

Recommendation:

That the report Treasurer-2025-23, dated September 2, 2025, regarding Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program Approval be received; and

That Council pass the following resolution:

Whereas the Township of Douro-Dummer has eligible costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm, the Council of the Township of Douro-Dummer hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program;

Further that Todd Davis be given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the application package.

Overview:

On June 10, 2025, Council received report C.A.O.-2025-11 regarding the 2025 Ice Storm Recovery and passed a Resolution supporting the Township's application to the Province of Ontario's Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance (MDRA) program for financial assistance related to the extraordinary costs associated with the March 2025 ice storm.

Since that time, the Province of Ontario has established a new, specific funding program called the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program to address the widespread damage caused by ice storms across Ontario municipalities. This new program replaces the general MDRA program for ice storm-related expenses and provides more targeted assistance for municipalities affected by ice storm events.

The MISA program maintains similar eligibility criteria and reimbursement rates as the previous MDRA program, with the Province reimbursing municipalities at 75% for expenses up to the first three percent of the municipality's own purpose taxation levy, and 95% for eligible expenses beyond that threshold. The Township's estimated eligible expenses of \$231,801.41 continue to qualify for provincial assistance under this new program structure.

To proceed with the application under the new MISA program, the Township will require an updated Council Resolution, as the previous Resolution specifically referenced the MDRA program. This updated Resolution will authorize staff to submit the application under the correct program name and ensure compliance with the new program requirements.

Conclusion:

The establishment of the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program by the Province of Ontario provides a more appropriate and targeted funding mechanism for the Township's ice storm recovery costs. The program criteria and reimbursement structure

remain substantially similar to the previous MDRA program, ensuring that the Township's expected funding of approximately \$175,825 remains achievable.

An updated Council Resolution is required to authorize the application under the new MISA program and provide staff with the necessary direction to proceed with the funding application process.

Financial Impact:

The financial impact remains consistent with the previous report C.A.O.-2025-11. The Township's eligible expenses of \$175,825 through the MISA program, representing the same funding level that would have been available under the previous MDRA program.

The Township's share of the costs will be approximately \$55,975, which represents the municipal portion not covered by provincial assistance. This funding will help offset the extraordinary costs incurred during the March 2025 ice storm emergency response and recovery efforts.



Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Martina Chait-Hartwig

Todd Davis