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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians Program– August 4, 2017

In response to the June 23, 2017 flood event, the Minister of Municipal Affairs activated the Provincial Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program effective Thursday, August 3, 2017.. In Minto, parts of Harriston, Palmerston and Clifford are designated. This means homeowners, residential tenants, small owner-operated businesses and farms, and not-for-profit organizations can apply for assistance under the program provided they are located within the area designated. Maps of the area are online at [www.ontario.ca/disasterassistance](http://www.ontario.ca/disasterassistance).

Program guidelines, frequently asked questions and application forms can be found on the Provincial website [www.ontario.ca/disasterassistance](http://www.ontario.ca/disasterassistance). The program is run by entirely by the Province. Information is available by emailing [disasterassistance@ontario.ca](mailto:disasterassistance@ontario.ca) or by phone toll free 1-844-780-8925. The application deadline is Friday, December 01, 2017. Any person having difficulty accessing the web based materials may pick up forms and information at the Town of Minto office.

The Town of Minto is recovering from a significant rainfall event June 23, 2017 characterized as worse than a one in one hundred year storm. Over 110 properties were damaged. Ministry officials were in contact with the Town during and after the emergency. Mayor Bridge stated: “We are pleased the Minister activated the program in Minto to help people recover from this event.”

The Harriston Kinsmen Club has established a flood relief fund. Donations are accepted through the Royal Bank of Canada in Harriston. Funds will be distributed by the Kinsmen through a fair and unbiased system.

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