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In response to the current pandemic situation, here are the most recent measures put forward to ensure the safety and health of the citizens of Morin-Heights.



Morin-Heights Outdoor Network

Our parks and trails are open, as well as our service centres located at 27 rue Bellevue and 50 ch. du Lac-Écho.

Reminder of the safety instructions:

- No gatherings of more than 10 people
- Social distancing of 2 meters
- Respect between users of various activities
- Dogs on leash only (dogs are not allowed on the Aerobic Corridor)

Get the latest info on the network at www.morinheights.com/Outdoors.



News from the Mayor



Dear fellow citizens,

We have just been through one of the most difficult periods of our history. Almost three months of remaining confined in our homes watching Prime Minister Legault announcing the daily hospitalisations and

deaths. It has been a clear tragedy with regards to the treatment of seniors and we must find solutions.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel, hospitalisations are on the decline and deconfinement steps are being announced in small intervals. We will soon find a new normal.

As I am writing these lines, there are 8 COVID-19 cases in Morin-Heights, most of which have probably already recovered. Morinheighters have been disciplined and I congratulate you!

The opening of our region and of our trails has caused a lot of concern to our permanent residents, but the new numbers have shown that there haven't been any new outbreaks in our area. However, we must not lower our guard. We must continue with hand washing, social distancing and wearing masks in order to avoid a potential second wave.

At the municipal level, we have still not been authorized to open public buildings, but our services have never stopped working. I would like to thank Council and the entire municipal team who have met the challenge of working from home successfully! All of your citizens' requests are being treated by email and telephone until Public Health gives us the permission to open.

At the beginning of the pandemic, council members were worried about the situation for the seniors on our territory who are over 70 years of age. We had decided to contact them (those who had provided their telephone number to the town). We also worked with community organizations to identify the most vulnerable seniors. We even offered to help our grocery stores with food delivery. I am proud to confirm that these steps have resulted in demonstrating that the Morin-Heights population is resilient and supportive. Each call that was made was appreciated, but our services were not required since each and every person had a family member or friend that was able to help. It was inspiring!

This exercise has also shown that we are missing a lot of telephone numbers to allow us to make automated emergency notification calls. I invite you

to send us your information so that we can provide these services (see opposite page).

Finally, your municipal council has made the following decisions to make sure that the Public Health regulations are being respected and to help you to get through this difficult period:

- Penalties and interest on the late payment of taxes have been suspended until July 31st.
- Lummis Park will be reserved for permanent citizens and their guests only, from June 23rd to September 7th.
- Children of health care workers will be prioritized for the summer day camp. The number of children that will be accepted has been reduced to a maximum of 40 children from Morin-Heights, when normally, there are 130 places.
- A newsletter has been prepared and sent to local businesses, who have been severely hit by the pandemic, to inform them of all of the government measures available to them.

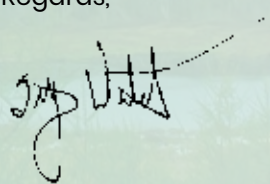
- Sanitary measures and procedures will be put into place to prepare for the opening of public buildings.

Other measures will be made available as they are adopted by Council.

In closing, as Council meetings are being held behind closed doors and citizens are unable to have their questions answered, I am hosting ZOOM meetings every Wednesday from 19:00 to 21:00 and will answer any of your concerns. You may obtain the code and password for these meetings on the Municipality's website. The only exception is the Wednesday night on which the official Council meeting is held.

I am therefore asking that you continue to respect Public Health regulations, to look after your family and seniors and I am certain that *we will get through this together!*

Regards,



Tim Watchorn, ing.
Mayor of Morin-Heights



Opening of municipal buildings

The Town Hall and Chalet Bellevue are now open to the public again. To protect the health of our staff and all users, we ask that you respect the protection and security measures implemented in each of these buildings. Thank you for your collaboration!

Municipal Parks

Basler Park

- Installations of sinks which will be disinfected twice a day
- More picnic tables added to insure adequate social distancing
- Maximized parking space by marked lines on the ground and to allow distancing
- Please respect the 24-hour rule after a heavy rain

Farmer's Market

- Market in operation every Friday from 13:00 to 19:00 at Basler Park
- Disinfection station at each kiosk
- One person allowed at a time by kiosk, queue while maintaining social distancing
- No eating or tasting on the site
- No contact allowed with products before purchase
- No loitering will be tolerated on the site

Lummis Park

- Access reserved for Morin-Heights residents starting on June 23, 2020
- Booth and surveillance at the park entrance
- Proof of residence required, maximum of five non-resident guests allowed
- Toilets and sink installed according to the CNESST guide, disinfection twice a day
- No gatherings of more than 10 people

Communications



1 If you have not already done so, we invite you to register for the **citizen alert system** which allow us to quickly and efficiently reach our residents during emergency or disaster situations. The service is completely free. The parameters are adjustable so you can choose how you will be contacted, either by phone call, SMS (text message) and / or email.



2 This "Info Morin-Heights in Short" will exceptionally be distributed by mail, but the next ones will be sent by email. We invite you **to register so as not to miss any relevant local information!** Rest assured that our regular municipal bulletins will continue to be mailed to you.

Register for these two services at
[www.morinheights.com/
Forms-Summary](http://www.morinheights.com/Forms-Summary).

Day Camp

- Available only to Piedmont and Morin-Heights residents only, from June 29 to August 15
- From 9:00 to 16:00, no daycare, no outings and no teen club
- Lowered ratio and limited access capacity to 40 children from Morin-Heights and 40 from Piedmont
- Parents are not allowed inside the buildings



Reopening of the Municipal Library

As health measures are likely to be imposed for a fairly long period, it is planned to resume service gradually, in five different phases as recommended by the Public Health Department. The library's schedule is therefore changed to better adapt to these measures and recommendations.

Contactless Loan Service Terms

Under the present circumstances, **temporary** measures are established:

- the suspension of late fees;
- the number of books that can be borrowed by one person goes up from four to five;
- the number of weeks that books can be borrowed increases from three to four.



Tuesday 10:00 to 16:00:

Taking reservations and preparing orders.

The easiest and most efficient way to make your reservations is through the catalog on the **mabiblioamoi.ca** website. It is also possible to do so by email at bibliotheque@morinheights.com or, as a last resort, by phone at 450 226-3232, extension 124. You will then be contacted to arrange an appointment to pick up the books at the library or to have them delivered to you via our new **Library on Wheels** service!

Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 to 16:00:

Contactless pick up by appointment only.

For your appointment to retrieve your reservations, you will have to go to the front door of the library and wait outside. A volunteer wearing a mask will validate your name and place a paper bag containing your books on a table. Once the door is closed, you can collect your bag.

Library on Wheels:

For your home delivery appointment, a volunteer wearing an identification card will place a bag containing your books at your entrance and alert you of their presence by ringing or knocking on your door. They will then move away so that a two-meter distance is respected when you open the door. The volunteer will not leave until you are picking up the books to make sure they are not left vulnerable to theft or inclement weather.

Return of book loans

All books must be returned via the book chute accessible outside, on the side of the building facing the parking lot. The books should not be in a bag, just slide them into the chute which will be disinfected twice a day.

Important numbers

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Emergency 9-1-1:
**Public Works (evenings,
nights, weekends and
holidays) - Fire - Police -
Ambulance - Emergency
Measures**

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