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March 12, 2021

Mr. Tony Sonnleitner
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SUMMER VILLAGE OF ROSS HAVEN
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Dear Mr. Sonnleitner:

RE: Safety Codes Council Audit of the Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Gas Disciplines for the Period of November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020

As you are aware, the Safety Codes Council (the "Council") conducted an audit of the Summer Village of Ross Haven's permitting and inspection services in the building, electrical, plumbing, and gas disciplines on January 25–29, 2021. The audit has been completed and filed with the Council. An executive summary of the audit, along with a copy of the report, is included for your reference and use.

We would appreciate receiving your comments and plans to address the observations and recommendations included in the executive summary by **June 10, 2021**.

On behalf of the Council, I thank the Summer Village of Ross Haven and staff for their cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Audit Manager

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Enclosures

cc: Peter Thomas, Administrator of Accreditation, Safety Codes Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

March 2021

Summer Village of Ross Haven (BEPG)

The Safety Codes Council (the “Council”), in administering its responsibilities and duties under the *Safety Codes Act*, audits the provision of permitting and inspection services by accredited municipalities. Audits assess the administration and delivery of these services against an accredited municipality’s approved Quality Management Plan and other requirements established in legislation or Council policy.

The process is intended to assist accredited municipalities with meeting the requirements of their accreditation and enhancing or refining the services provided to Albertans. Overall, the audits help provide an objective and unbiased assessment of performance, effectiveness, and risk associated with the broader provincial safety codes system.

The Council audit process takes the following into consideration:

- overall quality management of accredited municipalities;
- administration of permitting and inspection services provided by accredited municipalities under their approved Quality Management Plan;
- certification and practices of safety codes officers and permit issuers;
- processes supporting the issuance of orders or variances and the delivery of other safety codes services; and
- administration of safety codes fees and levies.

This audit was conducted on January 25–29, 2021, focusing on the Summer Village of Ross Haven’s (the “Municipality”) accreditation in the building, electrical, plumbing, and gas disciplines for the period of November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020. The audit took the following into consideration:

- previous review of the Municipality’s building, electrical, plumbing, and gas accreditations;
- open and closed safety codes permits reported under this audit; and
- roles and responsibilities of those who provide services in these disciplines.

The auditor found some items requiring corrections which recommendations for implementation are included in this report.

Please note, recommendations of the auditor and/or Council’s representative are to be implemented by the municipality as defined by the Quality Management Plan. Where recommendations are made, actions are required. Suggestions, however, provide guidance from the auditor to improve current processes, documents, etc.

Following is a summary of the observations from the audit:

1. REVISIONS

The Quality Management Plan was updated in 2011 with acceptance by the Administrator of Accreditation and an in-force date of August 16, 2011. No changes or updates have been submitted to the Administrator of Accreditation since.

Recommendation: The Municipality will update its Quality Management Plan using the latest template, which can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.safetycodes.ab.ca. This will ensure that the Municipality is working with the most current Quality Management Plan, which contains the latest features and accreditation standards for safety codes operations.

2. PERFORMANCE

The Municipality meets with the agency's safety codes officers when the closed files are returned to the municipal office. The contracted agency uses its own proprietary software to monitor and record permit files; however, the auditor noted that there were no regular procedures within the Municipality to monitor the progress of open permit files. As a result, the Municipality may not be aware of the permit status until completion.

The Municipality is currently applying two different permit conditions among disciplines. In the building discipline, the permit/plans examination report conditions indicate that permits are valid for one year from the date of the issuance and also that permits expire if the work is not commenced, suspended or abandoned as per section 25 of the Permit Regulation. In the electrical, plumbing, and gas permits, no specific terms are included; therefore, the general conditions as per section 25 of the Permit Regulation should apply.

Based on the permits reviewed, the auditor found cases where the progress of the permit has exceeded the terms and conditions of the permit (or section 25 of the Permit Regulation) without documented monitoring to determine the status of the permit.

During the audit, the auditor understood that the Municipality is considering implementing new policy and/or procedures, including the use of eSITE to enhance the permitting and inspection process and strengthen the communication with its agency.

Recommendation: The Municipality will enhance its permit monitoring process and procedures to regularly review the open permit files with the agency and identify permits that have reached their expiration date or exceeded a reasonable timeframe of the work since last activity, so that an action is initiated to extend, expire, or determine the status of the work as per the permit conditions and Permit Regulation.

Suggestion: The Municipality may consider standardizing permit conditions for all disciplines and listing those conditions on the permit to facilitate better communication with the permit holder about required timelines.

3. PERMIT SERVICES REPORT

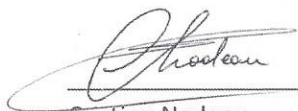
The auditor found that most Permit Services Reports were issued within 30 days of completing the compliance monitoring services; however, there was one permit where the Permit Services Report exceeded the 30 days (VRH B 0002 19 ED).

Recommendation: The Municipality will issue a Permit Services Report within 30 days after completing the compliance monitoring services.

The auditors concluded that the Municipality, its staff, and contracted accredited agency are providing services in the building discipline with integrity and reasonableness in meeting with the intent of the *Safety Codes Act* and the approved Quality Management Plan.

The Municipality indicated support from management and elected officials towards safety codes operations and its commitment to improvements. We thank the Summer Village of Ross Haven for its commitment to safety and its involvement and support in conducting this audit. We look forward to working with you in the future.

SAFETY CODES COUNCIL

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Cristian Nadeau
Audit Manager

Safety Codes Council
Audit

Summer Village of Ross Haven

Respecting the administration of the *Safety Codes Act*
under Accreditation Orders 1230, 1231, 1233, and 1232
for building, electrical, plumbing, and gas disciplines.

— AUDIT PERIOD: November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020 —

Audit Date:

January 25–29, 2021

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SAFETY CODES COUNCIL AUDIT

Overview

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The Summer Village of Ross Haven (the "Municipality") is a community of over 160 people, encompassing an area of 69 hectares, and located 82 kilometres northwest of the City of Edmonton.

AUDIT TEAM

Audit Lead: Guy Gravely

AUDIT HISTORY

The previous municipal review was conducted by Alberta Municipal Affairs on April 27, 2011, for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

FILE SELECTION PARAMETERS

The Municipality reported the following information for the period under audit:

STATUS	PERMIT/FILE	# OF PERMITS/FILES REPORTED	# OF PERMITS/FILES SELECTED
Open	Building	6	2
	Electrical	5	1
	Plumbing	1	0
	Gas	7	2
	Private Sewage	0	0
	<i>TOTAL:</i>	19	5
Closed	Building	8	4
	Electrical	5	2
	Plumbing	2	1
	Gas	5	3
	Private Sewage	1	1
	<i>TOTAL:</i>	20	11

There were no orders of compliance or variances/alternative solutions reported for the period under audit.

Quality Management Plan Review

SCHEDULE A – SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

A.1 SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

The Municipality holds accreditation to administer the *Safety Codes Act* in the building, electrical, plumbing, and gas disciplines. The Municipality's service delivery matches the scope of accreditation as per the approved Quality Management Plan that was in place for the period being audited.

A.2 ADHERENCE TO THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Municipality demonstrated an understanding of its responsibilities for ensuring compliance with the Quality Management Plan as an accredited organization.

The Municipality has a three-and-an-half-year signed contract with the accredited agency Superior Safety Codes Inc. on file. The contract was effective on June 10, 2017 and will expire on December 31, 2021. The contract does include a transition clause. The contract does address the return of all municipal files upon its termination and the ownership of records related to the services provided under the *Safety Codes Act*.

The Municipality's Quality Management Plan Manager assisted with the audit. The auditor was assured by the Municipality's representative that the Municipality does maintain an atmosphere of safety codes officer objectivity, free of undue influence.

A.3 POLICY FOR PERSONNEL TRAINING

The Municipality's representative was unaware if the contracted agency's safety codes officers have attended the required seminars and renewed their certification as required. However, through reviewing the Council's records, the auditor confirmed their certification.

Suggestion: The Municipality may consider requesting a summary of all certifications and training of the safety code officers from the agency on an annual basis.

A.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

The Municipality's representative was aware that all information collected under the *Safety Codes Act* is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

A.5 RECORDS RETENTION AND RETRIEVAL

Through interviewing the Municipality's representative, the auditor determined that files are retained for a minimum period of three years as indicated in the Quality Management Plan, then archived to the property file.

The Municipality has a procedure in place to have completed files returned from the agency back to the Municipality on a regular basis. The records retention and retrieval process employed by the Municipality meets the intent of the Quality Management Plan.

A.6 DECLARATION OF STATUS

Based on the files reviewed, the auditor found no evidence of conflict of interest with the agency's safety codes officers in respect to the services provided under the Quality Management Plan, including being the owner, contractor or designer of projects where they also provided compliance monitoring.

A.7 ANNUAL INTERNAL REVIEW

The Quality Management Plan requires accredited municipalities to conduct an annual internal review of their program and provide the Council with a summary of findings and action plans to be implemented.

The Municipality has conducted an internal review of its Quality Management Plan program with a summary of findings and action plans submitted to the Council for year 2018.

A.8 REVISIONS

The Quality Management Plan was updated in 2011 with acceptance by the Administrator of Accreditation and an in-force date of August 16, 2011. No changes or updates have been submitted to the Administrator of Accreditation since.

Recommendation: The Municipality will update its Quality Management Plan using the latest template, which can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.safetycodes.ab.ca. This will ensure that the Municipality is working with the most current Quality Management Plan, which contains the latest features and accreditation standards for safety codes operations.

A.9 REVISION CONTROL SYSTEM

The Municipality does ensure that all staff and contracted accredited agencies performing duties under the Quality Management Plan have access to a copy of the plan. The Municipality does not maintain a registry of those that have been provided with a copy of the Quality Management Plan and approved revisions. However, due to the circumstances of having only one staff member, a registry is not required.

SCHEDULE B – SERVICE DELIVERY STANDARDS

B.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Municipality is aware of its responsibilities for providing compliance monitoring services under the *Safety Codes Act* and the Quality Management Plan.

B.2 PERFORMANCE

The Municipality meets with the agency's safety codes officers when the closed files are returned to the municipal office. The contracted agency uses its own proprietary software to monitor and record permit files; however, the auditor noted that there were no regular procedures within the Municipality to monitor the progress of open permit files. As a result, the Municipality may not be aware of the permit status until completion.

The Municipality is currently applying two different permit conditions among disciplines. In the building discipline, the permit/plans examination report conditions indicate that permits are valid for one year from the date of the issuance and also that permits expire if the work is not commenced, suspended or abandoned as per section 25 of the Permit Regulation. In the electrical, plumbing, and gas permits, no specific terms are included; therefore, the general conditions as per section 25 of the Permit Regulation should apply.

Based on the permits reviewed, the auditor found cases where the progress of the permit has exceeded the terms and conditions of the permit (or section 25 of the Permit Regulation) without documented monitoring to determine the status of the permit.

During the audit, the auditor understood that the Municipality is considering implementing new policy and/or procedures, including the use of eSITE to enhance the permitting and inspection process and strengthen the communication with its agency.

Recommendation: The Municipality will enhance its permit monitoring process and procedures to regularly review the open permit files with the agency and identify permits that have reached their expiration date or exceeded a reasonable timeframe of the work since last activity, so that an action is initiated to extend, expire, or determine the status of the work as per the permit conditions and Permit Regulation.

Suggestion: The Municipality may consider standardizing permit conditions for all disciplines and listing those conditions on the permit to facilitate better communication with the permit holder about required timelines.

B.3 PERSONNEL

The Municipality does not maintain a registry of all contracted permit issuers and safety codes officers with their level(s) of certification and designation of powers. Based on the permits reviewed, the agency's safety codes officers are designated and certified to the correct level for the work completed.

B.4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN TRAINING

The auditor found no formal training or training records related to the administration of the Quality Management Plan. This training allows involved staff to understand their roles and responsibilities when administering the *Safety Codes Act*.

Suggestion: The Municipality could consider having all staff members involved with safety codes operations complete the Quality Management Plan training currently offered by the Council.

B.5 RECORDS

The Municipality does maintain a file system for all records associated with permitting and inspection services and ensure that all files returned by the agency are complete. Of the files reviewed, all were found to be complete.

B.6 COUNCIL LEVY

The Municipality's Quality Management Plan states that the Municipality will collect the Council levy for each permit issued under the *Safety Codes Act*, and remit those levies to the Council.

The Municipality's current process is: the contracted agency issues the permits, collects the associated fees, and remits the safety codes levies to the Council on behalf of the municipality. The auditor confirmed that the agency is remitting levies on a monthly basis.

B.7 ORDERS AND VARIANCES

The Municipality has safety codes officers at the appropriate level through its contracted agency who may issue orders and variances in accordance with the *Safety Codes Act*.

There were no orders of compliance or variances/alternative solutions reported under this audit.

Compliance Monitoring

GENERAL PERMITTING PROCESS REVIEW

The Municipality will monitor compliance through a program of permit issuance, plans examination (when applicable), site inspection, follow-up inspections or verification of compliance, and file closure. Certified and designated safety codes officers will provide compliance monitoring in accordance with the *Safety Codes Act*.

While some improvements are recommended, the auditor found that the Municipality has a well-established safety codes operation. The staff demonstrated integrity and a strong commitment in providing services in the building, electrical, plumbing, and gas disciplines in accordance with the *Safety Codes Act* and the Quality Management Plan.

INFORMATION COLLECTION - PERMITS

The Quality Management Plan requires that certain information be collected as part of the permitting process such as the applicant's, owner's, and contractor's contact information; description of the work to be undertaken; the permit issuer's name, signature, and designation number; and an advisory respecting the collection/use of this information and compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Based on the permit applications and issued permits reviewed, the information requested or collected as part of the permitting process is consistently captured and provided. However, the auditor noted that the issued permits in electrical, plumbing and gas disciplines do not state the number of required inspections and stages to help applicants understand the legal requirements and their responsibilities in compliance with the *Safety Codes Act*.

Suggestion: The Municipality may consider enhancing the information on trade permits to include the required number of inspections and at what stage those inspections need to be completed. This would assist the permit holder, especially by homeowner, with requesting inspections at the correct time.

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT REVIEW

A construction document review is required as per Appendix A: Building Discipline and Appendix C: Plumbing Discipline, Private Sewage Disposal Systems of the Quality Management Plan.

This review was always completed within 15 days of permit issuance and complete documents found on file. The required construction documents were received prior to permit issuance.

PLANS REVIEW REPORT

The auditor found the plans review report in the building and plumbing (private sewage disposal systems) disciplines meets the Quality Management Plan's requirements.

SITE INSPECTIONS AND REPORTS

Under its Quality Management Plan, the Municipality is required to carry out periodic inspections of construction activity regulated by the *Safety Codes Act*. These inspections are conducted by a safety codes officer who then submits a report of his/her observations to the owner or other appropriate party who can ensure deficiencies are corrected as needed.

These reports are required to contain information that clearly ties permit services to the property and parties responsible. These must also include observations and direction to achieving safety codes compliance.

The type of information required on inspection reports is identified in the Municipality's Quality Management Plan. Equally important to the inspection process is the follow-up to ensure that deficiencies or unsafe conditions have been addressed.

The auditor found the inspection process in the building, electrical, plumbing, and gas disciplines to be meeting the Quality Management Plan's requirements.

NO-ENTRY POLICY

The Municipality has a no-entry policy as required by the Quality Management Plan. No concerns were found.

PERMIT SERVICES REPORT

The Permit Services Report is the last step in the permitting process which allows closure of the permit file. This document is issued to the owner by the municipality when all required inspections are completed to the satisfaction of the safety codes officer. The document provides the owner with the final accounting of the safety codes services provided, including any outstanding non-compliance issues that may remain.

The auditor found that most Permit Services Reports were issued within 30 days of completing the compliance monitoring services; however, there was one permit where the Permit Services Report exceeded the 30 days (VRH B 0002 19 ED).

Recommendation: The Municipality will issue a Permit Services Report within 30 days after completing the compliance monitoring services.

FILES REVIEW

1.0 Open Permits

1.1 BUILDING: Total number of files: 6 Number of files required for the audit: 2

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH B 0002 20 ED	Permit Conditions: The time since permit issuance has exceeded the terms of the permit/plans examination report without documented monitoring to determine if the work was commenced, suspended, or abandoned (permit issued on May 21, 2020).
VRH B 0004 20 ED	No concerns found.

1.2 ELECTRICAL: Total number of files: 5 Number of files required for the audit: 1

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH E 0001 20 ED	Permit Monitoring: The progress of the permit has exceeded the terms and conditions of section 25 of the Permit Regulation without documented monitoring to determine if the work was suspended or abandoned.

1.3 GAS: Total number of files: 7 Number of files required for the audit: 2

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH G 0003 20 ED	Permit Monitoring: The progress of the permit has exceeded the terms and conditions of section 25 of the Permit Regulation without documented monitoring to determine if the work was suspended or abandoned.
VRH G 0008 20 ED	No concerns found.

2.0 Closed Permits

2.1 BUILDING: Total number of files: 8 Number of files required for the audit: 4

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH B 0002 19 ED	Permit Services Report: Report issued after 30 days of completing the compliance monitoring services.
VRH B 0005 19 ED	Permit Conditions: The progress of the permit has exceeded the terms and conditions of the permit/plans examination report without documented monitoring to determine if the work was suspended or abandoned.
VRH B 0001 19 ED VRH B 0005 20 ED	No concerns found.

2.2 ELECTRICAL: Total number of files: 5 Number of files required for the audit: 2

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH E 0004 19 ED VRH E 0006 19 ED	No concerns found.

2.3 PLUMBING: Total number of files: 2 Number of files required for the audit: 1

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH P 0001 19 ED	No concerns found.

2.4 GAS: Total number of files: 5 Number of files required for the audit: 3

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH G 0002 19 ED VRH G 0004 19 ED VRH G 0005 19 ED	No concerns found.

2.5 PRIVATE SEWAGE: Total number of files: 1 Number of files required for the audit: 1

PERMIT #	OBSERVATIONS
VRH S 0001 19 ED	No concerns found.

Restrictions and Limitations

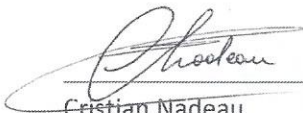
This report was prepared for the Summer Village of Ross Haven to assist in ensuring that the municipality's permitting and inspection system is effective, responsible, and accountable to the people it serves. It is intended that this report is not used for any other purpose.

The audit was performed to examine the permitting process, administration, and service delivery standards on the selected samples and the Council levies based on the designed sampling approach. The results derived from the selected samples may not be representative of the entire data population. The audit provides a reasonable assurance that the Municipality is effectively administering and in compliance with its approved Quality Management Plan.

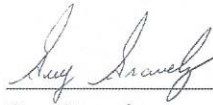
The Council reserves the right, and is under no obligation, to review and/or revise the contents of this report in light of information which may become available after the date of this report.

Yours truly,

SAFETY CODES COUNCIL



Cristian Nadeau
Audit Manager



Guy Gravely
Audit Lead



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*Office of the Minister
Deputy Government House Leader
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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Dear Chief Elected Officials:

This letter is to inform you of changes to the Government of Alberta's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP), which are in effect for DRPs that occur in 2021 and onward and are outlined in the 2021 Disaster Assistance Guidelines.

In response to the rising cost and frequency of disasters in Alberta, we have made changes to the DRP. These changes are intended to share the responsibility of disasters with all those who are impacted and to make the program more sustainable for future events. Changes will ensure that assistance is available for Albertans when they need it most.

While conditions for eligibility remain the same for qualifying applicants, the following cost-sharing arrangements and funding limits have been added to the program:

Local authority and private sector applicants (including homeowners)

We are implementing a 90:10 cost-sharing arrangement.

- DRP assistance is limited to 90 per cent of eligible disaster expenses, instead of 100 per cent.
- The remaining 10 per cent of eligible assistance will be subtracted from the amount payable to the applicant. No payment to the program will be required.

Homeowners only

We are implementing a funding limit of up to \$500,000 per homeowner application and a limit on assistance to one time per property.

- For disaster events that occur in 2021 onward, qualifying homeowner applicants will only be able to access DRP assistance once per property address. Financial assistance from the program will not be provided to future applicants who own property at the same physical location.

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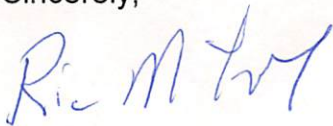
- The one-time funding limit is not cumulative. For example, if an applicant has received \$100,000 worth of assistance under the new policy, they would not qualify for any funding in the future.
- This change will not be applied retroactively. If a homeowner has received assistance before 2021, this does not count as meeting the one-time assistance limit.
- Homeowner addresses that receive DRP assistance will be posted online to the Government of Alberta website to provide transparency about DRP funding limits and up-to-date information for prospective homeowners, developers, and real estate professionals. The funding received stays with the property; therefore, a new homeowner would not be able to access disaster recovery funding for that same property in the future.

Being prepared improves individual and community resilience by lessening the impacts of disasters, shortening recovery time, and reducing economic disruption. Individuals and communities are encouraged to take measures to prepare for disasters and to look at ways of reducing their disaster risks. Learn how you can prepare for emergencies and disasters by visiting us at alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness.aspx.

Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for more information on changes to the Disaster Recovery Program and the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines, or visit us online at www.alberta.ca/drp.

If you have any additional questions, please call 1-888-671-1111 or email drp.info@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ric McIver".

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachment: Information Sheet

cc: Chief Administrative Officers

Disaster Recovery Program Changes

Overview

The Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) provides financial assistance to qualifying applicants to help restore uninsurable property lost or damaged by a disaster to its basic, pre-disaster functional condition.

DRPs provide financial assistance as a last resort to assist those affected by a disaster.

Program changes

For DRPs that occur in 2021, the Government of Alberta has set homeowner funding limits and implemented cost-sharing mechanisms between the government and program applicants.

Why changes were made

The cost and frequency of disasters in Alberta are increasing, and the province needs a more sustainable approach to disaster recovery. By implementing a stronger framework to deal with emergencies and disasters, these changes help ensure the DRP can continue to be available for Albertans when they need it most.

Homeowner-funding limits

The province is implementing a homeowner funding limit of up to \$500,000 per application for eligible costs and a limit of one-time assistance per property, regardless of the transfer of ownership. The one-time funding limit is not cumulative, so if an applicant has received any amount of assistance under the new policy, they would not qualify for funding in the future.

Establishing a homeowner funding limit helps government reinforce the intent of the DRP, which is to contribute to a ready and resilient Alberta and be the payer of last resort. Homeowners may choose to opt out of receiving DRP assistance if they are able to cover damages on their own. This would allow their property to qualify for future assistance if a DRP is approved in their community and they meet the program qualification criteria at that time.

Limits to properties

- Limits to assistance are applied to the property address only, not the applicant.
- A new property owner will not qualify for DRP assistance if the previous owner already accessed the one-time funding limit.

Posting addresses online

- If a homeowner applicant accessed funding through a DRP for a disaster that occurred in 2021 and onward, the property address and legal land description will be posted on the Government of Alberta website. The post will indicate that the address (legal land description) is not eligible for future DRP funding.
- This will help prospective buyers and developers become aware of funding limits that apply to specific addresses.

90:10 cost-sharing

Cost-sharing mechanisms for municipalities and private-sector applicants are based on a 90:10 formula, where the province covers 90 per cent of eligible disaster costs and the applicant covers the remaining 10 per cent.

What you can do as a community

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency encourages all Albertans and communities to:

- Purchase adequate insurance.
- Have reserve funds.
- Invest in mitigation and infrastructure maintenance.
- Restrict future property development in high-risk areas.

Living in high-risk areas

Albertans living in high-risk areas may experience a natural disaster of one kind or another. The Government of Alberta continues to provide DRP assistance to all qualifying applicants; however, homeowners living in high-risk areas are encouraged to consider relocating or mitigating risks to their properties.

Flood maps are available at <https://floods.alberta.ca/>.

Purchasing insurance

It is important for Albertans to become educated about their disaster risks and ensure they are adequately insured. There are more insurance options on the market now than ever before.

High-risk areas

Homeowners living in high-risk areas who are not able to access overland flood insurance are also subject to the cost-sharing and one-time funding limit.

Flood insurance

Financial assistance for disaster recovery continues to be available to eligible applicants to help cover costs related to uninsurable loss and damages. Albertans are advised to check with several insurance companies to compare policy coverage limits, exclusionary language (e.g. concurrent causation clauses), and premiums when purchasing any flood insurance.

Federal government disaster assistance

Since 2015, the federal government has significantly reduced federal support through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. This has increased the provincial liability for DRP costs. In addition to this, the federal government does not typically reimburse for repeat assistance in flood-prone areas.

Indigenous communities

The federal government continues to fund all eligible disaster-related costs on First Nations reserve land.

First Nations applicants living off reserve, as well as other members of Indigenous communities are eligible for the same benefits and limits as other Albertans applying to the DRP.

The 90:10 cost-sharing arrangements will also apply to Métis Settlement communities as it would for all other communities.

For more information

Online: alberta.ca/drp

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Email: DRP.info@gov.ab.ca