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Public Update on Town Response to Significant Rain Events

Introduction: What Happened?

Niagara-on-the-Lake experienced two significant rainfall events within less than a week, on the nights of July 28 and August 2, 2026. Rainfall varied across the municipality, ranging from approximately 58 millimetres in Queenston to 146 millimetres in Virgil across the two events. The rainfall placed considerable pressure on local drainage systems, resulting in three primary categories of impacts: overland water/flooding, sump pump being overrun or power outage, and sanitary/sewage backup. These impacts affected residents, businesses, agricultural operations, roads and municipal infrastructure.

The Town responded by deploying staff and equipment, investigating reported flooding, clearing drainage obstructions, coordinating with Niagara Region and other response partners, and assessing areas that may require additional maintenance or engineering review. Since the events, the Town has continued to investigate reported concerns, complete repairs, assess infrastructure and identify opportunities to strengthen flood preparedness and reduce future risks.

Flood recovery is an ongoing process. While immediate response activities have been completed in many locations, some concerns require additional investigation, engineering assessments, coordination with external agencies or longer-term infrastructure improvements. The Town is using information gathered during these events to help determine where further work is needed and how that work should be prioritized.

This update outlines what has been completed, what is underway, the anticipated timing of future work and what residents can do to help protect their properties.

How did the Town's infrastructure perform?

The Town's stormwater infrastructure continued to function during two significant rainfall events occurring within a short period. In general, water levels receded within approximately 48 hours, consistent with the intended performance of the system.

However, the experience also highlighted areas where drainage concerns, localized overland water impacts and the impacts on individual properties require further investigation. Stormwater infrastructure is designed according to applicable engineering standards and regulatory requirements. A commonly referenced design benchmark is the 1-in-100-year storm, which represents a 1% chance of a storm of that magnitude occurring in any given year. It does not mean that such a storm can happen only once every 100 years and is a common misunderstanding.

The Town will continue to follow applicable provincial requirements and engineering standards while reviewing maintenance practices, local drainage conditions and opportunities to improve resilience.

What Has the Town Done Since the Rain Events?

The Town's work since the two rainfall events has focused on five key areas:

- Responding to immediate rain-related impacts and drainage concerns.
- Collecting and analyzing reports to identify patterns and higher-risk locations.
- Inspecting, cleaning and repairing drainage infrastructure.
- Reviewing emergency response procedures and coordination with partner agencies.
- Identifying longer-term maintenance, engineering, mapping, public education, and funding priorities.

A. Immediate response

Following the rainfall events, the Town activated its Emergency Control Group and coordinated its response with Niagara Region, NOTL Hydro, emergency responders and other partner agencies.

Staff attended locations experiencing overland water impacts, sump pump and sanitary backup concerns, drainage issues and infrastructure concerns, including Millpond, Homestead Drive, Frontier Drive, Henry Street, King Street, Old Town and several rural drainage areas.

Key response activities included:

- King Street: The road was temporarily closed, and pumps were deployed to manage water levels. An obstruction was identified and addressed, allowing the water to recede.
- Millpond: Three vacuum trucks operated continuously overnight and into the following morning to remove water. Recovery of the affected area took nearly two days.
- Homestead Drive and Frontier Drive: Staff responded to reports of basement flooding and sanitary backups. Residents were directed to appropriate reporting channels and provided with information about insurance claims and preventive measures, including backup sump pumps.
- Henry Street: Staff attended reports of flooded basements and investigated drainage concerns. Residents were provided with guidance on reviewing their

weeping tile and sump pump systems and considering additional flood-prevention measures.
- Other affected areas: Staff responded to drainage concerns, washouts, debris and downed trees, including in rural areas.

King Street was the only road closure identified during the immediate response with additional closures in the subsequent day(s) such as Concession 4 Road and Line 2 Road. Roads otherwise remained open, and emergency vehicle access was maintained.

B. Collecting reports and identifying patterns

Understanding where and how the rainfall affected the community and whether concerns are recurring is essential to determining what work is needed. The Town established a coordinated process to collect reports, track outstanding concerns and identify locations that may require additional investigation or maintenance.

Community reports and inquiries

- Approximately 200 rain event related service requests were recorded in the Town's customer relationship management (CRM) system.
- Customer Experience Representatives handled more than 430 calls, including 145 after-hours calls and 43 voicemails, in addition to emails and other inquiries.
- Dedicated reporting processes were established for residential, business and agricultural flooding concerns.
- The service requests and flooding reports were reviewed, mapped and assessed, with follow-up communication provided where applicable.
- Staff continue to work across departments to direct reports to the appropriate teams, investigate concerns and advance outstanding work.
- Further, a public survey was developed seeking additional information from residents and businesses regarding their specific flooding. A total of 156 survey responses were received whereby some reports had water breach in multiple ways:
    - 67 identified overland flow
    - 60 identified sewer backup
    - 40 identified sump pump failure
    - 43 identified flooding through their foundations
    - 43 identified flooding through their doors and/or windows

The volume of inquiries reflects the significant impact these events had on the community. The Town recognizes that reporting a concern is an important first step, but residents also want to understand what happens next. The tracking process is intended to help staff

follow up on reported issues, identify common concerns and determine where broader action may be warranted.

Rain event impact tracking and risk assessment

A comprehensive rain event impact tracking system was established after the events to bring reported impacts and outstanding work together in one place.

Reports are categorized using three primary impact classifications:

1. Overland Water/Flooding: Water moving across the ground and affecting properties, roads, agricultural lands or other areas.
2. Sump Pump Being Overrun or Power Outage: Basement water intrusion associated with a sump pump being unable to manage incoming water or a loss of electrical power affecting pump operation.
3. Sanitary/Sewage Backup: Sanitary sewer or sewage entering a property through plumbing fixtures, floor drains or other connections.

Additional drainage and infrastructure concerns are also tracked, including overland flooding, ditches, culverts, roads and agricultural impacts. Known problem areas and potential risks are also tracked so that recurring concerns can be considered collectively rather than as isolated incidents.

Staff also reviewed floodplain mapping alongside reported flooding locations. Approximately 48% of mapped flooding reports occurred within a regulated floodplain or within 30 metres of one.

The Town has collected data from the rain event impact tracking and risk assessment exercises. This information has been provided to the Province as raw data for review and to assist in determining the next steps. As of the first week in November, the Province will be reaching out to several residents and/or business owners that experienced flooding to further assess the impacts. The Province will use this information to assist in their decision making process to determine applicability and availability of funding.

This information helps the Town understand where impacts were concentrated and where additional investigation may be beneficial.

Where were reports concentrated?

Mapping identified 10 clusters of reported impacts across Niagara-on-the-Lake:

- Chautauqua area: Vincent Avenue, Wyckliffe Avenue and Luther Avenue neighbourhood.
- Upper Canada area: Upper Canada Drive, Niven Road and Colonel Butler Crescent neighbourhood.
- Mississauga Street and Gage Street: Intersection area.
- Victoria Street and Anne Street: Intersection area.
- Concession 6, Line 1 and Line 2 roads: Neighbourhood and surrounding area.
- Concession 4 Road: Between Line 1 Road and Line 2 Road.
- Line 5 Road and Niagara Stone Road: Intersection area.
- Concession 5 Road and Line 7 Road: Intersection area.
- Millpond and Line 9 Road: Neighbourhood and surrounding area.
- Warner Road: Reported flooding area.

Of these 10 clusters, five were located around the Four Mile Creek regulated floodplain, three were within other regulated floodplain areas, and two, Warner Road and the Victoria Street/Anne Street intersection, were outside regulated floodplain areas. These clusters identify concentrations of reports, not 10 separate infrastructure failures. Each location may have different drainage conditions, contributing factors and potential solutions.

In addition to these clusters, staff identified and mapped 33 locations experiencing drainage or water related risks from immediate response. Some overlap with the 10 clusters. These locations were identified for staff follow-up, including inspections and maintenance where needed.

The 33 locations are:

- Church Road
- Diana Drive
- Frontier Drive
- Henry Street
- Homestead Drive
- Hunter Road
- Irvine Road
- Lakeshore Road
- Line 1 Road
- Line 3 Road
- Line 6 Road
- Millpond Road
- Niven Road
- Queenston Road
- Tanbark Road
- Carlton Street between Read Road and Stewart Road
- Concession 5 Road and Line 7 Road
- Four Mile Creek Road and Line 5 Road

- Niagara Stone Road and Airport Road
- Platoff Street and Wellington Street
- Gage Street, King Street, and Regent Street
- Garrison Village
- Airport Drain No. 3
- Colcuc Drain
- Harrison Drain No. 1
- Sloma Drain
- Bob Howse Trail
- Niagara District Airport
- Bella Terra Vineyards
- Between the Lines Winery
- Big Head Wines
- Stratus Vineyards
- St. Davids Cold Storage

The Town will continue to use these mapped reports and inspection findings to guide follow-up work and identify locations that may need more detailed engineering assessment.

D. Infrastructure inspections, maintenance and repairs

Staff have completed inspections and maintenance across several types of stormwater infrastructure in affected areas.

Work has included:

- Inspecting more than 150 catch basins.
- Inspecting approximately 50 ditches.
- Assessing five municipal drains.
- Inspecting approximately 50 culverts.
- Completing site-specific closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspections of drainage infrastructure.
- Conducting visual assessments of municipal drains and removing obstructions, including debris, sediment and tree roots, where required.
- Using specialized equipment to investigate and remove blockages.
- Meeting with adjacent property owners in areas that experienced significant flooding.
- Flushing, cleaning and repairing higher-concern infrastructure based on inspection findings.
- Responding to road washouts, debris and downed trees.
- Topographic surveys at priority locations to better understand ground elevations, drainage patterns and the movement of surface water.
- Inspecting Town facilities for storm-related damage and hazards.

Examples of completed work include:

- Line 3 Road: Access to the upper dam was repaired.
- Airport, Butilkin, and Sloma drains: Blockages were removed.
- Niven Road: A collapsed pipe was repaired.
- Culverts: Twelve culverts have been replaced, with additional replacements continuing as work progresses.
- Vineyard Creek Estates stormwater management pond: development of a new spillway to help alleviate surcharging and upstream flooding.

E. Supporting residents, businesses and agricultural operators

The Town recognizes that significant rain events can create financial, practical and emotional challenges, even after water has receded.

Staff have provided information and assistance relating to:

- Cleanup, waste disposal, and recovery with Niagara Region.
- Building permits and property repairs.
- Septic systems and cisterns.
- Insurance considerations and documentation.
- Available recovery resources.
- Reporting residential, business and agricultural impacts.
- Access to shower and washroom facilities for residents who needed them.

Dedicated reporting processes were established to capture impacts on businesses and agricultural operators, including crop damage and other economic losses. Staff also facilitated business support and continued communication with affected operators.

F. Reviewing the Town's Emergency Response

The significant rain events provided an opportunity to review how the Town responds to severe weather, how quickly staff and equipment can be mobilized, and how information is shared with external agencies.

The Town has undertaken several activities to strengthen preparedness and coordination.

Internal review and preparedness

- Staff who were directly involved in the response were interviewed to identify effective practices, challenges and opportunities for improvement.

- A flood emergency response exercise was conducted to record response times, review equipment inventories and confirm that equipment was in suitable working condition for future events.
- Staff reviewed response procedures and recommendations to identify potential operational improvements.
- Secured approved budget for specialized equipment to strengthen the Town's in-house ditch and vegetation maintenance capacity.

Improved coordination and monitoring at Millpond

The Town coordinated with Niagara Region to improve access to Millpond monitoring data and strengthen communication.

Changes include:

- Establishing direct text alerts to Town staff through the monitoring system, reducing reliance on notifications from Regional staff.
- Lowering the alert thresholds used by Town staff relative to the Region's existing parameters to support earlier notification and a more timely response.

The Town is also evaluating the potential for its own water-monitoring system at Millpond Road, which could provide greater direct access to monitoring data and support operational decision-making. A permanent bypass has been explored but not permitted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Coordination with Niagara Region and other partners

The Town worked with Niagara Region on several location-specific and community-wide concerns, including:

- Water related issues along Lakeshore Road and Four Mile Creek Road.
- Ditching and vegetation removal near Line 5 Road and Four Mile Creek, including coordination involving Town property.
- Phragmites concerns along Carlton Street, between Stewart Road and Sunshine Gardens.

Town representatives also used the 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference to advocate directly with provincial representatives about Niagara-on-the-Lake's experience during the significant rain events, municipal infrastructure needs, and the importance of additional support for mitigation, emergency preparedness and municipal resilience.

G. Regular Stormwater Maintenance Programs

In addition to work prompted by the July and August rain events, the Town continues its regular stormwater maintenance programs. These activities are part of the ongoing work required to maintain infrastructure and support drainage performance.

Storm Sewer CCTV Inspection and Flushing Program

The Town conducts annual CCTV inspections and flushing of approximately 20% of its storm sewer network, completing a full inspection cycle every five years. This program helps identify blockages, structural deficiencies and required maintenance or repairs.

Catch Basin Cleaning Program

The Town conducts an annual catch basin cleaning program that covers the entire Town on a three-year rotation. The program removes accumulated sediment and debris to maintain drainage system performance.

Stormwater Facility Inspections and Maintenance

The Town inspects its stormwater facilities twice annually to ensure they are functioning properly and that inlet and outlet structures are free of debris and blockages. Maintenance activities are undertaken as required.

Storm Sewer Outlet Inspection Program

The Town inspects approximately 96 storm sewer outlets annually to identify debris, obstructions and potential blockages that could affect drainage system performance.

Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs

Ongoing investigation and repair of damaged storm sewers, catch basins and associated drainage infrastructure identified through inspections and service requests.

Work completed in 2026 includes:

- Catch basin cleaning: 644 catch basins were cleaned as part of the Town's three-year cleaning program.
- Stormwater management pond cleaning: Sediment and vegetation were removed from the Cannery and Arena stormwater management ponds.

- Invasive phragmites management: Pilot herbicide treatments were completed at Four Mile Creek Drain No. 4, a section of Line 9 Road, drainage areas behind Old Mill Lane and David Secord Drive, and four stormwater management ponds at Cole Crescent, Paxton Lane, Townline Road and Warner Road (Sparky's Park).

These activities are separate from the additional inspections, repairs and maintenance undertaken in response to the July and August rain events.

H. Funding and recovery assistance

The Town continues to work with the Province to understand and pursue available recovery and infrastructure funding opportunities. This includes the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRAP) program and Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) program.

The Town's Finance team has established a dedicated cost centre to track expenditures related to the significant rain events. Departments continue to document response and recovery costs and impacts to support the Town's assessment of potential funding eligibility. Funding eligibility, application requirements and approval decisions are determined through the applicable program processes.

What Work Is Underway?

The Town's next phase of work focuses on completing outstanding investigations, improving maintenance planning, advancing engineering studies, strengthening monitoring and pursuing funding opportunities.

Some activities can be completed through routine operations. Others require engineering design, consultant support, coordination with property owners or external agencies, budget approval or additional funding.

A. Continued investigation and follow-up

Staff will continue to respond to new and outstanding reports, investigate drainage concerns and complete remediation where required.

The Town is also reviewing staff observations and recommendations from the emergency response and subsequent inspections. These findings will help determine which improvements can be completed through routine maintenance and which require further technical assessment or capital investment.

The Town will continue to work with Niagara Region, the Province, NOTL Hydro, emergency responders, conservation authorities and other relevant agencies to improve information sharing, clarify responsibilities and strengthen coordination before, during and after significant weather events.

B. Project Status and Anticipated Timelines

The Town continues to advance recovery activities, infrastructure inspections, maintenance planning and longer-term drainage improvements. The table below summarizes key initiatives, their current status, and anticipated timing.

Timelines are estimates where available and may change based on engineering requirements, weather conditions, contractor availability, coordination with property owners and external agencies, procurement, budget approvals and funding availability.

Project	Activity	Anticipated timing
Stormwater maintenance program review	Staff are reviewing existing maintenance programs, service levels, priorities and costs.	Started – TBD
Municipal drain maintenance	Approved budget to develop a comprehensive 10-year municipal drainage maintenance program and coordinated roadside drainage ditch maintenance program.	Started – TBD
Town-wide Digital Elevation Model	Approved budget to updated high-resolution imagery and LiDAR elevation data. Procurement has begun.	Winter 2027 – Spring 2027
Stormwater management pond surveys	Bathymetric surveys of all stormwater management ponds are planned to assess sediment accumulation and inform future maintenance. Procurement has begun.	Winter 2027 – Spring 2027
Colcuc Drain – Line 5 & 6 Road	Vegetation removal is planned and procurement begun.	Summer 2026 – Winter 2026
Millpond water-level monitoring	The Town is evaluating the feasibility of establishing its own monitoring system to improve access to data and support timely response.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027
Mississauga Street reconstruction	Project includes a new storm sewer to improve stormwater management.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027

Line 2 Road reconstruction	Project includes a new storm sewer to improve drainage.	Summer 2026 – Spring 2027
Line 3 Road reconstruction (Phase 2)	Drainage improvements are included in the planned reconstruction.	Fall 2026 – Spring 2027
Regent Street culvert replacement	Replacement with a larger culvert is planned to improve drainage and reduce flood risk.	Summer 2026 – Fall 2026
Four Mile Creek floodplain mapping	Floodplain mapping update is being advanced.	Fall 2026 – Winter 2027
St. Davids stormwater study	Preliminary planning is underway for an engineering study to assess drainage conditions and potential improvements.	2027
Queenston stormwater study	Preliminary planning is underway for an engineering study to assess drainage conditions and potential improvements.	2027

What Should Residents Expect Moving Forward?

A. Continued follow-up, not an immediate end to all concerns

The Town has completed significant response and recovery work, but not every reported concern can be resolved through immediate maintenance. Some issues may require further inspections, engineering analysis, property-owner coordination, external approvals or capital projects. The time needed to address a concern will depend on its cause, complexity, risk and the work required. The Town will continue to review reports, investigate priority areas and determine whether corrective action is warranted.

B. A more evidence-based approach to risk reduction

The information gathered during the July and August events will help the Town move toward a more systematic approach to identifying and addressing drainage concerns.

Staff will continue to consider:

- The frequency and duration of rainfall.
- The severity and consequences of those impacts.
- Impacts on homes, businesses, agricultural lands, critical infrastructure and municipal services.
- Historical patterns and known drainage deficiencies.
- Resident service requests and documented incidents.
- Rainfall, water-level and drainage monitoring data.

- Inspection results and the condition of infrastructure.
- The feasibility, urgency and potential effectiveness of corrective actions.

This information will help staff identify recurring issues, compare conditions across locations and determine where additional maintenance, monitoring or engineering investigation may provide the greatest benefit.

The Town is reviewing opportunities to formalize priority-based inspection and maintenance programs for municipal drains, culverts, catch basins and other stormwater infrastructure. Staff are also considering where targeted CCTV inspections and further technical investigations may be appropriate.

C. Clearer stormwater maintenance programs and service expectations

The Town is working toward more clearly defined stormwater management programs, including documented levels of service and maintenance expectations. This work will help establish a more consistent approach to inspections, cleaning, repairs and prioritization, while taking into account available resources, costs and infrastructure needs.

Municipal drainage infrastructure is one part of a broader system. Flooding can also be influenced by rainfall intensity, groundwater, property grading, private drainage systems, receiving water levels and conditions outside the Town's direct control.

The Town will continue to address municipal responsibilities while coordinating with other agencies and encouraging residents to take appropriate steps to protect their properties.

D. Preparing for more severe weather

Climate change is expected to increase the frequency or intensity of some extreme rainfall events. Short periods of heavy rainfall can create particular challenges for drainage systems and developed areas.

The Town will continue to follow applicable provincial requirements and engineering standards while assessing how maintenance practices, monitoring and future infrastructure investments can respond to changing weather conditions.

E. Continued communication and coordination

The Town will continue to provide updates on significant rain event recovery activities, relevant engineering studies, maintenance initiatives and Council decisions as information becomes available. Staff will also continue to strengthen coordination with

Niagara Region, NOTL Hydro, emergency responders, conservation authorities and other relevant agencies. The recent events provided important information about local patterns, infrastructure performance, emergency response and community needs. The Town will use these findings to strengthen preparedness and establish a more consistent approach to identifying, prioritizing and addressing water related and drainage concerns.

What Now?

A. Report flooding and damage

Residents who experienced impacts during the rainfall events can help the Town understand the full extent of the impacts by reporting incidents that have not already been documented.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Report impacts to the Town through the Town's established online or telephone reporting channels, even if the water has since receded.
- Provide the location, approximate date and time, photos, and the applicable impact category: overland water/flooding, sump pump being overrun or power outage, or sanitary/sewage backup.
- Report impacts to basements, yards, roads, driveways, agricultural lands or other affected areas, as applicable.
- Report any continuing drainage concerns or recurring issues.
- Contact their insurance provider to report damage and understand documentation requirements, coverage and next steps.

Reports help the Town build a more complete record, identify recurring concerns and inform future maintenance and engineering priorities.

B. Take steps to help protect your property and belongings

The community is encouraged to take measures to reduce the potential for water-related property damage. The following actions can help reduce risk and maintain drainage around your home.

- Remove leaves and debris from private gutters, downspouts and accessible catch basins where it is safe and appropriate to do so.
- Keep basement floor drains clear and free from obstructions.
- Ensure the ground around your home slopes away from the foundation for approximately two metres (six feet), where site conditions allow.

- Consider drainage when redesigning your yard. Avoid changes that redirect water toward your home or neighbouring properties.
- Do not obstruct municipal drainage infrastructure or alter drainage patterns in ways that could interfere with water flow.
- Ensure downspouts and weeping tile connections comply with applicable municipal requirements and are connected only to approved outlets.
- Periodically check that your sump pump is working properly.
- Consider a sump pump with a backup power source, installed by a qualified professional.
- Consider having a qualified professional assess whether a backwater valve is appropriate for your property.
- If you have a backwater valve, have it inspected and cleaned according to the manufacturer's instructions and professional advice. Seasonal checks in spring and fall may be appropriate.
- Keep items off basement floors and consider storing them in elevated areas where practical.
- Review your household emergency plan and keep insurance information and important records accessible.

C. Be prepared for severe weather

- Monitor weather forecasts and advisories, especially when heavy rainfall is expected.
- The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) offers the Alertable app for local alerts and notifications issued by Environment Canada. Residents can use it to stay informed about relevant weather and emergency updates.
- Avoid unnecessary water use during periods of heavy rainfall and follow any specific guidance from the Town or relevant authorities.
- Consider low-impact development measures, such as rain gardens or rainwater capture, where suitable for your property and permitted by applicable requirements.

D. How Will the Town Use What It Has Learned?

The July and August 2026 rainfall events have provided important information about how drainage systems performed, where impacts were reported, and where additional investigation may be warranted. The Town's response moved from immediate emergency measures toward a longer-term program of assessment, maintenance planning, engineering and preparedness.

Next steps

1. Continue to review and respond to outstanding reports received and prioritize remediation works based on risk and severity as part of daily work assignments, budget permitting.
2. Incorporate mapping information, inspection results, and monitoring data to identify recurring issues and monitor higher-risk locations before forecasted significant weather events.
3. Utilize the existing heavy equipment such as the flair mower and John Deere to remove vegetation from roadside drainage ditches while it is currently operational.
4. Through approved funding from Council in Budget Amendment – Public Works Stormwater Management Needs – PWIS-26-011, develop and/or revise stormwater management and maintenance programs in 2027:
    1. December 2026 – Tender and procure a mid-mount boom mower for the John Deere for roadside drainage ditch maintenance.
    2. April 2027 – Development of a comprehensive 10-year municipal drainage maintenance program and coordinated roadside drainage ditch maintenance program.
    3. June 2027 – Revision of stormwater management pond cleanout schedule based on bathymetric surveys of the Town's 15 stormwater management ponds.
    4. December – Improve engineering analyses and operational information with updated topographic survey information obtained through acquisition of LiDAR data and high-resolution imagery and development of a town-wide Digital Elevation Model.
5. Continue to coordinate with Niagara Region and setup the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) at the Sewage Pumping Stations to allow for the Town to monitor sewage levels and engage bypass pumping sooner by December 2026.
6. Continue to deliver infrastructure projects through the approved capital to address drainage issues. Seek additional funding in Winter 2027 for capital projects such as the Wellington Street storm sewer replacement targeting known flooding locations.
7. Delegate to Ministries at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) for funding to support stormwater management and drainage initiatives such as a roadside ditching program in 2027.
8. Continue coordinating with Niagara Region, the Province and other agencies including delegations at Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) in 2027.
9. Pursue available recovery and infrastructure funding.

10. Share further updates as projects, studies, budgets and implementation timelines are confirmed.

The Town recognizes the disruption and uncertainty that significant rain events can cause for residents, businesses and agricultural operators. The Town will continue to use the information gathered during these events to guide its response, prioritize future work and strengthen preparedness for severe weather. Residents are encouraged to report any concerns that have not already been recorded, identify the applicable impact category, and to take reasonable steps to protect their properties as part of the community's broader approach to severe weather preparedness.