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The Hon. Harjit S. Sajjan, PC OMM MSM CD MP
President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and
Minister of Emergency Preparedness and
Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada
C/o Pavan Sapra
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A3

Dear Minister Sajjan:

I have been working with Mr. Pavan Sapra and Mr. Andrew Green from your office re the potential reimbursement for some of the July 24, 2022 EF2 tornado costs incurred by the residents of the Municipality of Tweed. The Municipality of Tweed has now compiled the information submitted by our residents. In my email of June 1st to Mr. Sapra and Mr. Green, I noted that it would take us some time to assemble the required data and that we would undertake the following:

1. We will be reaching out to residents and have them submit clean-up costs related to clearing debris from their lane ways from the road up to their home.
2. We will also ask businesses to submit costs they have incurred including lost revenue.
3. In addition we will ask residents to submit other additional costs in relation to property clean-up. We realize that only those whose principal residence was impacted are eligible for funding under the DRAO program. We are asking for these additional costs to be included as part of their submission so that you can see how residents were financially impacted by this tornado. We will differentiate between both sets of costs.

Not all residents elected to participate primarily because there is no guarantee of reimbursement and secondly, for some, too little too late. Nonetheless, we have residents who remain hopeful that some compensation for costs incurred will be forthcoming.

This package includes our initial letter to residents outlining the process as well as any claims submitted.

I also noted in my email of June 1st, that I met with Mayo Hawco, Executive Director of our Gateway Community Health Centre noting that Mr. Green and Mr. Sapra had indicated that

they would see if there were funds available to help address the mental distress experienced by some of our residents in the form of PTSD. I believe they were going to reach out to Minister Bennett, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions. We are still waiting a response on this initial request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Thank you for considering our request.



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