



May 22, 2022

RE: STORM EVENT MAY 21, 2022

As of 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, 2022 the Township of Greater Madawaska has declared a State of Emergency due to the extensive damage caused by a storm which hit the Township on Saturday May 21, 2022.

As a result of the storm, there were unfortunately two fatalities in the Township. I along with the rest of Council and Township staff wish to express our sincere condolences to the friends and families of the victims that lost their lives during the storm.

The Township of Greater Madawaska staff is currently working and developing plans going forward to assist with the clean-up efforts and prolonged power outage in the aftermath of the storm. On Sunday afternoon Township staff met and discussed options going forward. Effective immediately, the Transfer Stations will be accepting all sizes of brush at no cost to the ratepayers of the Township as they begin the clean-up of their properties.

The Public Works Department have been working tirelessly to clean up the roads throughout the Township and they continue to assess all areas of the Township. We would like to caution all ratepayers to be extremely vigilant while driving through the municipality as there are hanging trees and wires. Property owners are reminded to use personal protective equipment while handling chainsaws and any other equipment as they embark on cleanup efforts. In the event of downed power lines DO NOT proceed, please contact Hydro.

During the extended power outage please ensure that you follow the recommendations from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit for food safety.

For road emergencies please contact the Township's after-hours line by calling 1-800-267-5369

For emergency services (Fire, Police, Ambulance) please call 911.

For any other Township related issues created by the storm please contact Allison Holtzhauer by email at cao@greatermadawaska.com.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Township of Greater Madawaska Fire Department and Public Works Department which responded quickly and efficiently yesterday and continue to ensure the safety of the of all residents in the Township.

Sincerely,

Brian Hunt
Mayor
Greater Madawaska