



## Media Release

# Council extends tax/utility relief measures for residents and small business tenants until October 31, 2020

August 20, 2020 – At its August 12 meeting, Midland Town Council approved the extension COVID Relief Measures for Taxes and Utility Interest, designed to help alleviate financial concerns for residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following measures are in place:

- Penalties and interest will not be applied for non-payment of the property tax instalment due June 29, or any subsequent instalments due in 2020 until October 31, 2020;
- Penalties and interest will not be applied for non-payment of utility accounts until October 31, 2020; and
- All returned cheque fees on tax and utility payments will be waived until October 31, 2020.

In addition, Council approved the extension of rent relief for two small business tenants at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre (NSSRC): Olympia Sports and The Snack Shack, who were impacted by the closure of facilities/amenities under the provincial COVID-19 emergency orders. With the facility only recently reopening at limited capacity, the ability of these small businesses to operate is still impacted.

“Most businesses within our community have reopened at this point, in some form or fashion, however due to the NSSRC remaining closed until recently, these two businesses are just now seeing a light at the end of the tunnel towards reopening,” said Mayor Stewart Strathearn. “This extension is a show of support for them, and hopefully as capacity limits increase at the NSSRC, so will their ability to operate again.”

The Town of Midland will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide updates on our website at [Midland.ca/COVID-19](https://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://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://simcoemuskokahealth.org).



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