



Update Regarding the July 11, 2026 Severe Storm Event

Date of Notice: July 16, 2026

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Nipawin No. 487 is issuing this notice to update residents and ratepayers on the RM's response to the severe storm that affected our area on July 11, 2026, and to provide information regarding disaster assistance.

Since the storm hit on July 11, 2026, RM staff and Council have been actively working to support our residents and community. Crews have been assessing damage to municipal infrastructure, roads, and drainage; clearing debris and hazards; and preparing the documentation necessary to pursue provincial disaster assistance on behalf of our residents. This work is ongoing, and we are grateful for the way this community has come together to help one another through the cleanup.

Current Status

- At this time, the RM of Nipawin is not declaring a state of local emergency in connection with the July 11 storm event. This reflects the current status only; Council retains the discretion to declare a state of local emergency in the future should conditions warrant.
- A declaration of emergency is not required for residents or the RM to access resources through the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP).
- Funding for PDAP is confirmed. PDAP is a funded Government of Saskatchewan program, delivered through the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) with federal partnership support, and is available to support eligible communities and residents once a designation is granted.
- The resolution required to formally request PDAP designation for the July 11, 2026 storm event will be passed at the July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council. This resolution, together with the required supporting documentation, will then be submitted to SPSA for review.
- As of the date of this notice, the RM has not yet been officially designated as an eligible assistance area for this storm event. Designation will be requested following the July 21, 2026 Council meeting, and the RM will share updates as soon as a decision is received from the Province.

Why the RM Is Not Declaring a State of Local Emergency

Municipalities typically declare a state of local emergency when a disaster requires resources, funding, or authority beyond what is available through normal municipal operations – for example, when emergency borrowing is needed, when the formal activation of the municipality's emergency operations plan is required, or when extraordinary measures are needed to protect public safety. Based on the assessments completed to date, the RM's response to the July 11 storm – including debris clearing, road repairs, and infrastructure assessment – is being managed within our normal operational capacity and existing budget authority, and does not currently require these emergency powers.

Council and staff take the impact of this storm on our residents seriously and will continue to monitor conditions closely. Council retains full authority to declare a state of local emergency at any point should circumstances change. Most importantly, this decision has no bearing on residents' or the RM's ability to pursue PDAP assistance – the two processes are entirely separate, and a local emergency declaration is not a prerequisite for PDAP eligibility.

Residents who sustained damage as a result of the storm are encouraged to document losses now (photographs, written descriptions, and receipts) and to contact their insurance provider, as insured losses are generally not eligible for PDAP assistance. Keeping thorough records will support any future application should the RM be designated an eligible assistance area.

What Happens Next

Following the July 21, 2026 Council meeting, the RM will submit its PDAP designation resolution, together with the required supporting documentation, to the Province. Once the RM's application is approved and the RM is officially designated as an



eligible assistance area for the July 11, 2026 storm event, instructions on how to apply for individual assistance will be communicated through the RM office, the RM website, and local notice boards.

General FAQs – Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)

The following general information is provided for awareness only. It does not confirm that the RM has been designated as an eligible assistance area for the July 11, 2026 storm – that designation is still pending Council's resolution and provincial review. PDAP is a program of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) and is administered entirely by the Province – the RM does not make eligibility or payment decisions.

What is PDAP?

PDAP is a Government of Saskatchewan program that may help residents, small businesses, agricultural operations, non-profit organizations, and communities recover from natural disasters such as flooding, tornadoes, plow winds, and other severe weather events, by helping cover uninsurable essential losses.

Does a local emergency need to be declared for PDAP to apply?

No. Declaring a local emergency does not guarantee PDAP support, and a declaration is not a prerequisite to accessing PDAP. Instead, the local authority (the RM) must apply to the Province for official "Eligible Assistance Area" designation before PDAP support becomes available to residents.

How does an area become eligible?

The local authority requests a Request for Designation form from PDAP, passes a Council resolution, and returns the completed form along with a certified copy of the resolution, identifying the dates of the disaster and whether the application covers municipal damage, private (resident) damage, or both. The Province then determines whether the event qualifies.

What may PDAP cover, once the RM is designated?

If approved, PDAP may help with the cost of cleanup and repair of uninsurable essential property damaged by the disaster, and in some cases temporary relocation costs. Cleanup is generally reimbursed and repairs may be paid according to provincial rate schedules set out in the PDAP General Claim Guidelines.

What does PDAP generally NOT cover?

PDAP is not insurance and is not intended to fully compensate all losses. Losses that are insurable, or for which insurance was reasonably available, are generally not eligible – residents must pursue their insurance coverage first. PDAP does not cover insurance deductibles and cannot top up an insurance settlement, does not reimburse GST/PST, and land value is not included in PDAP appraisals. There are additional categories of loss specifically excluded under the program's guidelines. Residents should review the current PDAP General Claim Guidelines or speak with a PDAP representative for the complete list of what is and is not covered once a program, if any, is confirmed for this event.

How would residents apply, once the RM is designated?

If the RM is approved for designation, application forms would be made available through the RM office, and PDAP may set up a community recovery centre to assist residents in completing the forms. Claims are made directly to PDAP, though local authorities help distribute information and forms. Applications must generally be submitted within six months of the disaster's end date, and residents are encouraged to contact PDAP as early as possible, as original documentation is typically required within 30 days of the event.

Who can residents contact for more information?

For general PDAP program information, residents can visit saskpublicsafety.ca or call the PDAP program directly at 1-866-632-4033. For updates specific to the RM of Nipawin and the July 11, 2026 storm, please contact the RM office.