



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION
TREASURY REPORT 2013/103

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer
DATE: October 23, 2013
SUBJECT: Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee Financial Request

BACKGROUND

At the October 15, 2013 Council Meeting the letter received from Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee request for donation was referred to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for their recommendation.

A Disaster Relief Committee has been appointed in order to both coordinate both fundraising efforts and to adjudicate claims. Under ODRAP the Province will top up funds raised to a maximum of \$2:\$1 ratio. The Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee are asking municipal councils across the province to support their fundraising efforts by making a donation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommends that Council support the request for financial support of the Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief fundraising efforts by way of a \$100.00 donation accompanied by a letter from Mayor Avis.

Council Approval of this Report Will Agree to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommendation to support the Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee fundraising efforts by way of a donation in the amount of \$100.00 and that the donation be accompanied by a letter from Mayor Avis.

Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee



Hastings Highlands Municipal Office
33011 Hwy 62 North, Maynooth, On K0L 2S0



September 2013

Dear Council Head and Members of Council

On May 16, 2013, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in response to local council motions, declared the Town of Bancroft and the Municipality of Hastings Highlands as disaster areas for the purpose of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP)

The Town of Bancroft and the Municipality of Hastings Highlands experienced flood conditions during the last weekend of April, caused by heavy rain falls in addition to the spring thaw. This flood led to severe infrastructure damage to homes and small businesses, as well as the temporary closure of schools and businesses in both municipalities.

A Disaster Relief Committee has been appointed in accordance with the requirements of ODRAP in order to coordinate both fund-raising efforts and to adjudicate claims from private residents, farmers and small businesses that were impacted by the flood.

The Committee has set a financial goal of \$87,500 and is making measurable gains towards meeting it by the fundraising campaign deadline of October 31, 2013. This \$87,500 goal was established following preliminary assessments by the Provincial Disaster Assessment Team. Under ODRAP, the province will top up funds raised to the amount that is needed to pay eligible claims at 90 per cent up to a maximum of \$2:\$1 ratio. Claims for financial support will continue to be submitted until August 30, 2013.

The Bancroft and Hastings Highlands area is predominately rural in nature and is not densely populated. For that reason, we know that the \$87,500 goal is a challenging one but we are working extremely hard towards that end and are confident we can reach it. Our fundraising campaign began less than a month ago and early results are encouraging. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our brochure which is a living document and will evolve as events are completed and new initiatives roll out.

On behalf of the Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee, I am asking municipal councils across the province to support our fundraising efforts by making a donation to this worthy cause. Contributions in any amount will be gratefully received.

Cheques should be made out to Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee and mailed to the Municipality of Hastings Highlands at 33011 Highway 62 N, PO Box 130, Maynooth, ON K0L 2S0.

Yours truly

Dennis Purcell

Dennis Purcell
DRC Chair

MAKE A DONATION

Donations are eligible for a tax receipt, issued by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

►► I would like to make a donation:

20\$ 50\$ \$100 Other

Name:

Address

Telephone #

Email:

Date:

Please make cheque payable to the Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee and send to the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

☐ I require a tax receipt.

Thank you for your support!



CLAIMS APPROVALS

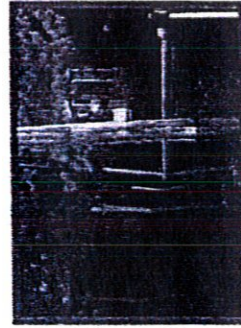
Applications for funding assistance have been available, over the course of the summer, through the Ontario Disaster Assistance Relief Program (ODRAP).

Applicants were able to acquire these forms, in person and on-line, from both municipal offices. The deadline to submit applications was August 30, 2013.

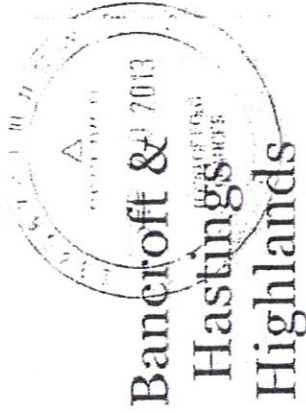
Multiple applications, from both municipalities, have been adjudicated and multiple approvals for advance funding have occurred.

This advance funding is critical for residents, who continue to live with the consequences of the flood today.

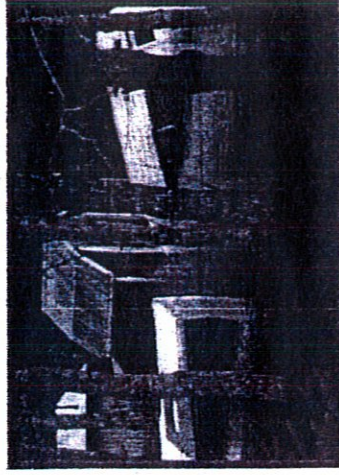
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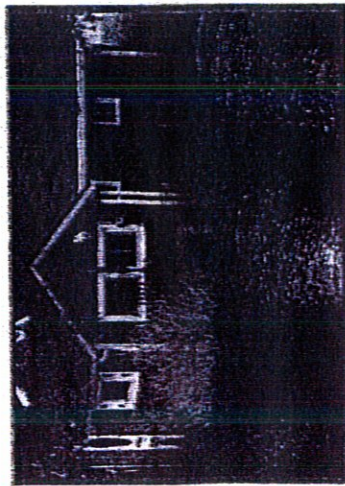
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Disaster Relief



Thank you for your support!



Disaster Relief

The Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee has been established to respond to community need after severe flooding in April caused significant damage in Bancroft and Hastings Highlands.

This is a joint effort between The Town of Bancroft and The Municipality of Hastings Highlands which has been appointed in accordance with the Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs.

Following an assessment by the Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs, the Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee has set a financial goal of \$87 500 which we are seeking to raise by October 31, 2013.

The province tops up private funds raised to the amount that is needed to pay eligible claims at 90 per cent, up to a maximum of \$2:\$1 ratio.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee is appealing to businesses, municipalities, and community organizations to provide financial assistance in support of 2013 flood victims. The needs in our region continue to be on-going and substantial.



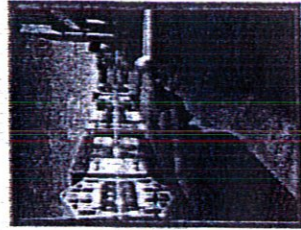
COMMUNITY EFFORTS

Many fundraising efforts have occurred and together the community has raised over \$11,000 for flood victims in our region.

Notable donations include \$5,000 from the Insurance Bureau of Canada; \$500 from the Bancroft & Area Community Policing Advisory Committee; and \$300 from the Pupineau Lake Community Association.

The financial needs in Bancroft and Hastings Highlands, however, continue to be greater than the funds raised.

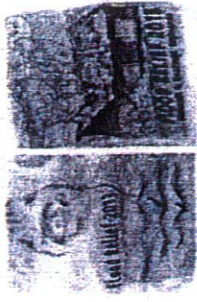
Tax receipts are available upon request.



PRODUCT SALES

Two styles of t-shirts are available for \$20 at the Hastings Highlands Public Library.

These use images created by local artists Arne Roosman and Ren Lamerhild.



ED ROBERTSON CONCERT

Ed Robertson of Barenaked Ladies will be joined by Mary Milne, at the Village Playhouse in Bancroft for a concert in support of flood relief, on September 27, 2013. Tickets for



this concert have sold out and the committee is actively seeking in-kind gifts to support a silent auction. Donations of products and services are being received by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.



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October 16, 2013

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Hasting Highlands Municipal Office
33011 Hwy 62 North
Maynooth, Ontario
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Attn: Dennis Purcell, DRC Chair

Dear Sir:

At their meeting, October 15, 2013, Council referred the financial request dated September 2013 from Bancroft and Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee re: Fundraising to Assist Those Affected by April 2013 Area Flooding to the Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

By copy of this letter, your request has been referred as directed.

Please direct any questions you may have to Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer at 274-5323, ext 248.

Yours very truly,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION

Kathryn M. Lawson, Deputy Clerk

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c.c. Administration and Finance Executive Committee
-Attn: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer

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