

News Release

UPDATE ON PROGRAM DETAILS FOR THE PROVINCIAL FLOODING ASSISTANCE; NOW INCLUDES EARLY PAYMENT FOR CLEAN-UP COSTS

(updates in bold)

Residents of Saskatoon who suffered uninsurable damage from the rainstorms **of June 29/30 and July 2, 2010**, such as water seepage or overland water flows, may be eligible to receive assistance from the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program. Claims must be submitted before December 30, 2010 to be eligible, and work must be complete by June 30, 2011. **If your basement flooded from both rain events, you only need to submit one claim form with information from both floods.**

Once your claim form is submitted, the Province will review it within 7-14 days to determine if you qualify for a special early payment of up to \$3,000 to help with clean-up costs.

In order to apply, the Province requires that residents pick up an application and information package at the front desk of Cosmo Civic Centre (3130 Laurier Drive – open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., or Saturday & Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) or from the City Solicitor's Office at City Hall, 2nd Floor (222 - 3rd Avenue North; Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), or download the package at www.saskatoon.ca. Return the completed form to the City Solicitor's Office, Cosmo Civic Centre, **or to the provincial address listed on the form.** The application package has information on the type of claim that is permitted and how the claims will be processed. **The City will be couriering all claims to the Province on a daily basis**, and the Province will be in touch with claimants after they submit their claim.

In situations where house cleanup is already under way, the Province asks residents to save samples of damaged articles, document the clean-up process, and take pictures to support the claim. The Province will be sending an adjuster to visit eligible claimants, usually within 30 days upon receipt of their claim.

If homeowners experienced basement flooding (seepage or sewage backup), they should contact their insurance agent.

In addition, the City will follow-up with residents who have contacted the City about sewage backup, to obtain information from them on the performance of the City's sewer system including weeping tiles, back flow prevention devices, local sewer mains, and duration of flooding. This information helps identify where the water entered the system, as well as helps develop strategies to reduce or eliminate flooding in the future. The City asks all residents who experienced flooding to report it at 975-2476.

For more information, please contact the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program at 1-866-632-4033, or (306) 787-7800, or visit their website: www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca/ and click on the link to the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program. For information on where to pick up or drop off forms, please contact the City Solicitor's Office at 975-3270.