Resort Village of Cochin

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**Provincial Disaster Assistance Program**

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) helps residents, small businesses, agricultural operations, First Nations, non-profit organizations and communities recover from natural disasters, including flooding, tornadoes, plow winds and other disasters caused by severe weather. PDAP may help cover the cost of uninsurable essential losses, cleanup, repairs and temporary relocation.

Click on this link to access information concerning this program.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/access-funding-through-the-provincial-disaster-assistance-program>

From this information, one will learn that the ice disaster being experienced by owners of Jackfish Lake lakefront properties are not included in the program. One will also learn that only full-time residences are covered for the events contemplated by the program. In other words, seasonal residences are not included even if the event was currently contemplated by the program.

Council is communicating with the officials in the Ministry of Corrections, Public Health and Safety in an effort to have the program extended to include the disaster we are experiencing along Jackfish Lake. We do not yet have a commitment from the Ministry but they have not said “no”. We will continue to plead our case and are hopeful.

On the question of coverage for seasonal properties, we are less hopeful but, again, we will continue to urge extension of the coverage.

***We will keep everyone informed of our progress in the negotiations with the Ministry. If and when the Ministry accepts our Request for Designation (as a disaster area) [but not before],*** Council recommends that all affected property owners (both full-time and seasonal) submit applications for coverage.

In the meantime, there may also be value in all affected property owners writing to both the Minister of Corrections, Public Health and Safety with copies of the correspondence to the Premier and our MLA. Their contact information is:

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