



Update – April 15, 2020

1) No Departmental Changes

2) Enbridge Gas Inc. and ADM Milling donate Festival sponsorship dollars

- In light of the cancellation of this year's Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival, Enbridge has asked that their \$3,000 sponsorship for the festival be disbursed to The Guesthouse Shelter, and ADM Milling has split their \$2,500 sponsorship, donating \$1,250 to both The Guesthouse Shelter and The Salvation Army Food Bank, to support both organizations in their efforts to serve Midland's vulnerable community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3) Ontario secures critical medical equipment and supplies

- In addition to the supplies purchased through the Ontario Together portal, Ontario also received a commitment from Alberta over the weekend that will see that province send Ontario:
 - 250,000 N95 masks;
 - 2.5 million surgical masks;
 - 15 million surgical gloves;
 - 87,000 safety goggles; and
 - 50 ventilators.

For full details on equipment and supplies secured, visit: [Critical Equipment Secured](#)

4) Health Canada approves new rapid COVID-19 testing kits

- A new rapid test for COVID-19 that can produce results in less than an hour has been approved by Health Canada.
- Spartan Bioscience, out of Ottawa, received approval over the weekend and was expected to start shipping tests for the Federal and Provincial governments on Monday of this week.
- Currently they have contracts to produce test kits for Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, with other provinces working on agreements with the company.
- These tests are expected to provide faster results in rural and remote areas, as well as Indigenous communities.

For more details, visit: [Globe & Mail - Rapid Testing Kits](#)

5) How to shop safely

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has recommendation on how to shop safely during the COVID-19 outbreak, including:

- Choose a shopper who is in good health, and do not go shopping if you are:
 - Sick or living with someone who is;
 - Over the age of 70; and/or
 - Have a weakened immune system or chronic health condition.
- Plan your shopping list carefully, buying enough to last at least a week or two.
- Aim for only one trip a week.
- Shop alone, only one person per household and no children, if possible.

For more tips, look for the section here: [How to Shop Safely](#)

If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to HR@midland.ca for tracking.