

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer
DATE: June 17, 2014
SUBJECT: Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP)

BACKGROUND

As you are aware, at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2014, Mayor Avis declared a State of Emergency related to the large accumulation of rainfall causing flood conditions and the by-pass situation at the Sanitary Sewage Treatment Plant.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing has forwarded information on the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). ODRAP provides financial assistance within the declared disaster area to restore damaged public infrastructure and/or private property to pre-disaster condition, when the cost of restoration exceeds the financial capacity of the affected individuals, municipality and community at large. This program is not a substitute for adequate insurance coverage and does not provide full costs recovery.

For a municipality to be eligible, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing must make a declaration of a disaster area for the purposes of ODRAP. To make a request, municipal council must adopt a resolution and forward it to the Minister within 14 working days of the onset of the disaster. The resolution must state the type of natural disaster and date of the event, outline the municipality's request for a disaster area for the public and/or private components of ODRAP, define clearly all areas damaged by the disaster, and whether all or a specified portion of the municipality is to be declared a disaster area, and agree to establish a local disaster relief committee for the private component of ODRAP as soon as possible once the declaration of a disaster area is made by the Minister.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommend that Council request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing declare the Town of Fort Frances as a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

Council Approval of this Report Will Agree to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommendation to request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing declare the Town of Fort Frances as a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program.



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Subject ODRAP Information for Public and Private Claims

Good morning Mark (and Laurie),

As a follow up to our initial discussion this morning- here is the ODRAP information I said I would share to get you started.

Attached is the link to the ODRAP Guidelines on our website as well as a copy of our ODRAP Presentation which highlights key information for ODRAP which can be used as a tool moving forward.

Main website page with information: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1579.aspx>

ODRAP Guidelines PDF: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6903>

Primary purpose of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) is:

- The **Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP)** provides financial assistance following natural disasters
- ODRAP is intended to alleviate financial hardship and help replace essential items in affected communities
 - Not a substitute for insurance coverage
 - Restores essential property to pre-disaster condition
 - Does not provide full cost recovery

At this point you will want to start:

- Review the guidelines for both Private and Public ODRAP- to help determine if you will pursue both kinds of claims or just one (i.e. Public and/or Private).

Contact Municipal Services Office-Thunder Bay with any questions on program and provide updates:

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Basis information for ODRAP process/claims:

For PUBLIC ODRAP:

- Resolution of council determining to Minister to declare a disaster area for the purposes of ODRAP
- Take pictures of all affected areas and damage/repairs done so far. **The more pictures the better.*
- Extent of damage/ as well as identify affected areas (maps will be required)
- Start calculating estimated costs and time for repairs to infrastructure, overtime, and all other eligible costs under the public portion of ODRAP.
- Copy of insurance certificate
- Newspaper clippings, photographs and other documentary evidence where available, and other information council feels is pertinent (e.g. Conservation Authority reports, Environment Canada report, etc.)

For PRIVATE ODRAP

- Resolution of council determining to Minister to declare a disaster area for the purposes of ODRAP (can be combined with public resolution as well)
- Intended for individuals, small businesses, farms, non-profit organizations to help them get back on their feet after a natural disaster
 - Program does not provide full replacement costs
 - Provides support for replacement of essential property
 - Capped amounts for many items
 - Maximum payment 90% of eligible costs; 10% is covered by the victim
 - Claimants must seek coverage from insurance first
- If private ODRAP is pursued a Disaster Relief committee will have to put in place
 - Local fund-raising is a requirement under the private component.
 - The Province tops up the funds raised by the Disaster Relief Committee to the amount that is needed to pay eligible claims at 90%, up to a maximum of 2:1
 - All locally raised funds must be expended first before provincial funds are provided.
 - If the combination of locally raised funds and provincial matching dollars is not enough to pay all eligible claims at 90%, payments may be reduced

Please keep Kevin and I informed as to how you are proceeding. We are more than happy to answer questions and we are here to assist however we can.

Thank you.

Jessica

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Subject Photos for Impacted flooding areas

Hi Mark,

Any photos or maps with identified affected areas that you or your staff might have that you can share with us on an on-going basis would be helpful as well.

Thanks.

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