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RE : TREE FELLING

The correct version of the story is that the tree in question was damaged by the storm, what is commonly referred to as an act of God. The tree was not being felled when the damage occurred. The wall of the church was damaged as a result of the tree falling on it after being blown by the storm wind. When the municipal officials arrived on the scene they found the damage had already occurred.

The municipal insurance can unfortunately cover only claims where damages were as a result of the operations of Council staff and not necessarily of natural causes. However, the municipality has nevertheless reported all the incidents of the day at the church property, including the damages, to the insurance for record purposes.

The period leading up to processing and finalizing claims by insurers can vary from one case to another, and timeframe can be approximately 3-7 months depending on the nature of the case reported. The decision to compensate for the damages is the prerogative of the insurance company.

The church people have not approached the municipality concerning this matter as yet otherwise it could have been explained to them, nevertheless, we remain open to engage with them and ensure that there is a common understanding in this regard.

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