

To: Mayor and Members of Council

June 27, 2011

Re: Provincial Disaster Assistance Program – Request for Designation

Background

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is a program that offers financial assistance to eligible claimants (municipal or individuals) located in a municipality that has been designated eligible for assistance as a result of a substantial loss or damage to uninsurable, essential property caused by specific natural disasters.

The Cost-Sharing for claims are as follows:

Private Claims:

- 5% of eligible expenses are the claimant's responsibility
- 95% of the eligible expenses are payable by PDAP

Municipal Claims:

- Municipal Claim deductibles are based on the following calculation:
(0.10% x most recent confirmed taxable assessment)

Therefore our deductible would be:
(0.10% x \$136,907,352)
\$136,907.35

PDAP pays 100% of eligible expenses over above the municipal deductible.

Discussion

The Town experienced severe weather on Friday June 17, 2011 which resulted in excessive rainfall and caused many homes in White City to have flooding in their basements.

There have been some residents contacting the office about the program. If the damage they experienced is not insurable, then residents can seek assistance through the PDAP program.

In order for a municipality or a resident of the municipality to be eligible for PDAP assistance, the municipality must request designation within one month after the disaster occurs.

Budget Implications

There are no costs involved to be designated under the PDAP program.

Conclusion

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program will provide assistance to those residents that have experienced damage, and that is not covered by their insurance. Once a municipality is designated both the municipality and residents will be able to begin making their claim.

Recommendation

Administration recommends Council pass the following motion:

“THAT the Town of White City apply to the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by excessive rainfall on the date of June 17 & 18, 2011.”

Respectfully submitted,



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