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County Of Renfrew Receives Assurances From Province For Disaster Relief Funding

Pembroke: The County of Renfrew has just received a confirmation from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the Province of Ontario will be providing disaster relief funding for the flood impacted areas of Renfrew County.

Warden of the County of Renfrew Jennifer Murphy stated; *"In coordination with Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski, the County of Renfrew has approached Minister Steve Clark at Municipal Affairs and Housing for disaster relief funding. As of this afternoon the Minister has confirmed that the Province of Ontario will be providing relief funding under the guidelines of their Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians Program. I continue to be inspired by the resilience and community spirit I see from our residents across our county. This welcomed funding will significantly help those impacted in the coming weeks."*

"On behalf of our government, I want to let those individuals who have been affected by the flooding across Eastern Ontario know that we stand with them through this recovery. It pains me to see the damage caused to people's homes and businesses," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. *"The safety of Ontarians is our government's top priority. I want to thank municipal staff, emergency responders and volunteers for their tremendous response efforts and dedication to helping the community manage this natural disaster."*

"I want to thank all the first responders and volunteers on the ground who have helped those affected by the flooding," said John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. *"While touring some of the affected areas in my riding this past weekend, I saw firsthand the devastating effect of the flooding and it was incredible to see everyone coming together during such a difficult time. I also want to thank Minister Clark for recognizing the situation and acting as quickly as he has to activate the DRAO program for the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke."*

The disaster assistance program applies to a primary residence and its basic contents, or to a small business, farm or not-for-profit organization. It provides assistance for emergency expenses and the costs to repair or replace essential property following a natural disaster that are not covered by insurance. To find out if they are eligible for assistance, if they are in the activation area and for next steps, individuals, small businesses, farms and not-for-profit organizations should review the [map](#) and program guidelines available at ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance, or call 1-844-780-8925 or email disasterassistance@ontario.ca after speaking with their private insurance provider. Residents will have until August 27, 2019 to apply for assistance through the program.

The County of Renfrew is reminding residents to contact their Local Municipality if they are experiencing flooding, wish to volunteer, or require sandbags, and sand. Local Municipalities are working diligently at providing sandbags and sand to residents that require them as a means of protecting homes and businesses.

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