



DRUMHELLER



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2016

To:	Mayor Terry Yemen	CC:	
From:	R.M. Romanetz, P. Eng.	Dept.:	Chief Administrative Officer
Subject:	May 9, 2016 Presentation to Lehigh Residents		

In August 2014 Mayor Yemen and CAO met with Andre Corbould, Manager of Flood Recovery, to discuss flood mitigation. The Town was asked to prepare a report outlining our needs:

1. Mayor Yemen delivered a report prepared by Palm Engineering to Andre Corbould, Manager of Flood Recovery, in October 2013.
2. The Province did not approve the Palm Engineering report; however, the Province announced that flood mitigation funding would be channeled through the newly created Alberta Community Resilience Program. Program was announced June 9, 2014.
3. The Town received grant dollars under the Municipal Staff Resources Program to hire consultants to prepare applications under the Alberta Community Resilience Program.
 - a. Application #1 submitted on September 30, 2014 identified projects for flood mitigation.
 - b. Application #2 submitted on November 19, 2014 was an amendment to the original Application #1 to include property assessments.
 - c. No approvals by Province in 2014.
4. Following the September 9, 2015 meeting with the Province and the September 23rd and 24th consultation meetings with the affected residents, Application #3 was submitted on September 30, 2015 based on the new guidelines provided by the Province.
5. March 8, 2016 the Province approved two (2) priority projects - Midland/Newcastle and Central Drumheller - for about \$ 6.8 M total with 90% Provincial-10% Municipal cost sharing.

The remaining priority projects were not approved but identified as needing further review.

*Province decision:
The dyke Lehigh area not going to consider because of
Cost-benefits ratio.*

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Consultation Invitation

September 18, 2015

The Town of Drumheller continues to put forward to the Government of Alberta recommendations for Flood Mitigation throughout the Valley. Since 2014, the Town has awaited details from the government on funding and policy issues. The Province announced another intake of grant applications will be received for their consideration up to September 30 of this year. In order to help select what mitigation measures are favourable to affected landowners consultation sessions are being arranged. This critical input will then be used to assist in completing the grant applications due at month end. The consultation sessions are being held in groups and will be in a casual format to foster discussion of potential mitigation measures. This is not a community wide consultation or a final decision point in the development of the flood mitigation master plan or a commitment by the landowners to any single solution. The input received will provide guidance to the Province and the Town on what flood mitigation solutions are welcome and unwelcome by directly affected land owners. The landowners being invited to these meetings are in areas where unique circumstances present a variety of solutions and the creation of the mitigation solution could directly impact their property. Further consultation will be held with the broader community and affected landowners by the Province and Town over the winter if grant money is approved and move projects move beyond conceptual designs. The Town and Province appreciate your input and your valuable time and thank you in advance for meeting our consultants on September 23 or 24.

R.M. Romanetz, P. Eng.
CAO



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MEDIA ADVISORY



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Province is Committed to Working with the Town of Drumheller on a Flood Mitigation Plan

DRUMHELLER, September 18, 2015 - Further to a meeting held between the Province and the Town of Drumheller on September 9th, the following summarizes the main points of the discussion:

- The Province is committed to working with the Town of Drumheller on a flood mitigation plan which will consider all options eligible for funding under the Alberta Community Resilience Program, including buyout provisions.
- The Province and the Town of Drumheller agreed that the design level for flood mitigation will be to 1890 cubic meters per second, which is a 1:100 regulated flow.
- The Province recognizes that Drumheller's emergency response plan is key to overall flood hazard area management and fits into the layered approach identified in the province's *Respecting Our Rivers* guiding document.
- The Province will consider all options eligible for funding under the Alberta Community Resilience Program when finalizing the overall mitigation plan.

Mayor Yemen states "the meeting with the Province is a step in the right direction and the Province has agreed to support the Town of Drumheller with public and landowner engagement". The Province commended the Town of Drumheller for all the work the Town has put into the development of a plan.

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Dear Mayor Yemen:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding flood mitigation in Drumheller and the surrounding area. I'm sorry this issue has resulted in anxiety for your residents and challenges for you and your town council.

I understand this is a complex matter of great concern to you and your community. I am advised the Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks has contacted you regarding flood mitigation for your area and I encourage you to continue your discussions with her.

Sincerely,

Rachel Notley
Premier of Alberta

cc: Honourable Shannon Phillips
Minister of Environment and Parks