



## Media Release

# Town of Midland extends closures, temporary changes to Mid-Pen Transit until July 15

July 2, 2020 – With the recent announcement that the Ontario Government has extended the emergency declaration until mid-July, in an effort to further control the spread of COVID-19, the Town of Midland is extending the closure of Town facilities and temporary transit changes until at least July 15, 2020.

### Facilities Impacted

- Town Hall – employees continue to work remotely, with essential services provided by appointment only.
- Fire Department – Closed to public tours/educational activities, inspections done on a case-by-case basis.
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Centre – Closed to public.
- NSSRC – Closed to public. Facility rentals/bookings will not be accepted until further notice. Full refunds for cancelled bookings will be provided once centre is fully reopened.

Essential services such as Policing, Fire Services and Water/Wastewater Services will not be interrupted by these closure extensions.

### Transit Impacts

Until further notice, Mid-Pen Transit Service will remain free for riders, and continue to operate Monday to Friday, using the “Saturday” schedule. In addition, the temporary suspension of transit service on Saturdays, will continue until further notice. Since physical distancing is not always possible on public transportation, riders are encouraged to wear masks to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

Riders are asked to board and disembark using the rear doors when it is an option, to maintain physical distance from transit operators. Riders with disabilities may still use the front door if needed. For more details on the schedule, please visit: [www.midland.ca/Pages/transit.aspx](http://www.midland.ca/Pages/transit.aspx)

### Outdoor Amenities

The following amenities also remain closed/unavailable until further notice:

- Playground equipment and structures.

The following amenities are open:

- Visitor Information Centre, marina services;
- Town Dock for seasonal and transient boaters;
- Boat launch at Pete Pettersen Park;
- Beaches at Little Lake Park, Pete Pettersen Park, and Gawley Park. (Though open to the public, currently the beaches at Little Lake Park and Pete Pettersen Park are under swim advisories until further notice.)
- Public washrooms in parks and at the harbour;
- Parks & sports fields, basketball & pickleball courts;



- Tennis court at Tiffin Park and two of four tennis courts at Little Lake Park (the other two courts will remain closed to ensure physical distancing);
- Off-leash dog park, skateboard park and frisbee golf course (all in Little Lake Park)
- Park benches and shelter (picnic tables have not been installed at this time); and
- Midland Rowing Club.

Any person using these outdoor amenities must adhere to the following government regulations:

- Practice physical distancing of two metres from other users;
- Team sports are not to be played or practiced on the fields/courts; and
- Any sports or games that are likely to result in individuals coming within two metres of each other are not allowed.

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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