



Update – April 20, 2020

### **1) The Town's new CAO, David Denault, starts today!**

- The Town announced the hiring of David last week, and we welcome him to the Town of Midland team!
- Later today David will send an email to all staff to introduce himself to us, followed by a video message that he has recorded. Watch for the email and video message soon!

### **2) Farm2Door has launched in North Simcoe**

- Farm2Door is a food delivery service for North Simcoe, currently servicing the municipalities of Penetanguishene, Midland, Tiny and Tay in Ontario.
- This online farmers' market delivers three times per week: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Ordering days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Browse through the virtual store, select your items and pay at checkout. Delivery is the following day.

To sign-up/place an order, visit: [Farm2Door.ca](http://Farm2Door.ca)

### **3) Province Calls for Innovative Solutions to Combat COVID-19**

- The Ontario government is investing \$20 million to advance medical research and develop tools and resources to combat COVID-19 and other infectious diseases through the Ontario COVID-19 Rapid Research Fund.
- The government is calling on the province's world-class research institutions, post-secondary institutions, and non-profit scientific partners to take action in the development of innovative solutions to track and defeat COVID-19.
- Ontario's post-secondary education sector and research community has already taken on a leadership role to combat COVID-19. Colleges and universities, research hospitals and institutes across the province have stepped up to support their local communities by donating lifesaving ventilators, personal protective equipment and conducting invaluable research on detection and treatment.

To read the full media release, visit: [Rapid Research Fund](#)

### **4) Interested in knowing how long the lineups are at local stores?**

- We are all doing our best to isolate and practice physical distancing, however we still need to make runs to the store for essentials.
- Lineups have become a normal sight at popular businesses (grocery stores, pharmacies, Walmart etc..) as stores manage the number of shoppers allowed inside their business at a given time.
- A new tool has been developed that is updated every 5 minutes, showing what the expected lineup/wait time could be at local stores.
- Similar to Gas Buddy, this site is dependent on users supplying current info on wait times.

To check it out, visit: [Wait Time Tool](#)

### **5) Ontario Establishes Key Partnerships to Make Home Learning More Accessible**

- Ontario's Ministry of Education has collaborated with educators, school boards, Apple and Rogers to support the Learn at Home program with an iPad and integrated wireless remote learning solution to help meet the educational needs of our province's families.
- Working with Apple and Rogers, Ontario school boards now have access to affordable solutions with the iPad device, which is the most secure device for education that's also easy to use, manage and deploy — so that no student is left behind while schools are closed due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.
- iPad devices will be purchased and distributed by Ontario school boards and pre-equipped with Rogers LTE wireless data. Rogers is providing this plan at no cost for the



balance of the school year (until June 30, 2020). Students and families do not need to contact Rogers to set the devices up.

- School boards will determine requirements for student eligibility to receive an iPad.
- In addition, Rogers is allowing eligible households to sign up for high-speed Internet with no overage fees for \$9.99 monthly.

To read the full media release, visit: [Ontario-Rogers-Apple partnership](#)

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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](mailto:HR@midland.ca) for tracking.