

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

The condition of the road remains reasonably good, with Piers Islanders again being respectful of the need to avoid bringing heavy vehicles to the island during winter wet periods.

Continuing the semi-annual schedule, and assuming a substitute for Steve Thornton's barge can be identified, the provincial transportation ministry has promised a renewed supply of road base next spring. Suggestions as to portions of the road that need attention are always welcome. Brad Boyden, the new regional highway's manager visited the island recently and so is familiar with our situation. He has suggested that we might be able to improve the surface on the hill to the South of the old fire hall by clearing the ditch. While the Ministry is not prepared to bring heavy equipment to the island it is prepared to consider paying for use of a machine that has been brought to the island for other purposes. I would be grateful if people could let me know if they are bringing an excavator to the island.

The ministry representative also encouraged us to continue the process of removing brush and trees from the road allowance, especially where it helps maintain a clear sight line on corners.

Thanks is again due to our island "potholers", Steve Cruise and Gary Glover, who have taken over from Frank Williams in doing periodic hole filling.

We have been given a supply of Calcium Chloride flake to help control summer dust and have developed a system of using the fire department tanker to wet the road with water from the new hydrant before applying the flake, thereby making it more effective. My thanks to Ira Robinson for allowing transfer of the dust flake to the island on a truck coming to his property.

Our mower operators continue to ask that islanders keep to a minimum storage on the road allowance of construction material and other things which reduce the clearance for our emergency vehicles and obstruct efforts to maintain the road as a wildfire break by mowing the grass along the road side.

I wish to express my thanks to the current members of the Road Committee: Bill Jordan, Bob Noble, Sandy Brunham, Chris MacKay and Brian Wheeler, all of whom have served on the committee for several years. Brian was recruited to the committee in his previous capacity as fire chief and feels it is time to allow his successor to take on this role. Bill Jordan first came to the committee as a representative of the PIID and, while willing to continue as a member, will step aside if a current trustee wishes to take his place. Chris MacKay, Sandy Brunham and Bob Noble have indicated their willingness to continue as members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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