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#### OFFICIAL MESSAGE

With the heavy rain and warmer temperatures over Easter weekend, Greater Madawaska Township like many other Townships experienced major flooding, road closures and a few evacuations. On behalf of Council, I would like to say a huge thank you to the CAO for her leadership, Public Works Manager, Public Works Supervisor and staff, Fire Chief and his volunteer department for the many hours they worked over the last four days. We would also like to say thank you to the local Community Service Clubs for providing food and assistance, as well thank you to the Renfrew County Paramedics and all the businesses and individual community members for their continued support during this event.

A meeting was held this morning to develop a plan to review all roads and determine the repairs required and an estimate to be used as we are considering an application for disaster relief. We had discussions with the Province regarding disaster relief over the weekend and we have 120 days to submit a claim if warranted.

Everyone travelling Township roadways are asked to be vigilant and exercise caution until repairs can be completed. A list of road closures is posted on the Township website and Facebook page. We will continue to be under a flood watch for the next week and we will continue to provide updates through our Facebook page and Website. To all of our residents and travelers, thank you for your patience as we work to repair the damage.

Mayor Brian Hunt