



MAYOR'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Wind storm – October 31, 2019

The Provincial Disaster Assessment Team was in Port Colborne on Thursday, November 7th and met with officials and staff. They toured the city and also met with some homeowners affected by the storm.

Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians is a program that helps individuals, small owner-operated businesses, farms and not-for-profit organizations cover emergency expenses and repair or replace essential property following a natural disaster. It does not apply to costs covered by insurance. Learn more by visiting their website at www.ontario.ca/page/apply-disaster-recovery-assistance

The Ministry has requested that the city commence assembling detailed information regarding the nature and scope of damage arising from the storm to attempt to lay the groundwork for the Provincial recognition of the storm as a true natural disaster.

To facilitate additional information gathering that may assist the Province's disaster assessment, the City rolled out a notification process using our website and social media channels asking members of the public affected by the storm to submit whatever information that they might have available regarding their situation to the municipality, by calling 905-835-2900 Ext 115.

The information collected is intended to support the City's call on the Province to activate the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program.

If the program is activated, residents will be able to make application directly to the Province of Ontario for assistance in restoring essential property. The application deadline will be 120 calendar days after the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announces that the program is active.

Applicants will be required to provide proof that their property was damaged in the natural disaster and documentation that eligible expenses were incurred. To qualify as a homeowner or tenant, you must be the owner of the property, or the tenant of the affected property, at the time of the disaster. The property must be your primary residence where you live on a day-to-day basis. Secondary residences such as recreational properties are not eligible under the program.

If you require further information, please call 905-835-2900 Ext 115.