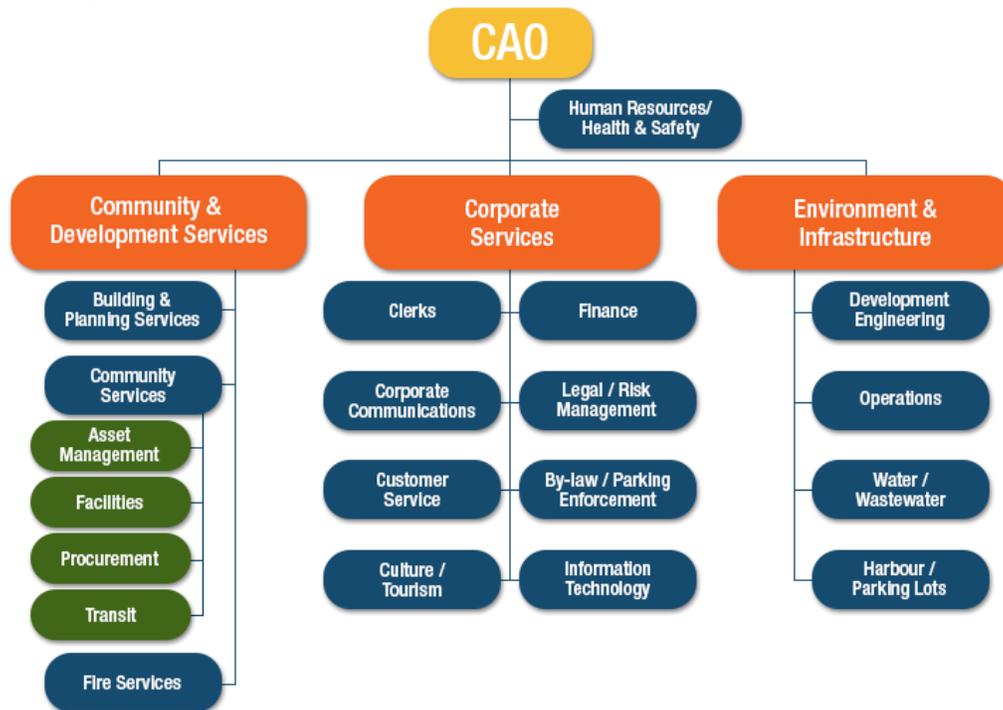


Update – April 16, 2020

1) Town of Midland hires a new CAO

- The Town has hired David Denault as the new Chief Administrative Officer. Previously serving as Associate Deputy Minister and CEO of ServiceOntario, David will begin work with the Town on Monday, April 20.
- With David’s hiring, current Interim CAO Amanpreet Sidhu will resume his role as Executive Director of Corporate Services and Town Solicitor.
- The open position of Executive Director of Community & Development Services is expected to be filled soon, which will complete the corporate restructuring announced in February.



2) Parks Canada suspends camping, group activities and events

To limit the spread of COVID-19, Parks Canada has announced that:

- Camping, group activities and events at all national parks, national historic sites, heritage canals and national marine conservation areas are suspended until at least May 31, 2020. The current suspension of visitor services and vehicle access by visitors, as well as the temporary closure of visitor facilities, will remain in place until further notice.

For more details, visit: [Parks Canada Media Release](#)

3) Ontario announces action plan to protect long-term care residents

The COVID-19 Action Plan: Long-Term Care Homes adds critical new measures to prevent further outbreaks and deaths from COVID-19 in long-term care homes, including:

1. **Aggressive Testing, Screening, and Surveillance:** enhancing testing for symptomatic residents and staff and those who have been in contact with persons confirmed to have COVID-19; expanding screening to include more asymptomatic contacts of confirmed cases; and leveraging surveillance tools to enable care providers to move proactively against the disease.
2. **Managing Outbreaks and Spread of the Disease:** supporting long-term care homes with public health and infection control expertise to contain and prevent outbreaks; providing additional training and support for current staff working in outbreak conditions.



3. **Growing our Heroic Long-Term Care Workforce:** redeploying staff from hospitals and home and community care to support the long-term care home workforce and respond to outbreaks, alongside intensive on-going recruitment initiatives.

For more details, visit: [Long-Term Care Homes](#)

4) Federal Government updates requirements for travelers entering Canada

Canada's Emergency Order under the *Quarantine Act* already requires persons entering Canada to isolate for 14 days if they have symptoms of COVID-19, or to quarantine themselves for 14 days if they are asymptomatic to limit the spread of COVID-19. The updated Order issued states that:

- Any traveller arriving in Canada, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, cannot isolate or quarantine in a place where they would be in contact with people who are vulnerable, such as adults aged 65 years or over and people with pre-existing medical conditions.
- Upon arrival, every traveller will need to confirm that they have a suitable place to isolate or quarantine, where they will have access to necessities, such as food and medication.
- Travellers will be expected to make plans for where they will isolate or quarantine in advance of arriving to Canada. Travellers who do not have an appropriate place in which to isolate or quarantine themselves must go to a place designated by the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada. These criteria are newly applied to asymptomatic travellers.
- In addition, all travellers arriving in Canada will be required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering to proceed to their final destination where they will isolate or quarantine. They will be provided with a mask if they do not have one.

To read the full media release, visit: [Traveller requirements](#)

5) SMDHU Vulnerable Populations for COVID-19 Response Map

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has a new interactive map that highlights vulnerable populations (e.g. seniors, persons living in low income) and places (e.g. long-term care homes, COVID-19 Assessment Centres) in Simcoe Muskoka.

To check out the map, please visit: [Vulnerable Populations Map](#)

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.