

STAFF REPORT: Financial and Information Services



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: April 27th, 2011
REPORT NO.: FIS.11.20
SUBJECT: Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program Grant Funding
PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Thompson, Deputy Treasurer/ Manager of Budgets and Accounting

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIS.11.20 "Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program Grant Funding", and;

WHEREAS the Minister has provided Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance (ODRAP) to The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains (Town) under Section 302(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

AND WHEREAS the ODRAP assistance program covers incremental and extraordinary costs of the Town as a result of the tornado on August 20th, 2009;

AND WHEREAS the ODRAP Grant Agreement entered into by the Town, specifies the Municipality will submit a report detailing the expenditures of all grants received and further the report be audited by the municipal auditor in the year the grant was received.

NOW THEREFORE as specified in the Grant Agreement:

1. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Municipal Claim Summary as audited by the Municipal Auditors dated March 23rd, 2011.

B. Background

Damage was sustained by residents of the Town and by the Town as a result of the tornado on August 20th, 2009. Through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) the Province provides financial assistance to those whose essential property has been extensively damaged as a result of a sudden, unexpected natural disaster. The ODRAP program has two components: a private component for individuals, homeowners and small business enterprises where funds are raised by the community and matched up to 2:1 by the province; and, a public component for financial assistance to affected municipalities for disaster response and recovery costs.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ministry) declared the area a disaster for the purposes of the ODRAP program in September 2009.

In February of 2010, a final report was submitted to the Ministry detailing the expenditures of the grant received. Council authorized the endorsement of the funding agreement between the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Town of The Blue Mountains under the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program and in short order the Ministry remitted the grant funds in the amount of \$106,614.57.

The ODRAP claim for funding only covered direct costs (staff time, contract services and vehicle costs etc.). Primarily, the claim was associated with the cost for removal of trees from parks and trails, the removal of debris from roads and ditches, emergency response services by the fire department, police response for security and traffic, building department for damage evaluation, and the additional hours of operation at the landfill for debris disposal.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

6. Providing a strong, well managed municipal government.

D. Environmental Impacts

Funds assist with the repair and restoration to pre-disaster condition of uninsured facilities such as recreation lands, roads and ditches.

E. Financial Impact

Provincial and Federal funding is available to municipalities for natural disasters that may otherwise cause hardship to the local government. All direct costs related to the August 20th, 2009 tornado have been submitted and paid by the Province under the ODRAP grant program.

F. Attached

1. BDO Dunwoody Auditor's Report on the Municipal Claim Summary – Tornado Clean-up for the period August 20th, 2009 to December 28th, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

The Corporation of the Town of the
Blue Mountains
Municipal Claim Summary
Tornado Clean-up for the Period
August 20, 2009 to December 28, 2009



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Auditor's Report on the Municipal Claim Summary

To: The Corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains

At the request of The Corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains, we have audited the Municipal Claim Summary for the period ended December 28, 2009. This financial information is the responsibility of the municipality's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial information based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial information is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

In our opinion, this summary presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenses relating to tornado clean-up incurred by The Corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains for the period ended December 28, 2009 in accordance with the grant agreement as prepared by the Province of Ontario.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Owen Sound, Ontario
March 23, 2011

The Corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains
Municipal Claim Summary
Tornado Clean-up for the period
August 20, 2009 to December 28, 2009

For the period ended December 28, 2009

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| Expenditures | |
| Labour and related expenses | \$ 38,614 |
| Goods and services (net of GST rebates) | 40,439 |
| Claimant-owned equipment | <u>27,562</u> |
| Total Claim | \$ <u>106,615</u> |

Treasurer