



Media Release

Town of Midland announces cancellations and changes to services

Monday, March 16, 2020 – In an effort to reduce the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Midland has cancelled all Public, Board and Committee meetings until at least Monday, April 6, 2020.

The meetings affected by this announcement are as follows:

- Staff Technical Review Committee – Tuesday, March 17
- Mayor's Housing Working Group – Thursday, March 19
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Thursday, March 19
- Seniors Council – Thursday, March 19
- Audit Committee – Tuesday, March 24
- Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation Board of Directors – Friday, March 27
- Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee – Monday, April 6

An update on the status of Public, Board and Committee meetings scheduled for after April 6 will be provided closer to that date.

The Town of Midland has two Council Meetings scheduled during this three-week period, Wednesday, March 18 and Wednesday, April 1. At this time, the Council meeting on March 18 will proceed as scheduled, however the public will not be permitted to attend in Council Chambers. Instead, residents are encouraged to watch the Council meeting on RogersTV (cable 53) or on [RogersTV live stream](#).

The following items have been removed from the March 18 agenda and deferred to a later Council meeting:

- Parking Payment Solutions Report (ML-2020-03);
- Award of Merit;
- Staff Recognition; and
- Deputation – Drinking Water Source Protection 101 and Update.

An updated agenda will be posted on Tuesday, March 17. A decision on the Council Meeting scheduled for April 1 will be made next week, based on the evolving situation with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Town is also making changes to the services and operation at Town Hall. Effective Tuesday, March 17:

- Hand sanitizing stations will be setup at the Dominion Avenue & Third Street entrances;
- A hand washing station will be set up at the Third Street entrance;
- Following warnings from the County on virus transmission via cash, the Town will no longer be accepting cash transactions, only electronic payment via debit or credit card;
- One Customer Service window will be open and only essential services will be offered at Town Hall, these include (by appointment only, please call related department to book):



- Building & Planning applications
 - Marriage Licenses
 - Lottery Licenses
 - Taxi Cab Drivers Licenses
 - Meter Bags
 - Freedom of Information Requests
 - Encroachment Agreements (by phone or email)
 - Tax Certificates
 - Transit card reloading
- The following non-essential services will not be offered until further notice:
 - Dog Tags;
 - Fire permits
 - Hawker/Peddler/Refreshment vehicle license;
 - Seasonal boat slip permits
 - Curb Cuts for driveways;(If residents are unsure if a service is available, they can call 705-526-2221 to confirm.)

 - Transit will continue taking extra measures to ensure the transit buses are sanitized during the day. All riders are required to self-screen and shall use hand sanitizer before boarding the bus.

The Town strongly urges residents to please make use of the drop box located at the Third Street entrance for making payments for tax bills, water/wastewater bills and parking tickets, or via electronic fund transfer via their bank.

“We understand that these changes may be an inconvenience to some residents,” said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. “Ultimately we want to keep the health of our staff and residents in mind, and by making these changes we’re still able to keep Town Hall open, while continuing to help reduce the rate of spread of the COVID-19 virus.”



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