



ROAD COMMITTEE

Annual Report

June 2023

As a preamble, it is worth restating that the Road Committee is tasked with maintaining the road as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between PIID and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) to provide safe and reliable access to PIID equipment for water operations, emergency services, fire protection and maintenance of infrastructure.

Membership Update

With Steve Cruse stepping down as Fire Chief, the Road Committee membership will be updated accordingly as John Hall will be added as a member. This ensures that appropriate considerations are given to road access and maintenance related to emergency services provided on Piers.

Planning

The Road Committee has been in regular contact with MOTI representatives and two site visits were organized (one in 2022 and one in 2023) to look at the road in more detail. The goal was to discuss short-term delivery of material, long-term maintenance projects and potential upgrades.

Material Delivery

On June 13, three trucks will deliver two loads of asphalt millings and one load of gravel. MOTI suggested trialing asphalt millings in areas experiencing frequent potholing and corner rutting. Asphalt millings have the advantage over gravel in certain situations as the millings harden over time, producing a stronger, more durable road surface and creating less dust. MOTI will also deliver 20 large bags of calcium flakes will be supplied for dust control purposes.

Winter Permits

Reminder that the online MOTI permit system is in effect from November to March every year for any vehicle or equipment which is rated in excess of 5,000 kg G.V.W. Please refer to the PIID website for instructions on how to apply for a road access permit. <https://www.piersisland.ca/road-use.html>

There was no road closure in 2022-23 due to a relatively dry winter and less traffic than previous years. Thanks everyone for your cooperation and for keeping vehicle traffic and barging to a reasonable low number when the road is soft.

Road Etiquette

A reminder that vehicles, trailers, plantings, and materials (e.g., soil, gravel) are to be kept off the road allowance. The road allowance is not private property and is to be accessible at all times by BC Hydro for repairs, emergency vehicles to pass on the shoulder in an emergency and the Monday Morning Crew for maintenance. The road acts as a fire break and we also need to maintain the road allowance for that purpose (e.g., cutting grass, trimming edges).

As always, we welcome feedback, questions, and will not turned down volunteers to help.

Respectfully submitted by:

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