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Fort Erie receives funding through Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program

FORT ERIE (Dec. 23, 2021) The Ontario government announced that the Town of Fort Erie will be receiving up to \$7.4 million in funding through the Province's Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA) program. The Town of Fort Erie applied for the MDRA after the October 31, 2019 storm that caused heavy damages.

During the storm, the Town experienced strong winds up to 100 km/h, heavy rain and 16.5 ft. waves that caused destruction leading to shoreline flooding and significant damage to Town infrastructure such as roads, shoreline protection infrastructure, trails and parking lots.

"The funding the Town will receive from the Province's Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program will help repair essential municipal infrastructure that sustained damage during the storm that happened on October 31, 2019. The program will also alleviate the need for the Town to borrow to the extent discussed during capital budget deliberations. This is great news for our Town," said Mayor Wayne Redekop.

In the coming months, staff from the Ministry will be working with Town staff to finalize a grant agreement, which will set out program eligibility and other requirements.

The final amount of assistance provided under the program will be based on actual costs incurred for eligible expenses related to the disaster.