



Media Release

Seasonal changes for Operations Team during COVID-19

April 17, 2020 – With the arrival of spring, clean up of parks and public spaces, preparation of sports fields and facility grounds, street sweeping, tree maintenance and lawn maintenance is underway. During the COVID-19 pandemic some changes have been made to protect the health and well-being of Town of Midland Operations crews and the community.

Thorough cleaning practices are in place for vehicles and equipment according to best practices as prescribed by the local, provincial and federal health agencies. An adequate supply of sanitizer is being provided as well as the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for this work is in place.

Town workers who are maintaining public areas will be spread out as a measure to ensure they remain two metres apart, with only one employee per maintenance vehicle. Additional PPE will be utilized when necessary. Also, in an effort to save costs during this time, spring planting of trees and flower gardens has been postponed.

“This is a very busy time of year for the Operations Team, with many amenities to prepare for spring/summer usage,” said Andy Campbell, Executive Director of Environment & Infrastructure. “While many of these amenities are currently closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, maintenance work will continue in anticipation of these amenities being used hopefully in the not too distant future.”

As a reminder, the following amenities remain closed until further notice:

- Sports fields, parks and picnic shelters;
- Playground equipment; and
- Beaches at Little Lake Park, Pete Pettersen Park, and Gawley Park.
- Town Dock & Marina (season dockage contracts to be prorated once opened);
- Boat launch at Pete Pettersen Park;

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates on the Town of Midland website at [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://www.midland.ca/COVID-19), and we encourage residents to follow our social media channels for updates as well, [@MidlandON](https://twitter.com/MidlandON) on Twitter, and [@townofmidland](https://www.facebook.com/townofmidland) on Facebook.

For more information on the state of COVID-19 in our area, please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 or visit their website at [simcoemuskokahealth.org](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).



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