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Province announces disaster recovery funding for residents impacted by spring flooding

(Lacombe, Alberta) – On October 3, 2007, the Province of Alberta announced \$19.5 million in funding for five disaster recovery programs aimed at assisting Alberta residents recover from overland flooding that caused significant property and infrastructure damage this past spring.

Lacombe County residents may be eligible for a portion of the \$13.5 million recovery funds available under the 2007 Central Alberta Recovery Program, one of the five disaster recovery programs.

“Many Lacombe County residents experienced significant property damage following the extensive rainfall we saw in April, as well as the rain and snow storm we had from May 2 to 5,” said Lacombe County Disaster Services Coordinator Julian Veuger. “In anticipation of a provincial disaster recovery program, these residents were invited to add their name to a list of residents who incurred damage resulting from the inclement weather we experienced this past spring. Thirty-eight residents reported damage to their property.”

Lacombe County and the Town of Lacombe will be setting up a joint registration centre where impacted residents can apply for disaster recovery program funding. Residents who have already added their name to the list will be contacted directly and advised of the date and location of the registration centre.

Prior to attending the registration centre, residents are requested to first contact their insurance company to review their existing coverage, and have their insurance company provide them with a letter indicating what is not covered by their insurance policy. Disaster recovery programs cover damage for which insurance is not readily and reasonably available. Next, residents should prepare a detailed list of all property with non-insurable damage, and if possible, take photos of the damage.

Residents unable to attend a registration centre can call toll-free 1-888-671-1111 or visit the Municipal Affairs and Housing at www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca website for more information.

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