

Highway #3 improvements on Canyon Street

There's a lot happening in Creston over the next few months and our roads will be looking the better for it!

A "mill and fill" project will be happening this summer on Canyon Street between 10th and 15th Avenues. This project will rely on a MoTI contractor to remove and replace the highway's asphalt surface. Over the years, as heavy truck traffic has moved slowly from street light to street light with intermittent stops, deep ruts have resulted. This uneven, rutted surface has developed into a concern for pedestrians crossing at defined points on our main street. While there will be inevitable disruptions to the local downtown traffic during this project, we hope that these inconveniences will be brief and that the community is patient as work is undertaken to enhance our downtown core. We also wish to thank MoTI, in advance, for addressing this Creston concern!

Beyond this major improvement, the Town of Creston has awarded a contract to West-Can Seal Coating to undertake "micro-surfacing" of approximately 3.4 kms of local streets. Micro-surfacing is the process of applying cold mixed asphalt that is made up of a graded aggregate, asphalt binder, mineral filler and polymer additives. This contract is valued at \$345,000 and includes portions of several local streets; Hillside Street, 20th Ave. North, 8th Ave. South, 11th Ave. South, Cedar Street and 20th Avenue South, as well as several other smaller sections around Town. It's interesting to note that in 2016 a similar contract was awarded to undertake 3.8 kms of our roads; a reflection of increasing costs that are outside Municipal control. Currently, the Town's road and street improvement projects are funded from the transfer Federal Gas Tax funding stream - not from your annual property tax.

In addition to the micro-surfacing project, the Town will continue working to maintain the streets that are currently in good repair; an effort that achieves value in the form of longer useful life expectancy for our roads. Last year the municipality purchased a "hot crack-fill" unit that allows our crews to seal cracks in the existing road asphalt, resulting in a longer lifespan for the 53 kms of existing road network. Prevention is cheaper than replacement when it comes to roads!

To assist our crews and to provide good value for service, another piece of equipment has also been added to our local fleet; a Global M3 sweeper. This sweeper was a demo unit purchased in March of this year and the older sweeper will be used as a secondary support unit. We've also changed the aggregate product that we're applying to the streets (over 40 truckloads each snow season). With the new piece of equipment, our plans are to re-use this material after screening.

With partnering, implementation of best practices, innovation and fiscal prudence, our municipality is working diligently to maximize tax dollars while providing a high level of service.

Well done and thank you to our Town staff!

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Global M3 Sweeper



Re-use Material