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## Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

### Recommendation

That The City of Saskatoon apply to the Ministry of Government Relations of the Province of Saskatchewan to be designated as an Eligible Assistance Area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program as a result of damages caused by excessive rain which occurred on August 8, 2017.

### Topic and Purpose

To have City Council submit a Request for Designation to the Province to designate The City of Saskatoon as an Eligible Assistance Area.

### Report

The City has been made aware that several private property owners have experienced property damage as a result of flooding caused by excessive amounts of rain resulting from a rainfall which occurred on August 8, 2017. To date, the City Solicitor's Office has received 13 calls or contacts. Also, both the Saskatoon Water and Public Works Divisions have received calls from residents.

The Province of Saskatchewan has a Provincial Disaster Assistance Program which covers uninsurable damage to individual properties caused by severe weather events. It is the Administration's understanding that damage caused by excessive amounts of rain would qualify. The minimum criterion for a declaration is one claim of \$5,000 or several smaller claims totalling \$25,000. Based on calls received to date, Saskatoon appears to have met the requirements.

In order for private property owners to receive assistance under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program, City Council must request, by resolution, that The City of Saskatoon be designated an Eligible Assistance Area. Once The City of Saskatoon is designated, the Province of Saskatchewan will arrange for the claims to be adjusted and make payments where appropriate. The required application forms will be available at the City Solicitor's Office, and will be made available on the City's webpage.

### Report Approval

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