



For Immediate Release

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Subject: Minden Hills COVID-19 Tax Due Date Extension 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 continued reduction in services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following updates are in effect:

- The due date for the 1st installment of the 2020 Interim Tax billing has been further extended to **May 29, 2020**;
- The due date of the 2nd installment of the 2020 Interim Tax Billing has been extended to **June 26, 2020**.

The following tax information remains the same:

Payment Methods:

- Cash and debit payments have been suspended;
- Please refer to the following table for all other payment methods:

Payment Method	Taxes	Water & Sewer	Other Misc. Billings
Cash or Debit	Not Permitted at this Time	Not Permitted at this Time	Not Permitted at this Time
On-Line & Telephone Banking	✓	✓	Not Available
Cheque (by Mail or Township Secure Drop Box)	✓	✓	✓
Pre-Authorized Payment	✓	Not Available unless previously set-up	Not Available
Financial Institution	✓	✓	Not Available

- The secure (locked) drop box (as noted in the above table) is labelled and located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pritchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp;

Absolutely no cash is to be deposited in the drop box; and

- Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month. The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on **May 22nd, 2020**. Post-dated cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your

preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call 705-286-1260, extension 201.

- While due dates have been extended, we encourage account holders to utilize the payment methods noted above, and to submit payments as soon as reasonably possible.

Payment of all Vendor Accounts (Accounts Payable):

- Will continue according to normal processes;
- Due to the office closure, invoices must be mailed or placed in the Township Drop Box – see details above.

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/ 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 toward keeping our community safe and healthy.

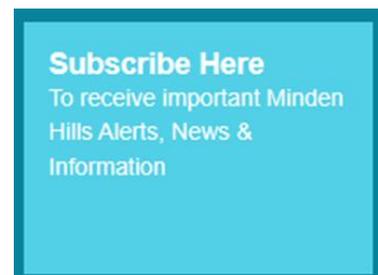
The Township of Minden Hills encourages social distancing measures as a way to minimize COVID-19 transmission in the community. This means minimizing close contact with others during this outbreak. The health and safety of the community is our priority and we will continue to provide updates as information 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%3Bqid=96637021>

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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