Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee  
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Memo

Date:    July 14, 2009
To:    Head of Council  
       Administrator/Clerk
Cc:  
From:    Bernie Corbett, Chair
RE:    Donation Request – Grand River Flood 2009

On February 13, 2009 ice began to accumulate in the mouth of the Grand River. The ice created a natural dam and the river, which had been flowing into Lake Erie began to rise. As the river rose, the lives of families who lived along the river were drastically changed forever. Flood waters spilled over the banks of the Grand and flowed through the communities of Dunnville, Cayuga and points in between. Homes were destroyed, lives were devastated and families impacted beyond their ability to recover without help.

Estimates have pegged the financial loss at more than $1,800,000! Haldimand County asked the province to view the chaos and as a result the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared the region a “Disaster Area”. The Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee was struck and the task before the committee is significant. Our committee can do little to help people rebuild lives but we can try to mitigate the financial hardships facing many families.

On behalf of that committee, I would ask that your municipality, consider contributing to our relief efforts. Respectfully, we are asking if your community could assist our community with a donation of $250.00. Every dollar raised will be matched by the province on an up to 2:1 ratio.

Your consideration of our request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bernie Corbett  
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