

Councillor Request Inquiry

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2017

The thaw created some challenges this spring, although these challenges are not new for us it has been a few years since we have seen the thaw affect rural roads like this.

As you can see in the attached map, the majority of challenges were isolated to Class 3 and 4 rural gravel roadways. These roadways experienced heavy amounts of clay coming to the surface and made travel difficult for our residents. The roads have been addressed with grading and additional aggregate.

We have experienced early degradation on some Class 2 cold mix roadways but as the road base dried, the roads firmed up again. These roads will be addressed through regular maintenance during the summer construction season.

The Annual Rural Road Program is driven by condition ratings of the rural road asset. Roads are rehabilitated and overlaid as conditions warrant. The roads identified in the 2017 Construction Program are in the poorest condition and include the challenges identified through spring thaw as we would expect to see. The Annual Maintenance Program, including the Re-gravelling Program, addressed all roadway safety hazards to ensure safe mobility of traffic. Both these programs are fully funded and have been able to address the concerns of our rural roads without the requirement for increased dollars as this time. To find out more about our 2017 projects, please go to [County Works](#).

As we proceed through 2017 and 2018, the Sustainable Rural Roads Master Plan will be reviewed and updated, during this update, maintenance programs and principles will be reviewed to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of the programs including level of service and budget levels.

Spring Thaw 2017 Road Issues

Strathcona County

- Roads With Issues
- Asphalt
- Cold Mix
- Gravel/Unpaved
- Dust Control
- Hamlet Boundary
- Highway



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