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Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:29 AM
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Subject: RE: Ambrose Storm recovery cost

Alana Solomon CAO North Kawartha

I understand that North Kawartha Township has submitted the **Preliminary Assessment Questions About Municipal Response and Recovery Cost** to MMAH citing expenses to date and future projections.

This is a request for a copy of that submission.

I did review the agenda for today's Council meeting as you indicated (July 15) that you had a storm update report on the agenda ..Your report appears to be mostly a cut and paste of known existing posted information except a reference to the township submission related to Municipal Response and Recovery Cost of July 15 to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) but detailed information is not included in your report or available on the public agenda other than "current estimated \$300,000 in recovery cost".

I had previously requested of North Kawartha Staff (June 15) and Mayor Amyotte (June 23) to provide me the NK cost estimates related to storm damage and was told by Staff and Mayor that this requested information was not available.. but it is noteworthy that according to media report you emailed the Peterborough Examiner stating that the preliminary estimate of cost of the storm to date and future recovery cost are approximately \$300,000.

I and others look forward to receiving the submission to MMAH later today if possible.



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Hi Mr. Moran,

Please be advised that myself and Mayor Amyotte discussed your letter during our agenda setting process and determined that your **request is redundant** as we have already been working closely with MMAH the Ministry responsible for Disaster Relief and therefore, **have not added it to the Council agenda for July 21.** **Note #1** I do have a storm update report on the agenda under Administration.

As the Township has been in communication with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) since May 24, MMAH staff and Minister Clark are well aware of the Township's concerns (at the staff level as well as the political level) and the Township's desire to have the minister invoke both the Municipal and Public Disaster relief programs (Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (MDRA) and Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians Program (DRAO)). Only the Minister can activate the program and this is usually done quite some time after the event (**120 day window**), **Note #2** once evidence has been gathered and the Provincial Disaster Assessment Team (PDAT) has attended the areas with the most damage. A PDAT, along with EMO staff attended North Kawartha on May 31, sooner than expected. Staff have been in constant communication ever since and have been working through the steps of the process. **The Township will have submitted on July 15th, the Preliminary Assessment Questions About Municipal Response and Recovery Costs to MMAH citing municipal expenses to date and future projections.** The Ministry has certain protocols and guidelines to be followed as well as recommended motions to be made at appropriate times.

Thank you for your concern for your community.
Alana

Note #1 This is new.... that a ratepayer can send a letter for Council's action and Mayor Amyotte can intercept it and not have the letter go to the elected council members ..democracy is in trouble in Washington and also North Kawartha

Note #2 CAO states that Minister's activation disaster relief program usually done quite some time after the event in a window 120 days after the event/storm. My understanding

this is not so. Uxbridge was activated for program about June 17 -27 days after the Storm Ottawa City Council formally requested activation through a Council Motion on June 8 2022

As of today 2 months after the storm/event . Neither North Kawartha or Havelock Belmont Methuen have formally ask the Minister to activate the Provincial Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program. The 120 day window referenced by NK CAO Solman is the period of time in which a claim can be submitted after program is activated...not the window for Minister to activate the program.