

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Subject: Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program
Date: 2022-06-27
To: Mayor and Council
From: Dawn Galusha, Treasurer
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ISSUE

Due to the recent flood events in Fort Frances, it is necessary to apply for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. To apply for the funding, we require Council support through a resolution of Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Administration:

THAT the Administration and Finance Executive Committee support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Municipality of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, recently experienced a flood event, natural disaster, starting on April 22, 2022 and has experienced incremental operating and capital costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances hereby request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program;

FURTHER THAT, the Treasurer is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached claim.

STRATEGIC IMPACT

n/a

OPTIONS & ALTERNATIVES

- (1) Pass a resolution to support the Town submitting a claim under Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance.
- (2) Deny the request.

HISTORY

On April 22, 2022, overland flooding began in the Town of Fort Frances. On April 23, the Municipal Emergency Control Group declared a state of emergency due to a critical infrastructure failure. On May 11, 2022, the emergency declaration was updated to include flooding due to the high-water levels. The Town continues to monitor and take action to ensure the protection of critical infrastructure, assets and properties directly affected by the high waters. With all the flooding and infrastructure failure comes added costs.

ANALYSIS

The Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program helps municipalities recover from extraordinary costs after a natural disaster.

Eligible expenses may include:

- Capital costs to repair public infrastructure or property
- Operating costs that go above regular budgets and are needed to protect public health, safety or access to essential services

Costs are not eligible if:

- Insurance covers them
- They would be incurred anyway

To be eligible for this funding, eligible municipal costs must reach three per cent of the Town's Own Purpose Taxation, being \$317,082. We are estimating that the costs will end up being much greater when it comes to the impact on the infrastructure as well. The reimbursement will be 75% of the first three percent of the Town's Own Purpose Taxation, and 95% of the remaining eligible costs.

CONSULTATION

The Municipal Emergency Control Group, senior managers, and the CAO have all been consulted.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

n/a