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Subject: Minden Hills COVID-19 Update REVISED

Minden Hills, March 16, 2020 - The Township of Minden Hills continues to monitor the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization (WHO).

We are collectively working together to put into effect community-based measures that will protect the general population in Minden Hills and our surroundings, in order to do our part to slow the spread of the virus. New information continues to be communicated by the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario regarding preventative measures for communities.

Minden Hills has postponed all community programming, events and advisory committee meetings that were scheduled within Municipal buildings and facilities; until April 5, 2020, due to the concerns associated with the COVID19 pandemic. Closure beyond this period will be determined as the situation evolves.

Council, Committee of the Whole and Committee of Adjustment meetings will continue as scheduled.

The Cultural Centre, Nature's Place, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum, Welsh Room and Community Centers (S.G. Nesbitt, Irondale and Lochlin) will be closed to the public and all programming postponed. The Minden Hills Fire Hall will also be closed to the public.

The Minden Hills administration offices including the Taxation, Finance, Clerk, Building, Bylaw, Planning and Public Works Departments, as well as the Landfill Sites will remain open to the public. Staff and attendants will be following infection control practices, including social distancing.

We encourage patrons to limit their visits to these facilities, where possible, and to call the office and/or to use our online resources in order to conduct business with the Township. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates when we are able to do so.

The Township of Minden Hills Council and Staff encourage everyone to stay calm and continue with infection control practices, such as; frequent hand washing and sanitizing, coughing into sleeves (not hands) and remaining at home if feeling unwell.

The Township of Minden Hills encourages social distancing measures as a way to minimize COVID-19 transmission in the community. This means minimizing close contact with others during this outbreak. The health and safety of the community is our priority and we will continue to provide updates as information becomes available to us. We encourage everyone to visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca, as well as the following websites, for up to date news and information:

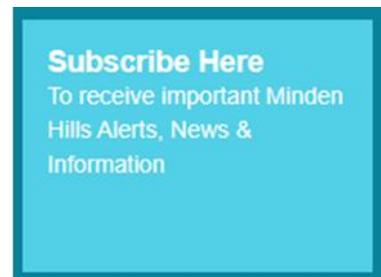
Public Health Ontario - <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/public-resources>

Ministry of Health - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus?amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;amp;qid=95944921>

Health Canada - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html?amp%3Bamp%3Bamp%3Bqid=96637021>

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