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**County Of Renfrew Ends Emergency Declaration**

**Pembroke:** After over a month of a declaration of an emergency due to extreme flooding conditions across Renfrew County, effective immediately, the County of Renfrew has determined that the emergency declaration be lifted.

Earlier today, Chief Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services and the County Community Emergency Management Coordinator, met with Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Paul Moreau and Warden Jennifer Murphy to update them on the status of the flooding. The recommendation to terminate the declaration was based upon observations that the assets of the County of Renfrew are no longer threatened to the same degree that they were at the time of declaration. Additionally, the frequency, complexity and severity of requests for assistance from local municipalities to the departments of the County of Renfrew have significantly subsided.

Warden Murphy offered, *“This in no way suggests that the impacts of this year’s flooding have diminished, only that we are shifting our efforts from a response configuration to that of supporting the recovery efforts across the County. We continue to be there in our communities supporting those residents that are impacted by this flood. I continue to see just how resilient and dedicated our community is when I see everyone coming together as a community to make sure we all get through this in the best possible way. “*

To terminate a municipal emergency declaration, the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* states that:

The head of council / Warden or the council of The County of Renfrew may at any time declare that an emergency has terminated.

Property owners who have experienced damage to their homes are encouraged to contact their local municipality for information on assistance. Property owners and volunteers should also be reminded that sandbags should be disposed of in an appropriate manner. Those affected should contact their municipality for disposal information before handling.

Residents can access the Renfrew County Flood Impact & Recovery document located at:

<http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/news-events/news/county-of-renfrew---flood-preparation-and-recovery/>

For more information, visit our website at [www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca](http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca) or call:

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