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Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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October 26, 2022

**Her Worship Jo-Anne Albert  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed  
[reeve@twp.tweed.on.ca](mailto:reeve@twp.tweed.on.ca)**

**Dear Mayor Albert:**

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the damage from the July 24, 2022, windstorm in the Municipality of Tweed. I am pleased to respond.

I understand the storm that passed through areas along Highway 7 impacted both Crown and private lands.

The ministry does not typically remove fallen or damaged trees on Crown land, including when damage is a result of weather events. However, in limited circumstances the ministry would address fallen trees – for example on Crown-owned roads to ensure continued access to critical infrastructure (e.g., water control structures). In situations on Crown land where there is a public safety concern raised, the ministry will assess on a case-by-case basis and determine appropriate actions to ensure the safety concern is addressed. I have asked a member of our technical staff from the Bancroft District to reach out to you to further discuss your concerns regarding the risks associated with the downed trees.

If you are aware of any private woodlot owners who are interested in forest management, I encourage them to contact the Ontario Woodlot Association. The association maintains a Forest Services Directory that can be used to locate appropriate services by area and may be of assistance.

Individuals who are interested in salvaging downed trees on Crown land, within a Managed Forest Zone, are permitted to harvest up to 10 cubic metres (approximately three full cords) of downed wood for personal use annually per household, without authorization from the ministry. Collection of more than 10 cubic metres requires authorization from the ministry. The Bancroft district office is pleased to provide further information to interested individuals. Suzy Shalla, Peterborough and Bancroft District Manager is available at [suzy.shalla@ontario.ca](mailto:suzy.shalla@ontario.ca) or at 613-334-5054. She will be pleased to assist you.

I trust this information is helpful. Another consideration for the municipality may be the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, through this program, can provide support to municipalities to help recover from extraordinary costs after a natural disaster. I encourage you to explore this program further at the following link: [Guidelines to apply for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/government/services/municipal-disaster-recovery-assistance).

Thank you again for writing and sharing your concerns.

Yours Sincerely,



The Honourable Graydon Smith  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Suzy Shalla