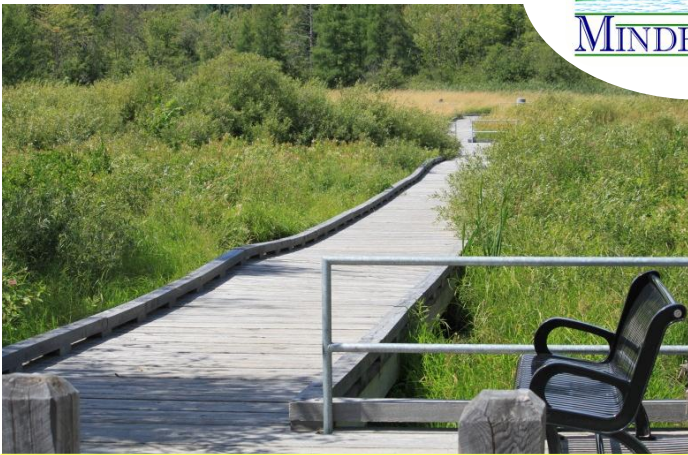


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Community Profile

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In Season, Every Season

We welcome you to our township and are eager for you to visit and explore everything that Minden Hills has to offer. Take time to relax, browse and enjoy the many life qualities we have to offer, from the magnificent natural environment (natural water falls, parks, trails, white water, gem/rock hunting, sightseeing, bird watching etc.) to the many activities and events planned throughout the year for family enjoyment.

Minden Hills is a vibrant and bustling community which strives to ignite the passions of art, music and the environment and we encourage you to enjoy every experience Minden Hills has to offer.



Location

Minden Hills is considered the gateway to the Haliburton Highlands, bridging the area's natural beauty and urban life. Part of Ontario's Highlands, we are home to multiple rivers and lakes, and nature trails for those who love the outdoors. With its location, Minden Hills has become a popular destination for people looking to escape the city and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. Surrounded by seven municipalities and a member of the Haliburton County, Minden Hills has five provincial parks within 50km of Minden, one of which is accessible within the township.

Destination	Distance (Km)	Distance (M)	Approximate Time
Peterborough	100	62	1 hour 20 minutes
Barrie	125	78	1 hour 30 minutes
Toronto	190	118	2 hours 30 minutes
Ottawa	309	192	4 hours 00 minutes
Lewiston-Queenston Bridge (to USA)	320	199	3 hours 30 minutes
Thousand Islands Bridge (to USA)	322	200	3 hours 30 minutes



Climate

The following provides the average temperature and precipitation for each month over a twenty nine year period when the station was active.

Temperature (Celsius)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ave	-9.7	-7.8	-2.7	5.1	11.8	16.8	19.3	18.2	13.8	7.3	1.0	-5.6
High	-4.2	-1.6	3.9	11.6	19.0	23.8	26.2	24.9	20.0	12.7	5.1	-1.2
Low	-15.2	-14.0	-9.2	-1.4	4.5	9.7	12.2	11.4	7.3	1.8	-3.1	-10.0

Source: Canadian Climate Normals 1981-2010 Station Data; Minden Station.

Precipitation

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rain (mm)	30.9	25.4	38.7	67.9	97.6	90.6	82.2	78.0	100.2	93.8	84.3	34.4
Snow (cm)	58.8	41	32.5	10.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	25.0	60.3

Source: Canadian Climate Normals 1981-2010 Station Data; Minden Station.



Transportation

Highways

Minden Hills has two main highways intercepting it, connecting the municipality to its surrounding communities and urban centres. Highway 35 acts as the gateway to the Haliburton Highlands and provides access to the 401 Highway to the south. Reaching Highway 400 and 404 are also easy by travelling along the routes that connect places like Bancroft, Bracebridge, and Barrie together.

Waterways

There are approximately fifteen boat launches within the township that support personal water crafts. Located on a variety of lakes and rivers, these entry points allow easy access to the natural beauty found within Minden Hills. Marinas can also be found throughout the area, with the majority residing along the highways.



Airports

Toronto Pearson International Airport is two and a half hours away from the township whereas the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport is four hours east. The Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport is minutes outside of the municipality and other airports within an hour radius provide chartered flights in large and small aircrafts, including helicopters. The area is also surrounded by water aerodromes which operate on a seasonal basis.

Railways

The closest railway to Minden Hills is located an hour away in Washago. Other stations include Port Hope (1 hour, 45 minutes) and Parry Sound (2 hours). VIA Rail departures are limited and it is strongly suggested to contact the company at least 24 hours prior to ensure a stop in Washago.



Communications

Wireless Technology

Residents of the municipality are able to enjoy high-speed internet and cell phone connections. In April of 2014, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network implemented its plan to improve the internet quality and speed within the region. Currently, free Wi-Fi is available at the Minden Branch Public Library and SG Nesbitt Arena located in Minden. Cell towers owned by Bell and Rogers are located within the township and support many other carriers.

Local Newspaper

There are several publications that cover developments within Minden Hills and Haliburton County. The Minden Times, Haliburton Highlander, and Haliburton Echo are all weekly publications that also posts top stories on their respected websites. Within these papers, readers can find information about upcoming events, municipal government proceedings, and classified advertisements.

Local Radio

Many radio stations can be listened to within the municipality to suit your musical taste. Two stations operate within the county and are able to provide information about local news and events to inform the public. These stations typically play a variety of both new and old pop and rock songs.

Television

While there is no local station that exclusively covers the municipality or its county, many residents can rely on the information provided by neighbouring news broadcasts. Chex Television is based in Peterborough and will often discuss news in the Haliburton County. CTV Barrie offers news about Barrie and the surrounding area. TV Cogeco Peterborough/Lindsay and Huntsville/Gravenhurst will offer limited programming about local events.

Municipal

Minden Hills has its own website that offers up to date information about items that the municipality oversees. Past meeting minutes, events, forms, and contact information is all available from this site. People also have the ability to subscribe to receive electronic notices sent from the municipality when new items are added to selected categories. Subscribers have the option of unsubscribing or altering their settings at any time.



Education

Local Elementary School

Archie Stouffer Elementary School is located in the village of Minden near the local cultural centre and hospital. Operating under the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the school educates students from kindergarten to grade 8.

As an institution focused on respect, academics, and open communication, students enjoy a variety of clubs and teams through the school's extra-curricular programs. Archie Stouffer Elementary School provides both a breakfast and snack program, and offers new technologies within its classrooms. Standardized testing results presented by Education Quality and Accountability Office, reveals Archie Stouffer is in the top 30 percentile for Ontario with students meeting or exceeding the provincial average in reading, writing, and math for the 2012-2013 school year.

Other Institutions

Many students continue their education at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. This school offers unique programs beyond the traditional math and sciences by focusing on the arts and culture, as well as hospitality and tourism. Additional services such as a learning centre, co-op programs, and career centre, strive to encourage students to become responsible, educated adults. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School encourages students to become involved within their community and has formed many partnerships with local groups.

Post-secondary institutions include a Fleming College satellite campus within 30 minutes of Minden Hills. Georgian's Bracebridge campus and Loyalist's Bancroft site are approximately one hour from the municipality. Each location offers unique programs spanning from visual arts, health care, and administration. Trent University offers a wide range of degree programs and is located in Peterborough.



Quality of Life

Arts & Culture

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is composed of several buildings, each offering a unique experience to visitors. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery displays several works of art that highlight the nation's natural beauty, including many works by André Lapine. The gallery provides opportunities for other artists to exhibit their work, and several other programs throughout the year.

Nature's Place is an Environmental Museum with a vision to educate, inspire and expand knowledge about nature by offering programs to both children and adult. The nearby Minden Hills museum features 19th century life through its school, church, and blacksmith buildings. The museum allows visitors to explore the great heritage of the Minden Hills area.



Community Organizations

Numerous community groups operate within the municipality that are open to new members. National organizations include the Lion's Club, Royal Canadian Legion, Kinsmen, and Rotary Club. Energetic activities are available for seniors and for youth during the summer months. There are several opportunities for the public to volunteer within the community as well. Pan Am/ParaPan volunteers will be needed for the 2015 games that will bring athletes and visitors from all over the world. Coaches are needed to provide more opportunities for children to retain a healthy lifestyle, and our annual events can always use an extra pair of helping hands. Local committees are also open to welcoming new members who share an interest in their area of focus.



Recreation

With ball diamonds, parks, trails, boat launches, and beaches, Minden Hills provides space for many recreational activities to be enjoyed outside. Available to the public, it is not unusual to see children enjoying the beach as kayakers paddle their way through the many lakes and rivers. During winter, many of the trails become cross country skiing or snowshoeing paths. An arena and curling centre are also available to add to the winter fun.

Protective Services

Law enforcement within the municipality is under the charge of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). For the region, the OPP has reported a declining crime rate and that most violations fall under the Highway Traffic Act. Total crime rate within the township was 36.96 (per 1000 people) for 2012, lower than the provincial average of 40.16 (per 1000 people), meaning Minden Hills is a safe location.



Our fire services are composed of dedicated volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency situations including medical assistance. A station is located in the village of Minden and houses multiple emergency vehicles and lifesaving equipment. The Minden Fire Department works in collaboration with its surrounding communities to promote safe practices for all residents, as evident during the 2013 flooding where firefighters checked at each residence in the high risk area.

Emergency Medical Services are provided through the Haliburton County. First responders are available 24 hours and can assist with the transportation, stabilization, and treatment of a patient. One of four ambulances is based in Minden, leading to quick response times and care.



Annual Events

New Year's Eve Celebration (Winter)

Children can help ring in the New Year by participating in this free event. With skating, tobogganing, and sleigh rides, it's a celebration of the old and new year.

WinterFest (Winter)

Enjoy the outdoors during this two day celebration located in Minden. If the cold is not for you, visit the Community Centre for some indoor activities. Start the day with a hot breakfast before heading to our arena for a public skate, or playing games in the snow by the baseball diamonds.

Truck Pull/Show & Shine (Spring/Summer)

With food, drinks, mud, and trucks, what is not to love at this summer kickoff event. See ATVs get dirty at the mud bog and pristine classic cars on display. Limits will be pushed as trucks and tractors attempt to pull enormous weight.

Canada Day (Summer)

So much more than your typically Canada Day celebration, this day is filled with the hilarious crazy river raft race and children's fishing derby. Music and other entertainment take place in the fairgrounds, before ending the night with a spectacular fireworks show.

Bluegrass Festival (Summer)

The three day festival hosts a number of different bands and singers in the fairgrounds that are sure to keep you moving. With lots of parking and even camping available on site, entering the festival is easy.

County Fair (Summer)

For over a century the County Fair has been praised by locals and visitors alike. With new attractions and exhibits, this event will keep you coming back year after year. Some past/present attractions include demolition derby, petting zoos, rock climbing wall, and laser tag, with much more to see and do.

Family Halloween Party (Fall)

The place for princesses, heroes, goblins, and animals to be. Enjoy the party with dancing, games, and prizes with the entire family. The party is held on the Sunday before Halloween.

Festival of Trees (Winter)

An annual fundraiser for community programs, the Festival of Trees is a craft show selling Christmas decorations. They include Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, gift baskets, and more.

Santa Claus Parade (Winter)

Meet Santa as he travels through the downtown area in Minden. After the parade, you can meet Santa Claus and have your picture taken with him. This event takes place on the last Sunday in November.



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