

## Lucas Wales

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**From:** Don DeGenova <mayor@tweed.ca>  
**Sent:** September 30, 2023 8:02 AM  
**To:** Kate Lessard  
**Cc:** Gloria Raybone; Lucas Wales; Jamie DeMarsh; Sean Porter'; Derrick Little; Allan Broek; Rachelle Hardesty  
**Subject:** Fwd: Municipality of Tweed Tornado July 24 2022 Request for Funding

FYI...if you should get any calls. Also please create a pdf of this email chain and add to tornado bin. Thanks.

Thank you.  
Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Grech, Adam" <Adam.Grech@kpc-cpr.gc.ca>  
**Date:** September 29, 2023 at 1:41:44 PM EDT  
**To:** Don DeGenova <mayor@tweed.ca>  
**Cc:** Shelby Kramp-Newman <shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca>, "Sapra, Pavan" <Pavan.Sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Municipality of Tweed Tornado July 24 2022 Request for Funding

Hello Mayor DeGenova,  
Apologies for my delayed response. My name is Adam Grech, and I am the Director of Operations for Minister Sajjan. I will also take on the role of regional advisor for Ontario, so please continue to include me on any correspondence regarding your requests.

Pavan has kindly brought me up to speed on the matter. I am looking into the status of this and will follow up as soon as I have more information.

My number is below, don't hesitate to reach out anytime.

Best,  
Adam

**Adam Grech**

Director of Operations | Directeur des opérations  
Office of the President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness |  
Cabinet du président du Conseil privé du Roi pour le Canada et ministre de la Protection civile  
[Adam.Grech@kpc-cpr.gc.ca](mailto:Adam.Grech@kpc-cpr.gc.ca)

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**From:** Don DeGenova <mayor@tweed.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:49 PM  
**To:** Sapra, Pavan <Pavan.Sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca>

**Cc:** Shelby Kramp-Newman <shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca>; Grech, Adam <Adam.Grech@kpc-cpr.gc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: Municipality of Tweed Tornado July 24 2022 Request for Funding

I see that Andrew has moved on. I am adding Adam Grech to this email chain.

Adam...please do not hesitate to contact me if you require a briefing on this request.

Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed  
613-848-7113

On Sep 26, 2023, at 2:43 PM, Don DeGenova <[mayor@tweed.ca](mailto:mayor@tweed.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon Pavan. We have had a number of residents inquiring about whether there has been any action on this file. I would appreciate an update at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard and have a wonderful day!

Don  
Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed

On Aug 16, 2023, at 10:57 AM, Don DeGenova <[mayor@tweed.ca](mailto:mayor@tweed.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Pavan. The package was sent via Purolator yesterday c/o of you.  
Please advise when received.

Thanks and have a great day!

Don  
Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed

On Aug 14, 2023, at 2:17 PM, Sapra, Pavan <[Pavan.Sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca](mailto:Pavan.Sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca)> wrote:

Good Afternoon Don—

The package can be sent to the following for Minister Sajjan who is now the President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada.

The Hon. Harjit S. Sajjan, PC OMM MSM CD MP  
President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and  
Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister  
responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency  
of Canada  
C/o Pavan Sapra or Andrew Green  
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Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0A3  
[pkpcc.minister-ministre.pcprc@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:pkpcc.minister-ministre.pcprc@pco-bcp.gc.ca)

Thanks,

Pavan

Pavan Sapra  
[pavan.sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca](mailto:pavan.sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca) | c. (613) 295-3608 | o. (613)  
947-3354

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**From:** Don DeGenova <[mayor@tweed.ca](mailto:mayor@tweed.ca)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 12, 2023 7:04 AM  
**To:** Green, Andrew <[Andrew.Green@kpc-cpr.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Green@kpc-cpr.gc.ca)>;  
Sapra, Pavan <[Pavan.Sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca](mailto:Pavan.Sapra@kpc-cpr.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Shelby Kramp-Newman <[shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca](mailto:shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Municipality of Tweed Tornado July 24  
2022 Request for Funding

Good morning Andrew and Pavan. We have assembled all the information to which I referred to in this email chain. I am aware that Minister Blair has moved to Defence and Minister LeBlanc is now the Minister of Emergency Preparedness. We will be sending our package by courier. Do we send our package to you two? I will require an address.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed

On Jun 1, 2023, at 9:29 AM, Don  
DeGenova <[mayor@tweed.ca](mailto:mayor@tweed.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Andrew & Pavan. Firstly, thank you for taking the time to meet with me to review the devastating impact that the July 24th EF2 tornado had on the residents of the Municipality of Tweed. As noted, we have tens of thousands of trees down, residents have incurred significant financial costs in cleaning up their properties, and many continue to suffer mentally experiencing PTSD. They continue to live under impending threat of potential forest fires as well as spring flooding due to downed trees in our rivers.

As requested, I am sending a link to an article noting how the provincial derecho/tornado funds were allocated by Municipality. As I noted, these funds would not have been forthcoming if it were not for the persistence of the Tweed Municipal Council and the support of the press to keep this disaster on the front burner. We will soon be approaching the one year anniversary and without a doubt the press will be following up with us.

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Communities Affected by  
Extreme Weather | Ontario  
Newsroom  
news.ontario.ca

[<image001.jpg>](#)

Also as discussed, we will be reaching out to residents and have them submit clean-up costs related to clearing debris from their lane ways from the road up to their home. We will also ask businesses to submit costs they have incurred including lost revenue. In addition we will ask residents to submit other additional costs in relation to property clean-up. We realize that only those whose principal residence was impacted are eligible for funding under the DRAO program. We are asking for the additional costs noted above to be included just so that you can see how residents were financially impacted by

this tornado. We will differentiate between both sets of costs.

Also, Since our meeting I met with Mayo Hawco, Executive Director of our Gateway Community Health Centre noting that you had indicated you would see if there were funds available to help address the mental distress experienced by some of our residents in the form of PTSD. I believe you were going to reach out to Minister Bennett, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions.

Please note it will take us some time to assemble the required data. We appreciate you looking at ways to help address the financial and mental distress experienced by our residents.

Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed  
613-848-7113

On May 18, 2023, at  
10:05 PM, Green,  
Andrew  
<[Andrew.Green@kpc-cpr.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Green@kpc-cpr.gc.ca)> wrote:

Perfect! 1PM works for us.

Zoom sounds good. I can send you a calendar invite with the link.

Andrew Green  
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(Ontario) and  
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On May 18, 2023, at  
20:28, Don DeGenova  
<[mayor@tweed.ca](mailto:mayor@tweed.ca)>  
wrote:

Hello Andrew &  
Pav...thank you for the  
quick response. Would  
you be able to meet  
with me at 1:00 PM  
tomorrow? Will this be  
via the telephone or  
Zoom?

Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed  
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On May 18, 2023, at  
5:55 PM, Green,  
Andrew  
<[Andrew.Green@kpc-  
cpr.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Green@kpc-cpr.gc.ca)> wrote:

Good evening Mayor  
DeGenova,

Thank you for your  
email.

Yes my colleague Pav  
(cc'd) and I met with  
MP Kramp-Neuman  
last week and had a  
good discussion with  
her about the disaster  
funding arrangement  
between  
municipalities,

provinces and the federal government.

We would definitely be happy to talk with you about this. Let me know when would be most convenient for you. I will be away next week but we can set something up for tomorrow, and if not tomorrow, my colleague Pav would be able to next week if that works better for you.

Thanks,

Andrew Green  
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(Ontario) and  
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From: Don DeGenova  
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Sent: Tuesday, May 16,  
2023 1:55 PM

To: Blair, Bill - M.P.  
<[Bill.Blair@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Bill.Blair@parl.gc.ca)<<mailto:Bill.Blair@parl.gc.ca>>>

Cc: Kramp-Neuman,  
Shelby - M.P.  
<[shelby.kramp-  
neuman@parl.gc.ca](mailto:shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca)<[mailto:shelby.kramp-  
neuman@parl.gc.ca](mailto:shelby.kramp-<br/>neuman@parl.gc.ca)>>  
Subject: Municipality of  
Tweed Tornado July 24  
2022 Request for  
Funding

Good afternoon  
Minister Blair. I have  
been advised that you  
have met with our MP  
Shelby Kramp-Neuman  
and that your office will  
be following up with  
me directly. I look  
forward to that  
meeting. In the  
meantime I have  
enclosed our  
delegation submission  
to the Provincial  
Minister of Natural  
Resources and Forestry  
which was tabled at  
the January 2023  
ROMA conference. I  
have also included a  
link to the “Tornado”  
bin on our website  
which documents our  
efforts to address  
remediation for our  
residents.

Tornado Resource Page  
| Tweed,  
Ontario<[https://tweed.  
ca/tornado](https://tweed.ca/tornado)>  
tweed.ca<[https://tweed.  
ca/tornado](https://tweed.ca/tornado)>

I am grateful to MP Kramp-Neuman for reaching out to your office on behalf of the Municipality of Tweed. Our residents have suffered greatly as a result of the July 24th tornado, both financially and mentally. We have a number of residents trying to cope with PTSD. As you can imagine they relive the horror of that day whenever they look out their windows and witness the devastation of downed trees and the looming threat of forest fires as well as potential flooding due to fallen trees in our local rivers. In fact there are tens of thousands of trees that have been completely or significantly damaged as a result of the tornado. The Municipality of Tweed does not have the resources to undertake such a clean-up. The province originally noted that there was no funding available but through our persistent lobbying and the efforts of our MPP Ric Bresee, the province came through with \$5.5 million for 22 municipalities to help with addressing some of the tornado damage. The Municipality of Tweed received \$1.2 million. We definitely need a great deal more but are happy that they

did see fit to assist with the clean-up.

I look forward to talking with your team on how the federal government can also help with this clean-up. Furthermore, we all recognize that severe weather events will become the norm. We had three in our region 2022. We are hoping that Federal and provincial governments recognize that small rural communities are not equipped to respond to such events. We need the federal and provincial governments to step in as partners when such events occur.

I recognize that you are no doubt preoccupied with the devastating forest fires ravaging Alberta and that is exactly what we are trying to prevent here.

Thank you for agreeing to discuss our case. Please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Don  
Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed  
613-848-7113

On Apr 28, 2023, at 1:44 PM, Kramp-Neuman, Shelby - M.P. <[shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca](mailto:shelby.kramp-neuman@parl.gc.ca)<<mailto:shelby.kramp->

[<neuman@parl.gc.ca>](mailto:neuman@parl.gc.ca)

wrote:

For your information  
please see the attached  
videos to assist you to  
visualise the urgency  
of this request.

[https://m.youtube.com  
/watch?v=OkAqbfzhTL  
M&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=OkAqbfzhTLM&feature=youtu.be)

Please see the video  
attached here of the  
impending fire disaster  
that faces our farm and  
community of the  
Township of Madoc:

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D80nlM4](https://youtu.be/AGddD80nlM4)  
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Sincerely,

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Office of Shelby Kramp-  
Neuman

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Don DeGenova  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tweed