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I have just added the Examiner articles to my web page www.ApsleyWatch.com---
>Storm Damage -- Patty has clearly captured the issue in her remarks----As I see the situation both Townships ignored the affected Property owners real needs and now are directing the attention to some optimism that The Province will come to our aid--
-BUT-neither Township if fact has actually asked the Minister of Municipal Affairs to designate our area for the benefits available through the Disaster Relieved Funding program. Uxbridge has been designated and Mayor of Ottawa had his council pass a resolution to have that area designated as natural disaster area so that residents can access the Provincial Disaster Recovery Assistance program. I wrote both North Kawartha (NK) and Havelock Belmont Methuen (HBM) requesting that both Councils formally request designation-- HBM at their Council meeting July 12 briefly discussed my request and simply passed motion to receive my letter which effectively mean file it without any action! Hard to image in an election year that not one of the 5 Councilors would support a request to make Provincial assistance to certain ratepayers. So what did Mayor Amyotte do? My letter of July 7 requesting COUNCIL pass a motion requesting Minister of Municipal Affair to designate our area did not even get to Council !!! I was advised late Friday afternoon by NK CAO that The Mayor had made a decision not to include my letter to Council on the Council meeting agenda for this weeks meeting. Think about it. A ratepayer writes a township requesting that the elected Council pass a motion to request Provincial financial assistance to certain ratepayers and the Mayor intercept it and denied Council the opportunity to consider the request. Democracy is not only under attack in Washington but also North Kawartha.