

# Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

## ISSUE

A significant rainfall event occurred on July 14, 2019, resulting in flooding in the City of Saskatoon affecting private property owners who experienced property damage as a result. This report seeks City Council's approval to submit a Request for Designation to the Province to designate the City of Saskatoon as an Eligible Assistance Area.

## 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 July 14, 2019.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon experienced excessive amounts of rain resulting from rainfalls which occurred on July 14, 2019. The City has received calls from private property owners who have experienced property damage as a result of flooding from these rainfalls.

## DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

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 \$5,000.00 or several smaller claims totalling \$25,000.00. Based on calls received to date, Saskatoon has met the requirements.

In order for individual citizens 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 online through the Province and will be available at the City Solicitor's Office.

## NEXT STEPS

Once City Council resolves to apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to be designated as an Eligible Assistance Area, the City Solicitor's Office will complete the process to have the City of Saskatoon designated and will reach out to the citizens who have contacted the City and let them know about the process to apply to the Province for assistance.

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### Report Approval

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