

Pothole Season is Early – Please Slow Down.



POTHOLE SEASON

For Drivers and Town Streets Alike the Least Wonderful Time of the Year!

Drivers on town streets all understand that our Maritime winter's freeze-thaw cycle creates potholes faster than they can be patched. This winter has seen more freeze thaw cycles than most years and it is playing havoc on our asphalt conditions, literally overnight on most nights.

Winter temperatures create the worst conditions for asphalt paving and all of the asphalt plants shut-down from January to May each year, leaving few options for asphalt patching. In Truro we are very fortunate that we are not totally dependent on filling potholes with cold mix asphalt that often washes back out within hours of filling potholes. Truro Town Council purchased an Asphalt Recycler two years ago that melts down old chunks of asphalt and, when combined with an asphalt rejuvenator it is capable of producing 2 tons of fairly decent hot asphalt.

Our Town crews are patrolling the streets at double the normal frequency at this time of year to log the locations of large potholes (Rim Breakers - holes larger than a Halifax Phonebook - 1 sq ft by 3" depth) and medium potholes (holes larger than 1 sq ft by 2" depth). Patching of large and medium potholes on Arterial and Collector streets are then scheduled as our top priority to mitigate damage to vehicles. However, the crews cannot patch holes during rain or snow events, so patching opportunities are limited to at least reasonably fair weather days.

Although we do attempt to patch as many potholes as we can, motorists need to slow down and watch for potholes. This can be particularly difficult on rainy days when approaching puddled areas and requires extra caution by motorists. Motorists are reminded that they always need to drive responsibly and are advised to use extra caution this time of year.

As we cannot possibly patch all of the major potholes, we do however endeavour to assist motorists by posting warning signs in rough areas.

If motorists see any large potholes within the Town of Truro without a "Rough Section" or "Bump" Sign please call our Public Works Office at 902-895-4243 to assist us.