

Actions taken by Brazeau County to secure provincial funding for the victims of the July 13, 2017 Tornado

July 13, 2017 – Tornado Event

August 25, 2017 – Application for Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) filed with Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA).

September 12, 2017 – DRP training for Council and senior staff

September 13, 2017 – Aerial tour of damaged area

October / November, 2017 – DRP staff meet with residents to assess damage from tornado

January 17, 2018 – Received letter From AEMA / DRP on denial of application for DRP funding

February 8, 2018 – Letter sent to Minister from Reeve asking for assistance for residents

February 8, 2018 – Letter sent to Minister - Appeal of Decision for DRP funding.

April 16, 2018 – Received letter from Minister on rejection of appeal for DRP funding

June 6, 2018 – Letter sent to Minister requesting that funding be available in streams for municipalities and residents and requesting a meeting with the Minister to discuss the Tornado event.

July 31, 2018 – Received letter from Minister (displayed on next page) declining to meet and denying Brazeau County's further appeal for funding.

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Reeve Bart Guyon
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Dear Reeve Guyon, *Bart*

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 2018, requesting a meeting to discuss Brazeau County's application for Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) assistance for private sector losses incurred during the July 17, 2017, tornado event, as well as the DRP legislation and regulations.

I appreciate your offer to meet; unfortunately, my schedule prevents me from meeting at this time.

DRPs are established under the authority of the Disaster Recovery Regulation (DRR) and administered under the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines (DAG), which sets out specific criteria that must be met before an application for program assistance can be approved.

In order to qualify, an event must satisfy these three criteria:

1. The cause of the disaster was extraordinary and widespread;
2. The disaster must cause damage or loss for which insurance is not readily and reasonably available; and,
3. The disaster has threatened the economic viability of the community.

The program is designed to provide financial assistance to individuals and small businesses, including farming operations, for uninsurable loss and damage caused by emergencies and disasters.

After careful review of the information provided, our analysis of the event has determined the county's application does not satisfy the criteria required to establish a DRP, along with insurance being readily and reasonably available to cover the damage and subsequent losses that occurred. Therefore, I regret to inform you, Brazeau County's further appeal is denied.

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Reeve Bart Guyon

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While there may be unique circumstances where residents incurred unusual expenses for property repair and cleanup, I recommend individuals continue to work with their insurance providers towards a satisfactory resolution. Individuals may also wish to contact the Insurance Bureau of Canada at 1-844-227-5422 if they have concerns regarding their claims. Alberta Supports is also available for personal financial assistance at 1-877-644-9992, or online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-supports.aspx.

Thank you again for writing and for your efforts on behalf of your community during its recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shaye Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Hon. Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

