



August 7, 2018

Ray Orb, President  
Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities  
c/o ([sarm@sarm.ca](mailto:sarm@sarm.ca))



Dear Mr. Orb:

I am writing to provide further information on the recently announced Flood Damage Reduction Program. Due to drier conditions, the previous Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program has seen a decline in demand recently. As such, the Water Security Agency (WSA) is shifting the focus of the program to proactive flood damage prevention and reduction measures.

Municipalities that identify a risk of suffering recurrent flood damage in the future are eligible to apply for funding. Risk of recurrent flood damage is defined as the existence historically of a flood hazard and demonstrated vulnerability to such flood events causing damages to the businesses and homes of citizens or municipal infrastructure and that there is a likelihood that the hazard will be experienced again. Simply put, if a municipality has experienced flood damages and despite response and recovery actions already implemented, there remains a probability that similar consequences could occur in future flood events, the municipality is at risk of recurrent flood damage.

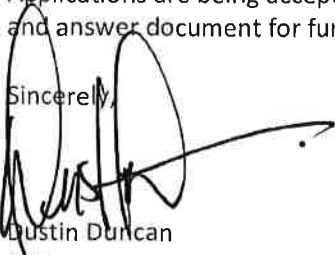
There are four streams from which the program will consider proposals:

- Stream 1 – risk assessment (where either the program provides the consulting services or the municipality acts as the proponent to acquire hydrologic and/ hydraulic investigations);
- Stream 2 – floodplain mapping (where the municipality acts as the proponent to acquire the products);
- Stream 3 – mitigation planning (where the municipality acts as the proponent to acquire construction designs or undertake emergency planning); and
- Stream 4 – structural projects (where the municipality acts as the proponent to achieve construction of permanent flood protection works).

Technical inspections to evaluate the flood risk and to identify options to mitigate the risk will be provided by WSA at no cost to the municipality. Services are expected to include client/consultant discussions, site visits, cursory hydrological and other technical evaluations and the development of mitigation options and recommendations. Approved flood risk mitigation measures must provide long-term flood damage risk reduction or prevention. The program will again provide cost-shared assistance, 50/50 between WSA and the proponent.

Applications are being accepted immediately until Oct. 30, 2018. Please refer to the attached question and answer document for further information.

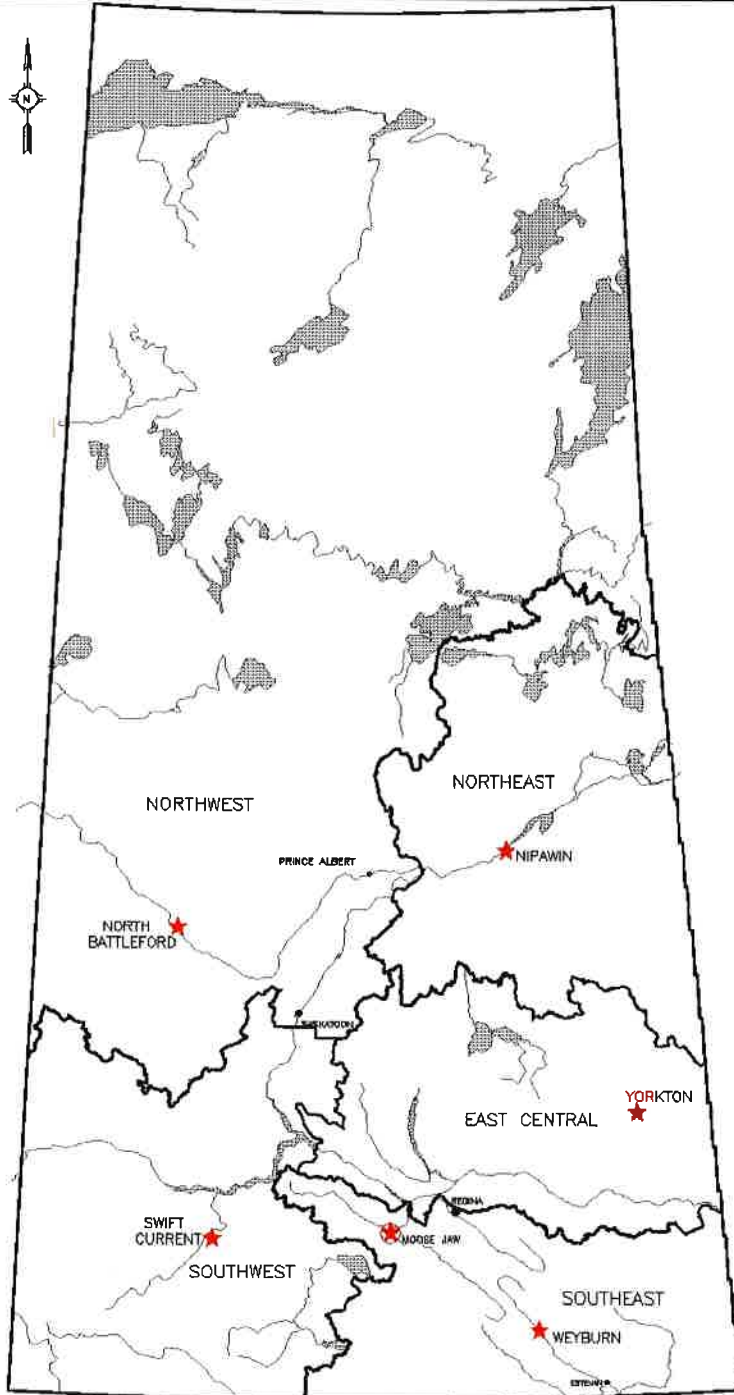
Sincerely,





Dustin Duncan

Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Security Agency

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**Q1: Why is the program transitioning?**

A1: Due to a recent trend toward drier conditions, providing funding to projects that only dealt with imminent flood risks is no longer useful at this time. Long-term mitigation and proactive damage prevention is a responsible and cost-efficient use of funding.

**Q2: What are the program parameters for the 50/50 cost-shared assistance?**

A2: The program provides cost-shared assistance for flood damage reduction or prevention measures provided:

- the measure is described as eligible in the program profile and provides long-term protection from risk of flood damage that meets provincial standards;
- eligible costs are incurred up to March 31, 2019;
- the measure has been recommended by an engineer or technical specialist;
- approval to undertake the measure is secured in advance, from the Water Security Agency; and
- the applicable regulatory approvals are obtained prior to the start of implementation (e.g., drainage approval, Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit, etc.).

A2: WSA will consider funding implementation of the most cost-effective measures to address the flood risk.

**Q3: What types of flood mitigation will not be covered by FDRP?**

A3: Mitigation of flood risk associated with cropland, pastureland, orchards, golf courses or gardens, groundwater seepage into buildings, slope failure and shoreline erosion are not covered under the program.

A3: The program will not provide funding for flood mitigation measures that qualify for assistance under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program administered by the Ministry of Government Relations.

A3: Funding will not be provided for projects that do not meet provincial standards.

**Q4: What about outstanding projects that were started under the previous program?**

A4: The program may provide funding for completion of the construction of permanent flood protection works which were funded under any previous year's EFDRP, but were not completed. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Q5: What is eligible for reimbursement under the program?**

A5: Eligible costs include:

- Purchase of materials and supplies;
- Consultant and contractor fees;
- Road haul levies as part of materials cost (typically included in costs charged by contractors);
- Overtime or exceptional labour for employees of the client (base salaries ineligible) or wages for employees hired specifically to implement funded flood mitigation measures;
- Equipment rental;
- Costs of extraction and reclamation when materials are sourced from client's own land;
- Client's use of their own equipment or machinery (at standard industry rates); and
- Provincial or GST sales tax if paid and nonredeemable by client.

A5: The list of ineligible costs can be found in the program profile on the WSA website ([wsask.ca](http://wsask.ca)).

**Q6: Who do I contact to access this program?**

A6: Please refer to the attached map for the nearest WSA regional services office.

A6: Information on FDRP is also available on the WSA website ([wsask.ca](http://wsask.ca)).

Please find attached a letter from Minister Duncan. If you are unable to open this document, please contact us by email so we may send you the original by mail.

Regards,

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