



## **Township of North Kawartha**

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# **Report to Council**

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Judy Everett  
Date: July 11, 2025  
Subject: Request for Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA)

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## **Recommendation:**

Whereas the municipality of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha has eligible costs directly linked to the March, 2025 ice storm, the council of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program.

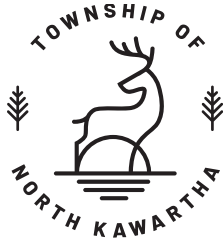
Further that Judy Everett, Treasurer is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached application package.

## **Background:**

On March 29, 2025, a severe ice storm impacted central and eastern Ontario, and specifically the County of Peterborough, resulting in freezing rain that coated surfaces in thick layers of ice over the next few days. The storm led to dangerous conditions, including downed power lines and trees, which significantly affected the region.

Staff contacted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding a claim under the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA) program. A motion was passed at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting requesting assistance from the MDRA.

The Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program was announced on June 19, 2025. An email received on that date stated in part: "Please also note that the MISA program is the only provincial disaster assistance program available to support municipal costs related to the March 2025 ice storm. Municipalities intending to seek funding under the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA) program must instead apply through MISA, as MDRA will not be activated for the ice storm."



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### **Analysis:**

An Expression of Interest survey is required with a deadline for submission of July 28, 2025. The municipality will then receive the MISA application package. The deadline for the application is October 31, 2025.

A certified copy of the resolution of Council, a claim form and other documents are required to be provided to the Ministry by October 31, 2025.

**Eligible Costs:** Only incremental costs – costs that would not have been incurred had the ice storm not occurred and are above the amount the municipality normally budgets and spends.

Costs that are ineligible include:

Replacement of trees

Repair of damaged private roads

Equipment that remains an asset to the municipality

Employee overtime that is banked as vacation days rather than paid out

Gratuities for meals

Lost revenue (ex. from waived tipping fees)

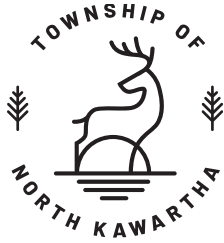
Insurance deductibles

### **Financial Implications:**

Recovery costs incurred due to the March, 2025 Ice Storm

### **Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

- 3.3 Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication.
- 4.2 Protect the human environment



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**Attachment:**

None