



Update – June 26, 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) Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency to July 15

- In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government has extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency to July 15, 2020.
- The extension of the Declaration of Emergency will allow the province to make or amend emergency orders as needed as it continues to ease restrictions in support of its phased reopening.

To read the full media release, visit: [Emergency Declaration Extended until July 15](#)

2) Recovery Committee Update

The COVID-19 Recovery Committee is excited to strategize with our work family to discuss concerns/solutions for safety measures and protocols in all Town facilities. We will be setting up 'teams' meetings within each Department which may include 'in-house walk-a-bouts' to discuss barriers and safety protocols. We will also be encouraging input for new innovative ways to provide outstanding customer service, both internally and externally.

The Recovery committee started their initiative at the Municipal Office.

- The Committee has met with 2 groups to date and have e-calendared the remainder of the Municipal Office meetings.
- Completed a Municipal Office facility tour:
 - Determined safety measures required (signage, decals, mirrors for tight spaces, public washroom needs etc).
 - Occupancy loads have been decided in each meeting room, lunchroom, elevator and file room etc. This was determined based on 2m distance between each person. Posters have been created and include cleaning requirements on each poster – these will be erected within a week.
- Customer Service and desk cubicle barriers have been quoted and will be meeting with Senior Leadership Team on Monday.
- Since IT plays an integral part in technology, Damian has graciously agreed to attend the meetings, thanks Damian!
- A list of Recommendations to the Senior Leadership team has already begun and a meeting date is set following our last municipal office employee meeting.
- Action plan is well underway to keep the committee on track.

You all play an integral part in the success of Midland's new normal. The committee may require your assistance, so get ready for some requests for assistance!

Stay tuned for the weekly Corporate and Departmental updates in the Top-5 communication. Stay safe.

3) Ontario Prepares for the Safe Reopening of Schools

The Ontario government released its safety plan for the resumption of class for the 2020-21 school year, outlining scenarios for how students, teachers and staff can safely return to classrooms in September. The plan also provides choice to parents, enhanced online learning, and additional funding. While the decision to return to the normal school day routine will



continue to be based on medical advice, boards will be asked to plan for the following three scenarios to be implemented in September, depending on the public health situation at the time:

- Normal school day routine with enhanced public health protocols - Students going to school every day, in classes that reflect standard class size regulations.
- Modified school day routine - Under this model, school boards are asked to maintain a limit of 15 students in a typical classroom at one time and adopt timetabling that would allow for students to remain in contact only with their classmates and a single teacher for as much of the school day as possible.
- At home learning - Should the school closure be extended, or some parents choose not to send their child back to school, school boards need to be prepared to offer remote education.

To read the full media release, visit: [Safe reopening of schools](#)

4) Prime Minister announces new mobile app to help notify of COVID-19 exposure

The Prime Minister announced the upcoming launch of a new nation-wide mobile app to provide notifications of exposure to COVID-19 across Canada, with beta testing to begin in Ontario.

- The app will be available for Ontarians to download for free on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store in the coming weeks. The technology will be owned and operated by the Government of Canada and published under an open source licence.
- The protection of Canadians' privacy is a priority for the Government of Canada. The app will undergo a thorough privacy assessment, and all data provided to the app will be securely stored and protected. The federal government will not store personal health information.
- The government is engaging with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner to ensure that the app complies with federal privacy requirements in its design and deployment.
- The Government of Canada will establish an external advisory council that includes regional representation, to provide guidance during the roll-out of the app with a view to ensuring it operates in a transparent way and in the public interest.

To read the full media release, visit: [Mobile app to notify of COVID-19 exposure](#)

5) Alberta COVID-19 vaccine advancing to human testing

- A COVID-19 vaccine developed in Edmonton is moving forward to human trials this summer.
- Phase 1 is expected to start in August in Halifax. Phase 2 could start in September, expanding across Canada and the U.S.
- It is hoped Phase 3 can begin by the end of 2020. That portion would involve working with the World Health Organization to test the vaccine in regions of the world where there is active COVID-19 infection.

To read the full Global News article, visit: [Alberta vaccine advancing to human testing](#)

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.