

**For Immediate Release**

Minden, ON. Monday May 8, 2017

3:00 p.m.

Release #17-30



**SUBJECT: Health Unit and Hydro One Update**

**Health Unit**

Please visit the Health Unit website for information regarding wells, septic systems and boiled water advisory etc.

Residents with private wells are reminded to contact the **Health Unit** regarding the **safe use and consumption of well water, in the event that the well may be affected by ground water**. Information regarding water testing bottles and drop-off locations can also be obtained from the Health Unit:

1-866-888-4577

The Health Unit also provides information on [Flooded Wells and Septic Systems](#), [Cleaning After a Flood](#), [Food Safety During a Power Failure](#) and [Cleaning and Removing Mould](#). Visit the Flood Safety section of their website for more information:

[www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Environments/EmergencyPreparedness/FloodSafety.aspx](http://www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Environments/EmergencyPreparedness/FloodSafety.aspx)

Residents with private septic systems, which may have been affected by flooding, are encouraged to contact the Municipal Building Department at 705-286-1260 x209.

**Hydro One**

If you are concerned about water in or around your residence, or other buildings, call the Hydro Call Centre at 1-888-664-9376. Disconnected services may impact water removal equipment (i.e. sump pumps); therefore, it may also be necessary to contact your insurance company.

**Suggestions to Assist you During a Flood Warning:**

- Be Prepared - Build an Emergency Survival Kit that allows you to be self-sufficient for at least 72 Hours.
- Keep Emergency Contacts Near Your Phone
- Check Your Sump Pumps - Ensure the sump pit is clear of debris and that all electrical connections are plugged in correctly and circuit breakers are operational. Check your maintenance manual for instructions on how to check the float, test the check valve and clean the impeller.
- Remember to keep all items up and off the floor where potential flooding could occur.

For more information regarding notices, including road closures, water levels and suggestions to assist you during the Flood Warning, please visit the Township website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca). Information on road closures can also be obtained by visiting the Road Closure App, accessible from the township website or by typing the following url into your web browser's search bar: [roadclosures.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://roadclosures.haliburtoncounty.ca)

To receive important information and updates, including in the event of an emergency, please ensure that you are subscribed to the Minden Hills website, by following these easy instructions:

- On the bottom right hand side of the Minden Hills website, type in your email address into the “Subscribe to Alerts” box and click the gray arrow.
- Confirm your email address on the next prompt screen.
- Enter in the digits in the captcha box and click the submit button.
- You should receive an email to complete the subscription process, if you don't, check your junk mail.
- Your confirmation email will provide you with a link, select the link.
- The link will allow you to customize your subscription list.
- Select “Emergency Alerts” to receive emergency posts and notifications.
- Select “Newsroom” to receive all other non-emergency posts, including water levels and road closures notifications.
- Select other categories if interested in receiving notifications.
- Select save.

The Township will communicate all information by means of broadcasting media releases to local media, radio stations and the Township website.

Tune into Canoe FM 100.9 and Moose FM 93.5 for these broadcasts.  
For Municipal Emergency contact after hours call: 1-866-865-3247  
For Emergency Services call: 911

For more information please visit [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) for accurate updates.

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