans and there is no fee to sign up. See the enclosed application form for more information.

You can also pay your taxes online or by telephone banking through your bank or credit union.

Please allow two (2) to three (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 and sewer bill online, through telephone banking or sign up for our new quarterly preauthorized payment plan.

Making Payments

Your taxes may be paid via telephone/internet banking services of the CIBC, Bank of Montreal, TD Canada Trust, Bank of Nova Scotia or any Canadian Credit Union. 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. 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.

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 charged resulting from inaccurate account information. Please ensure that you are using the correct 19 digit number, and that each account is paid separately.

Fire Department

Space Heater Safety Do's and Don'ts

Do	Don't
Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.	Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.
Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.	Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can be a tripping hazard.
Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or if you forget to shut it off.	Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

No matter what type or brand of space heater you opt to use, follow these safety tips from the NFPA to reduce the chances of fires and injury:

- Keep anything that can burn, including bedding, furniture and curtains at least 1 meter (3 feet) away from a space heater.
- Have a “kid-free zone” 1 meter (3 feet) around space heaters and never a space heater in a child’s bedroom.
- Run power cords on top of carpet and step over them to avoid abrading the cord.
- Do not use extension cords, this can cause the cord or heater to “overheat”.
- Turn off space heaters when going to bed or leaving a room.

- Don't use a space heater in a damp or wet area unless it's specifically made for that purpose.
- Never put a space heater on a countertop unless it's specifically designed for it.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and test monthly.
- Only purchase "UL Listed" heaters which display the UL mark on their label. This is an independent organization which tests for safety.
- Don't use gas or oil-burning space heaters indoors, only outdoors or in spaces open to the outdoors like tents or porches.
- Read and follow all manufacturer's directions for your space heater.

Roads

Road Projects

Check the next newsletter or contact the Public Work Department at 705-286-3144 to learn about the 2020 road and bridge projects.

No Winter Parking

From November 1st to April 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:30 AM on all Township roadways and parking lots. Parking in a snow plow turnaround is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked that prohibit the safe removal/plowing of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.