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Dispatch service officially gone

Lobby remains open 24/7, but with phones for requesting police assistance

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During debate on the outsourcing of Midland Police Service dispatching, critics said the plan would cost the community a valuable asset.

Chief Mike Osborne does not disagree.

"No doubt, it is a loss of service," he said Tuesday.

However, now that the service has officially been moved to Owen Sound, he is selling it as an attempt to "raise the bar" on how police interact with the public.

In a statement on the Midland police website, the chief noted the usual model in such a situation is to have a phone installed on the out-

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BROTHERS' FUNDRAISER A HAIRY PROPOSITION

Mike Speyer, left, and Marty Speyer co-founded #TheYeamdProject, a not-for-profit initiative in which people grow "yeards" – yearlong beards – to raise money and awareness for Crohn's and Colitis. *For the full story, turn to Page 8.* NIKKI COLE PHOTO

Flags lowered in solidarity with France

The towns of Midland and Penetanguishene lowered the flags at their respective town halls Monday to commemorate the 129 lives lost in the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks in Paris.

The Midland flags re-

mained at half-mast Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The Town of Midland expresses its sincere condolences to those who have lost relatives and loved ones in the recent act of terror-

ism," Midland Mayor Gord McKay said in a statement.

"The citizens of Midland are rightly outraged and stand in solidarity with the citizens of France in dealing with this attack on civilized people everywhere."



Midland Mayor Gord McKay requested the flags at town hall be lowered this week.
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