



**City of Kingston  
Report to Council  
Report Number 25-186**

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**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer  
**Resource Staff:** None  
**Date of Meeting:** October 7, 2025  
**Subject:** 2025 Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program

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**Council Strategic Plan Alignment**

Theme: Financial measures/budget

Goal: See above

**Executive Summary:**

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced a Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program. This is an application-based program that offers one-time support to eligible municipalities for incremental costs related to the ice storm that began on March 28, 2025.

In order to be considered for funding, the City submitted an Expression of Interest Survey to the Ministry in July indicating our intent to apply for assistance under the MISA program. The Ministry confirmed our eligibility for support, and we subsequently received a MISA application package.

The purpose of this report is to obtain the required Council authorization to request program assistance and to provide delegated authority to the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer to submit the completed Municipal Ice Storm Assistance application package.

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**Recommendation:**

**That** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program based on eligible costs that have been incurred and are directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm; and

**That** the City's Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer be delegated authority to submit a completed Municipal Ice Storm Assistance application package by October 31, 2025 and to verify and attest to the accuracy of the application package.

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**Authorizing Signatures:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF

FINANCIAL OFFICER & CITY TREASURER

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**Desiree Kennedy, Chief  
Financial Officer & City  
Treasurer**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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**Lanie Hurdle, Chief  
Administrative Officer**

**Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:**

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services	Not required
Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Jenna Morley, City Solicitor	Not required
Ian Semple, Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services	Not required

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**Options/Discussion:****Background**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing recently announced the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program on June 19, 2025, an application-based program that offers one-time support to eligible municipalities for incremental costs arising from the March 2025 ice storm. Unlike the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program, there is no cost threshold to qualify for the MISA program.

**Analysis**

To be considered for funding under the program, the City must:

- Have incurred incremental costs that are directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm (over and above regular budgets).
- Pass a Council resolution requesting assistance from the program.
- Submit an Expression of Interest Survey by July 28, 2025.
- Submit a completed application package by October 31, 2025.

The Expression of Interest Survey was intended to serve as indication that the City was interested in applying for assistance and to help assess the eligibility for funding under the program. The survey was submitted prior to the July 28, 2025 deadline and the City received a MISA application package which is to be submitted by October 31, 2025.

The MISA program uses a sliding scale cost-sharing model whereby the Province will reimburse 75% of eligible expenses up to \$8.6M (3% of the city's own-purpose taxation). For eligible expenses exceeding 3% of own-purpose taxation, the Province will cover 95% of eligible costs.

Only costs that are directly linked to the 2025 ice storm and are incremental to the City's regular budget will be considered under the program. These may include operating costs that are needed to protect public health, safety or access to essential services as well as capital costs to repair public infrastructure or property to pre-ice storm condition. Costs are ineligible if they are covered by insurance or represent expenses that would have been incurred regardless of the ice storm.

Once the application for assistance is approved, the City will be required to enter into a transfer payment agreement with the Province.

**Financial Considerations**

Based on a preliminary review, staff have identified approximately \$400K-\$500K of costs that could be eligible for 75% funding under the MISA program.

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**Exhibits Attached:**

None