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Subject: RE: May 21 Storm Recovery Jack Lake Peterborough County

Hello Ambrose Moran,

Thank you for the email and your questions.

I certainly appreciate the impact of the storm on yourself and other residents and the anxiety it can create.

I did engage with my colleagues at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) before responding. Based on the information they shared with me related to the funding programs raised in your email, I can share the following:

- In the event of a natural disaster, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has two financial support programs:
 - The Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) can be activated in communities where a sudden and unexpected natural disaster causes costly and widespread damage to eligible private property that is not covered by insurance.
 - The program helps people with essential needs, including returning homes to a safe and liveable condition and enabling small business and farm owners to resume their livelihoods.
 - The program is not a replacement for insurance and does not cover all costs. Applications under the homeowner and tenant categories are limited to primary residences only.
 - No assistance is available for secondary residences/cottages.
 - The Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (MDRA) can be activated in cases where a municipality experiences a sudden, unexpected natural disaster that results in municipal response and recovery costs equal to at least 3 per cent of the municipality's Own Purpose Taxation.
 - The program helps municipalities with costs for emergency response and repair of damaged municipal infrastructure or property.

Comment by Ambrose—need to manage expectations!!!

I understand you have also emailed MMAH (at disasterassistance@ontario.ca) with similar questions. They confirmed to me that they will respond to your Qs #1-6 below ASAP and that in the meantime, you can find information about both Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians and Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance at www.Ontario.ca/disasterassistance.

With respect to your question #7, when a municipality or First Nations community requires provincial supports beyond their capacity to support in emergency response, their emergency personnel contact the Provincial Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) with such a request to try and coordinate a solution. In fact Peterborough did submit a request to the PEOC for assistance related to tree and debris removal, whether by Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Natural Resources (NDMNRF) staff or other means. After discussions with PEOC, NDMNRF and some surrounding municipalities, sufficient capacity was found through mutual aid agreements with its neighbors.

I hope the above is helpful information for now, and that the answers you receive from MMAH to your other questions will assist you further.

Best regards,

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