

# Flood Risk Infrastructure Receives \$344,275



Ramesh Ummat, County Chief Administrative Officer, Bob Taylor, Mayor Colchester County, MLA Karen Casey, Bill Mills, Mayor Town of Truro, Michelle Newell, County Director of Public Works pose for a photo following MLA Casey's announcement, on behalf of Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey, the Government is investing \$344,275 to help municipalities reinforce and stabilize existing streets, rivers, channels, and banks against the risk of floods. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

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Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey, on behalf of Municipal Affairs Minister Mark Furey, announced funding for six projects under the Flood Risk

Infrastructure Investment Program on Aug. 1st.

"Government is investing in infrastructure projects to ensure municipalities are well protected during flooding and storm surges," said Ms. Casey. "The Flood Risk Infrastructure Program is designed to reduce risks and improve the readiness of communities in advance of extreme weather events that can cause excessive damage."

The program was developed to encourage municipalities to invest in infrastructure that will reduce flood risks and community vulnerability.

Truro Mayor Bill Mills said this is great news.

"It's three levels of government listening to constituents and working together to solve a long standing problem in flooding," said Mr. Mills. "We are pleased to be part of the solution and thankful for the team of people working on

this problem."

The Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program contributes up to 50 per cent of eligible costs for each project.

Mayor Bob Taylor of the Municipality of the County of Colchester said that citizens of the county, the Town of Truro and Millbrook First Nation are privileged to have strong regional co-operation on flood remediation projects through their Joint Flood Advisory Committee and welcome help from the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program.

"Having this program in place gives communities the financial assistance to create infrastructure to reduce flood risks similar to what Colchester has experienced," said Mr. Taylor. "The knowledge and results will be beneficial not only to our communities, but to those across the province."

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 Sharon from his bedside. She says she never heard a noise that morning, even though the tree only fell about 10 feet from the house. "We are so lucky Janet saw the whole thing or I wouldn't have known he was there. He said he was just going out to the garage and I wouldn't have looked for him until lunch time."

It has been a slow but steady recovery for David. "I couldn't do anything at first, not even allowed to eat for the first week. I was on the ventilator after the surgery to set my fractured ankle. Dr. Layton had to put in a plate and pins to stabilize it and I can't put any weight on it until I go back to Halifax on August 20th to have it checked."

David says he has had excellent care all along the way and calls his nurses his "little angels". He is most

grateful to members of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade and the two RCMP officers, who even called the next day to check on him.

David is an honorary member of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade and says he has a different perspective having been on the receiving end of their care. "I just want to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped out, the First Responders, EHS ambulance, nurses, doctors, neighbours and family. My two sons, daughter and the in-laws have been so good to me through it all," says David. "But I guess I should really thank God first, because it is a miracle I am here to tell about it."

David is pleased to be getting more mobile and is looking forward to being released from hospital. "I certainly have a new perspective on life and I am not going to hold back. Just going to live life day-by-day."



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