



Media Release

Town to reopen boat launch, other harbour and outdoor amenities to remain closed

May 15, 2020 – With the announcement from the Province yesterday that additional seasonal services and activities will be permitted, the Town of Midland will be reopening the boat launch at Pete Pettersen Park, effective 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

The boat launch will not be staffed, however the OPP will have an increased presence to ensure safety and physical distancing guidelines are complied with by users.

The Town Dock will be available for usage by seasonal boaters, however the following amenities at Midland Harbour will remain closed/unavailable until proper safety and operating protocols can be established:

- Marina services;
- Harbour washrooms and showers;
- Visitor Information Centre; and
- Waste and recycling disposal bins will not be available. Visitors will be required to take their waste and recycling with them.

Parks and other outdoor amenities will remain closed until further notice. Parks and trails may still be used as walk-throughs, however until proper protocols to protect residents and staff have been established, these amenities will remain closed/barricaded.

“We understand the desire for residents to get out and enjoy the water and parks this time of year, however we have to ensure that safety is our prime focus,” said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. “The Province is slowly loosening restrictions but asking us to ensure we only open when safely able to do so. We are also considering the advice of our Chief Medical Officer for Simcoe/Muskoka. A substantial risk of transmission remains in our county and we will be taking a slow approach to ensure that safety and physical distancing protocols are in place at our harbour facilities and outdoor amenities before opening them up to the public.”

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 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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