



Ontario Supporting Ice Storm Recovery in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE —To protect Ontario and keep communities safe, the government is providing up to \$174,000 for ice storm assistance in the Township of Uxbridge. The funding is part of Ontario's \$90 million Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program, and will help cover clean-up and emergency response costs due to a severe winter

weather event on March 28, 2025.

"The Township of Uxbridge's \$174,000 allocation through the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program provides important support for managing the extraordinary recovery costs caused by the 2025 storm," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of

Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge.

The government is providing up to \$35,000 for ice storm assistance in the Township of Scugog. "This provincial funding helps ensure the community can restore essential services and infrastructure without bearing the full financial burden alone."

The March 28, 2025 storm resulted in widespread damage, leaving nearly 400,000 homes and businesses without power across central and eastern Ontario. In parts of Uxbridge, the storm caused extensive tree damage and prolonged power outages.

"Our government will always protect Ontario, especially in times of need," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"The relief being announced today will safeguard local jobs and help Uxbridge rebuild – stronger than ever."

In June 2025, the Ontario government launched the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program and Business Ice Storm Assistance program to help communities impacted by the storm.

QUICK FACTS

• The province's Business Ice Storm Assistance program is providing up to \$5 million for small businesses, small farms and not-for-profit organizations to assist with storm-

related clean-up and essential repairs not covered by insurance.

"The 2025 ice storm brought down an enormous number of trees across Uxbridge, particularly on residential properties. This funding allowed the Township to run a large-scale debris and mulching operation, so residents did not have to haul storm material away themselves. Without this support, those costs would have fallen directly on residents. This investment from the Province saved our shared residents hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars by allowing the Township to manage the recovery in a coordinated way. I want to thank our MPP

Peter Bethlenfalvy, Premier Ford, Minister Flack and Minister Dunlop for their swift action and continued support for our community."

- Dave Barton, Mayor of the Township of Uxbridge

"Ontario stands with the people of the Township of Scugog as they recover financially from last year's ice storm," said Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham. "This funding will help local officials respond quickly to the damage, support emergency services on the ground, and cover the significant costs of clean up. By helping municipalities manage these unexpected expenses, we're ensuring communities can focus on restoring safety, rebuilding infrastructure."

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resulted in widespread damage, leaving nearly 400,000 homes and businesses without power across central and eastern Ontario. In parts of Scugog, the storm caused extensive damage, including widespread tree loss, felled trees blocking roadways, downed and arching hydro lines, and prolonged power outages.

"The Region of Durham showed tremendous resilience following last year's ice storm, and this funding will help continue the important work of recovery and restoration," said Lone Coe, MPP for Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence, and Security.

"By supporting local emergency response and clean-up efforts, our Government is ensuring municipalities, like the Regional Municipality of Durham, have the resources they need to repair damage and protect residents."

"Our government will always protect Ontario, especially in

times of need," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "The relief being announced today will safeguard local jobs and help the Regional Municipality of Durham rebuild, stronger than ever."

"Ontario stands with the people of Durham Region as they recover financially from last year's ice storm. This funding will help local officials respond quickly to the damage, support emergency services on the ground, and cover the significant costs of clean up.

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"The Province's \$221,000 in support is another clear way the Ontario government is supporting our communities, and the Regional Municipality of Durham handle the clean-up and emergency response costs from the 2025 ice storm," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. "This investment helped communities restore key services without shouldering the full financial impact."

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