



For Immediate Release

Minden, Ontario
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Subject: Minden Hills COVID-19 Service Reductions Update

Effective March 18, 2020, all Township facilities were closed to the public, until further notice. This measure was undertaken in response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. The Township's first priority is for the protection of the public and staff.

As a result of the closures, the following are in effect:

-) The March Tax Due Date has been extended to April 24th, 2020.
-) Landfills remain **OPEN** with reduced levels of service being provided at this time. Visit www.mindenhills.ca for details.
-) The level of staff service has been significantly reduced. Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 or admin@mindenhills.ca
-) Essential services will be maintained as much as possible.
-) Council meetings have been suspended until further notice.
-) Committee of Adjustment and Public meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:

Telephone: 705-286-1260 x. 200

Email: admin@mindenhills.ca

Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries though the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

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

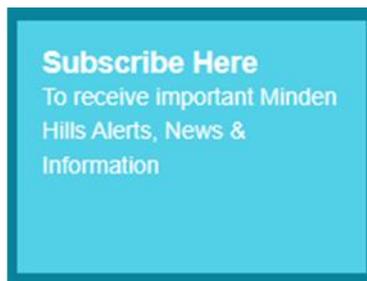
encourage everyone to visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca, as well as the following websites, for up to date news and information:

-) 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;amp;amp;qid=95944921>
-) Health Canada - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html?amp%3Bamp%3Bamp%3Bamp%3Bqid=96637021>

Thank you for your understanding as we work toward keeping our community safe and healthy.

To receive important information and updates, including in the event of an emergency, please ensure that you are subscribed to the Minden Hills website. Do this by simply clicking the **Subscribe Here** button, located at the bottom of the Minden Hills website, and complete the following:

- Name and email address
- Select any or all of the options listed to receive notifications.
- You will receive a confirmation email thanking you for subscribing.
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The Municipality will continue to communicate all information by means of media broadcasting and media releases to radio stations, local newspapers and our website.

For Municipal Emergency contact after hours call: 1-866-856-3247

For Emergency Services call: 911

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