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Re: Spring Road Conditions

It is with great anticipation and relief when spring finally arrives after a long winter. Unfortunately, the arrival of spring brings with it additional weather fluctuations that can play havoc on municipal road surfaces.

While we have had less snow than in winter's past, the frequent swings in temperature have contributed to deteriorating conditions that we now see on many of our roads, particularly on gravel roads.

Currently, many of the gravel roads are saturated with moisture, leaving the road surface soft; in these conditions, grading of the road surface may contribute to, or even compound the deficiencies in the surface. For this reason, some roads or road sections need additional time to dry out and firm up before full grading can begin. Town staff may be undertaking limited, shallow spot grading during this interim period in areas of critical deterioration.

Although you may notice equipment working on the roads, we are unable to complete a full grading of gravel roads until the roads dry out.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward to repair our road system.

Yours truly,

Lara Widdifield Director of Public Works