



## **For Immediate Release**

Minden, Ontario  
Thursday April 9, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Release #20-25

## **Subject: Minden Hills COVID-19 Easter Holiday Weekend, Short Term Rentals and Contact Information**

### **Easter Weekend:**

We understand that this Easter Weekend will be very different for many, as we encourage individuals to continue to practice social and physical distancing, and to maintain a distance of two meters from others outside of their household.

We'd like to urge everyone to utilize other means of communicating with their family, friends and neighbours, including phone calls, social media and chat lines, or other unique ways to stay in touch.

Your commitment to these distancing measures will make a difference!

### **Short Term Rentals:**

Following the advice from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, on April 3, 2020, Ontario updated the list of essential businesses that can remain open. The restrictions are aimed at further reducing contact between people and stopping the spread of COVID-19: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>

- Every person who provides short term rentals in rental accommodations shall ensure that any rentals booked after April 4, 2020 are **only** provided to individuals who are in need of housing during the emergency period.
- The above provision does not apply in respect of hotels, motels and student residences.
- Failing to comply with this emergency order is an offence under the EMCPA, and parties may be subject to a fine.

## **Reporting Non-Adherence to Public Event and Social Gathering**

### **Guidelines:**

The Ontario government has prohibited organized public events and social gatherings of more than five (5) people.

If you are aware of anyone who is not adhering to this order, or to the guidelines related to physical distancing, you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122; or online by visiting [opp.ca/reporting](http://opp.ca/reporting).

## **Contacting the Township:**

If your call is an Emergency, call 911.

**During the Easter Long Weekend, please note that our Administrative Call Answering Services will not be monitored from 4:30pm Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to 8:30 am, Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Exclusive of Landfill operations, all Township facilities continue to remain closed to the public, until further notice. Administrative call answering services remain available during regular business hours, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday.

Our menu has changed – dial 705-286-1260 followed by one of the following options:

- For the Building, By-law and Planning Departments dial extension 209
- For the Finance and Tax Department dial extension 201
- For the Public Works Department (including Landfills, Roads and Water & Sewer) dial extension 212
- For all other inquiries dial extension 200

Email: [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca)

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call or email.

If a return call is deemed necessary by Staff, it will be done in a priority sequence. Please be patient.

Please do not submit inquiries through the Minden Hills website “Contact Us” form.

For after-hours Township related emergencies, please call 1-866-856-3247.

## **Township Services:**

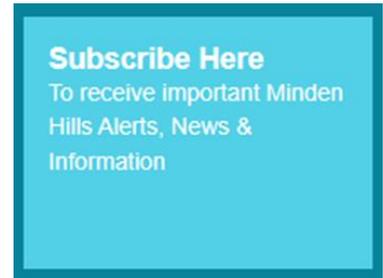
Some reduced or alternative service levels are in effect. For a complete list please refer to our website at: **[www.mindenhills.ca/covid-19-information/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/covid-19-information/) or information posted on all doors of the Township Office located at #7 Milne Street.**

We thank the public for their understanding as we work towards keeping our community safe and healthy.

Stay Safe. Stay Well.

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.  
IMPORTANT: Check your spam folder if you do not receive the confirmation email.



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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