

PLRA – Roads Report: (as of August 4, 2023)

Winter Sand removal - Dysart tries to have this done prior to the July 1 long weekend. They cleared Percy Lake Road on June 27.

Planned Road Resurfacing (Capital projects vs routine repairs like cold patching potholes) – The current road resurfacing of Haliburton Lake Road (around the north end of Haliburton Lake) was scheduled initially to cover only from Ross Lake Road to East Lake Road, however, the Township extended the project all the way to North Curry Road, where the recent resurfacing work ended. This resurfacing is being done at the high level - Full Depth Reclamation, Granular A, Double Surface Treatment. Many culverts were replaced first, by the Township, and then Miller Paving took over. Miller Paving has the contract to do all of the roads capital work this year for the Township. Dave Coulter, the Operations Manager for the Township's Public Works Department, expects the Haliburton Lake Road work to be completed in the next 2 to 4 weeks. The finished surface will be the same as was done north of Fort Irwin, resulting in the "semi-rough" finish. The reason for this is that they use 5/8ths inch granular material as a topping. It is less costly and lasts longer than the finer aggregate material they used before. Dave Coulter emphasized that this allows Dysart to do more resurfacing at a lower cost. He said it holds up better against the significant amount of snow plowing they have to do in the winter.

Routine Road Maintenance (pothole cold patching, gravel road grading, etc.) - this is handled by the Township. **Percy Lake Road** - the surface is generally in good shape. But there are two parts that need significant attention, in addition to the periodic potholes that appear: The first hill where Percy Lake Road branches off Haliburton Lake Road and, the last hill before Johnson Bay Road. The bottom of the Big Hill, at the corner, also needs some attention. Dave Coulter said that they have inspected these areas and they are on the list for cold patch repairs but Dysart has a very large number of potholes to fill on the 200 Kms + of surfaced roads they look after. He said his crews should be in our area soon doing cold patching. Some grading for drainage had to be done first – carried out last week. Rain / wet roads can prevent them from doing the cold patching work, and we've had a lot of that this summer!

More permanent repairs to the problem areas of Percy Lake Road - Any repair of surfaced roads, beyond the routine cold patching, is normally of a capital nature and must be included in the Township's annual budget. The Budget process for 2024 starts this month. The PLRA Board will ask the Township for a budget allocation to do such capital repairs in 2024.

Highway 118 – Repaving – The work between Carnvarvon and Haliburton Village continues. The Ontario Government website (www.511on.ca) indicates that this Hwy 118 project has an anticipated end date of August 15, so, expect another couple of weeks or so of construction delays. The end result will be nice, though, especially the reconfigured intersection at West Guilford - added turn lane(s) on Hwy 118.