



Update – July 17, 2020

We are looking to share positive news about staff! If you've had some good news, please email rfee@midland.ca to include in a future update!

1) Kudos to staff!

- Joline Huang and Jennifer Gaertner have been working diligently on getting the Town's residential and commercial tax bills out. Property taxes are the most significant revenue source for the Town and getting these bills out is a significant undertaking. We are happy to report the bills got out on time!
- Congratulations to:
 - Mitch Sobil, promoted Acting Manager of Engineering (up to 1-year contract)
 - Damian Prisciak, promoted to IT Supervisor, full time
 - Spencer Warren, promoted to Operator 2
 - Robert Harris, promoted to Operator 2

2) Ontario extends Emergency Declaration to July 24, most Emergency Orders to July 29

- The government will continue to review the orders on an ongoing, case-by-case basis to determine when and if they can safely be adjusted or lifted, as part of the reopening framework.

To read the full media release, visit: [Emergency Orders Extended until July 29](#)

3) Ontario Permits 24 Health Unit regions (including Simcoe-Muskoka) to move into Stage 3 of reopening as of 12:01 a.m. today.

- On Monday, the Ontario government announced that nearly all businesses and public spaces will reopen in Stage 3 with public health and workplace safety measures and restrictions in place.
- As part of the Stage 3 reopening, Ontario will be increasing gathering limits for those regions entering the next stage to the following:
 - Indoor gathering limits will increase to a maximum of 50 people;
 - Outdoor gathering limits will increase to a maximum of 100 people;
 - Gathering limits are subject to physical distancing requirements.
- Businesses and services permitted to reopen with proper health and safety measures in place in regions entering Stage 3 include:
 - Indoor dining restaurants and bars;
 - Gyms and fitness studios;
 - Attractions such as casinos, museums, zoos, art galleries, movie theatres and performing arts venues;
 - Playgrounds;
- Child care centres across Ontario will be permitted to operate with cohorts of 15 children.

To read the media release, visit: [Nearly all businesses and public spaces to reopen in Stage 3](#)

For more details on Stage 3, visit: [A Framework for Reopening our Province - Stage 3](#)



4) Human clinical trials begin for Quebec-made coronavirus vaccine candidate

- Canadian trials have just begun for a prospective coronavirus vaccine.
- Medicigo's first phase of clinical trials will test the safety of a plant-based product on 180 healthy men and women, aged 18 to 55.

To read the full CBC article, visit: [Human clinical trials begin for Quebec-made vaccine](#)

5) Town of Midland is still helping others say “I Do”!

- Even with the Municipal Office closed, we have still been helping others say “I do” by continuing to issue marriage licences.
- Since the start of April the Town has issued 68 marriage licences, including 41 in the first two weeks of June!
- With Midland being one of the few municipalities still offering licences right now, some couples have traveled from as far away as Toronto to get their licence to wed!

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 Clerks@midland.ca for tracking.