



## Media Release

# Town of Midland to receive Provincial funding from Municipal Affairs and Housing towards COVID-19 recovery

August 13, 2020 – On Wednesday, August 12, the Town of Midland received some much-needed good news in the form of financial support from the Ontario government, as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, announced that the Town will receive \$483,900 in funding to support COVID-19 operating costs and recovery in our community. This funding is part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement (SRA).

“I would like to thank Premier Doug Ford, Minister Steve Clark, and Simcoe North MPP Jill Dunlop for listening to the concerns we expressed and for this support. This funding announcement is welcome news for the Town of Midland,” said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. “The Town has faced immense financial pressures due to the pandemic, and our community has as well. This SRA funding will help relieve some of that pressure and assist in the recovery of our community as we continue to work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic together.”

In late July, the Ontario government announced up to \$4 billion in emergency assistance had been secured to provide support to the 444 municipalities in the province, as part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement (SRA). Up to \$2 billion will support municipal operating pressures, and up to \$2 billion to support municipal transit systems.

This funding announcement is part of Municipal Operating Funding Phase 1 of the SRA, with additional funding available in early 2021 as part of Phase 2 for municipalities requiring further support. Municipalities eligible and approved for Phase 2 funding will be notified before the end of the calendar year.

“The Phase 1 funding will assist us with the immediate financial pressures we are facing,” added Mayor Strathearn. “The successful application and securing of Phase 2 funding will be critical for ensuring we can continue the work necessary to help our residents and businesses survive this pandemic.”

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on our 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).



For media enquiries, please contact:

Randy Fee | Communications & Marketing Coordinator

Town of Midland | 575 Dominion Avenue, Midland, ON L4R 1R2

705-526-4275 ext.2264 | [rfee@midland.ca](mailto:rfee@midland.ca) | [Midland.ca](https://www.midland.ca) | [Engagingmidland.ca](https://www.Engagingmidland.ca)