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RE: Disaster Financial Assistance for 2010 Spring Flood and major storms

I am writing to advise you that on July 20, 2010, the Honourable Steve Ashton, Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, announced that Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) will be made available for areas affected by spring flooding in the Red River Valley and major storms that caused extensive damage around the province this spring and summer. This DFA program encompasses six events that caused significant damage to a number of areas in Manitoba:

- Spring flooding, which caused damage in southern portions of the Red River Valley.
- Overland flash flooding May 1st to 3rd in the Duck Mountain area, which caused extensive damage to parts of the Rural Municipalities of Mountain and Ethelbert.
- Overland flooding resulting in damages May 28th and 29th in the Red River Valley including Winnipeg and southern Interlake.
- Heavy rains June 17th to 18th in western portions of Manitoba.
- Severe storms June 26th which impacted the City of Steinbach and Rural Municipalities of Hanover and La Broquerie.
- Wind and severe storms which affected much of central Manitoba July 1st to 3rd with damage reported from the Duck Mountain region through to the Rural Municipalities of Siglunes, Grahamdale and Fisher.

As a follow-up to Minister Ashton's announcement, I would like to provide a number of key dates related to this DFA program. In accordance with the policies and guidelines of the DFA program, and subject to all applicable eligibility criteria, the following dates shall apply:

1. Council resolutions requesting DFA for private and/or public damages must be submitted to the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) by October 22, 2010.
2. Applications for private property damage must be received by EMO by October 22, 2010. Application forms are available online at www.manitobaemo.ca.

1. This DFA program will officially close on July 20, 2011 (12 months from the program announcement). All invoices and submissions must be received by EMO on or before this date in order to be eligible.

I would respectfully request your assistance to inform residents in your community about this DFA program and publicize the above noted dates.

I would also like to inform you that EMO staff is available to answer questions or provide information about the DFA program by calling (204) 945-4772 or toll-free at 1-888-267-8298, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Additional public information and both print (PDF) and electronic application forms are available on our website at www.manitobaemo.ca.

Sincerely,



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