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Dear Residents,

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Over the past few weeks our Roads Department has been hard at work to provide you with safer and smoother gravel roads to drive on. The Spring Roads Restoration process effectively rehabilitates and extends the serviceability of gravel, which allows us to service more roads in a shorter amount of time and at a higher cost savings rate.

In our continuous efforts to responsibly spend taxpayers' dollars we have moved to servicing our gravel roads with an in-house gravel retrieval machine. This innovative solution will allow us to achieve significant savings on labour costs and reduce the amount spent annually on purchasing gravel by repurposing majority of the gravel needed for roads maintenance. On top of the fiscal savings, the retrieval machine will work in tandem with our tractor which allows for a repurpose of our resources. The cost-effective gravel road repairs is part of our commitment to improving the transportation system resident's use every day.

During the road maintenance period you may experience a higher than normal level of dust around the affected roads, until the gravel has settled and been sprayed. The Spring Roads Restoration will cover approximately 280 KMS of gravel roads and is scheduled to happen annually. The road maintenance will consist of collection of the loose gravel from the sides of the roads followed by relaying the repurposed gravel back onto the roads to create an even layer and recreate water flow to the ditches. Once the roads have received the repurposed gravel the roads department will add a layer of new gravel on top followed by a spray to reduce the level of dust in the air.

The road maintenance process is imperative to reduce the amount of pot holes while also creating positive drainage of water from the roads to the ditches. We understand the inconvenience this may cause but will result in durable roads that are safer to drive on.

As we continue this process we will be sending out an annual Spring Roads Restoration schedule.

Regards,

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