

Media Release: EP-05-22 June 17, 2022

May 21st Storm Update

The Township of North Kawartha's Emergency Control Group has continued to meet regularly and communicate with representatives from Hydro, Emergency Management Ontario, various Ministries and local agencies.

Emergency Declaration Status

Due to the tireless work from Hydro One, Municipal Staff, Residents, Contractors, and Volunteers, all roads are now open and/or passable, communication infrastructure has been restored and hydro has been restored to most, if not all, Township residents and businesses. As such, the Township's ability to provide effective Emergency and Essential Services, is no longer impeded.

Therefore, based on this information and in consultation with our Emergency Municipal Control Group, the Mayor is declaring the Emergency over, in the Township of North Kawartha.

However, it is important to note, that this does not mean that everything is back to normal in the Township. It is abundantly clear that the Township and its residents will continue to have clean up and repairs for months to come. Residents are reminded to refer to the Storm Debris Management Plan and the Provincial Disaster Recovery Assistance Program information as provided below.

Provincial Disaster Recovery Assistance:

Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) is a Provincial program that can help residents recover costs after a natural disaster. The Province may activate DRAO for damage to private property if there's a sudden, unexpected natural event, such as a flood or tornado that causes costly and widespread damage. Claims must be made to your insurance company first. The program is not intended to replace insurance coverage. Insurance payments are deducted from eligible costs. Please note that the Minister has not activated the program, therefore, please read the entire document regarding eligibility and the details of the program.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-disaster-recovery-assistance>

Comment from Ambrose---- Provincial Government currently does not have a new appointed Cabinet so no Minister is in a position to activate DRAO. Possibly after the new Cabinet is appointed next month we may see an announcement and then learn whether it applies to our area. I would be very surprised if we are not included. Many cottagers on Jack Lake are in same position that I am inbeing that not making an insurance claim and are undertaking to clean up storm debris and minor repairs personally or through contractors. This is not a program that I have any experience with ...but first program needs to be announced----area has to be designated and then cost need to be eligible within the scope of the program. Many affected cottagers on Jack Lake are trying to find a solutions to disposal of tree debris and brush and I feel the Townships should be assisting cottagers now by enhancing their role in this part essential service. I do not need any government program handout based on eligibilt criteria -just a place to get rid of brush and trees. Those with major damage hopefully can take advantage.