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TO ALL AMO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES

My Community needs your assistance to address a disaster.

The Township of McNab/Braeside, with a population of just over 7,200, is found in Eastern Ontario near Ottawa. It is still very much a rural community that has been required to establish a fund raising target of $150,000 to deal with a flood.

More specifically a torrential rainstorm caused such localized flooding on July 24, 2009 such that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared the affected area a “Disaster Area” for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Program. This reflects the severe damage done to many farmers and homeowners. The Province will contribute up to $2.00 for every local dollar raised to an amount necessary to settle all claims.

The victims really need our support. They have found that this disaster which tore apart foundations, flooded basements and destroyed crops in the field and in storage was not covered by their insurance policies.

Our local fund raising efforts are beginning to bear fruit as donations are just now coming in from local municipalities. But in these lean times with so many other demands on all of us, the McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee asks your council to help make a difference and provide financial assistance to our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Neil Stewart
Chairperson of the McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee