

Recommendation:

That the Treasurer-2023-09 report, dated April 4, 2023, regarding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Derecho Funding be received for information.

Overview:

On March 3, 2023, a letter was provided to selected municipalities from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) regarding a funding opportunity for those municipalities that were impacted by the storms that occurred on May 21, 2022, and July 21, 2022, that did not qualify for other funding. The Township of Douro-Dummer was missed in the distribution of this letter and staff were unaware of the opportunity to apply for funding.

On Thursday, March 9, 2023, Mayor Watson was made aware and provided the information promptly to staff, along with a copy of the letter, as the deadline was March 13, 2023. Staff worked together quickly and were able to gather the data that was collected during the clean-up and estimates that had been provided on projects that still required clean-up as well as tree replacement and a proposal was submitted before the deadline.

The request for funding was due to the cost the Township experienced due to the clean-up of the storm on May 21, 2022, and totalled \$141,323.20.

\$90,323.23 was money already spent as a result of additional staff time, contracted services and machinery rentals and material and supplies.

\$51,000 was an additional request to continue clean up still required by our Public Works staff at the Transfer Station and on Douro Second Line and repairs and reforestation of the Johnson Trails, and Douro North and South Parks.

Conclusion:

On March 27, 2023, the MNRF released a document including all the municipalities that were receiving funding, and it included the Township of Douro-Dummer in the amount of \$141,323.20. The link is provided below.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/1002868/ontario-supporting-communities-affected-by-extreme-weather>

Thank you to Mayor Watson for the notice and the quick work of staff to pull together the submission that resulted in funding for the Township.

Financial Impact:

\$90,323.23 will be allocated to 2022 to offset the expenses incurred.

\$51,000 will be required for 2023 to pay for additional tree planting, clean-up and repair costs.