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### **Half Load Limit**

In the Spring of the year, load restrictions are in place when roads are subject to break up. The By-law is in effect from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15, inclusive. For information, please contact the Township Road Superintendent.

### **Spring Break up of Roads**

Unfortunately this is a common occurrence in the Township each year. Everything is done to lesson or eliminate the problem. The Township Roads Superintendent has the discretion to apply load restrictions as necessary and to close a road if it becomes impassible. This is an element of living in a rural area in the spring time. It is temporary and your care and patience is appreciated.

### **Intersection Sweeping**

When winter plowing and sanding is concluded each spring season, the paved intersections are swept clean of sand that has accumulated over the winter.

### **Maintenance Gravel**

Maintenance gravel is applied as soon as the roads are in shape to carry heavy trucks and equipment. Gravel roads are carefully monitored by the Roads Superintendent and gravel surfacing is done every spring as part of the Township's ongoing maintenance program.

### **Dust Control**

Dust control consisting of an approved liquid dust suppressant is applied on gravel roads after the gravel surfacing has been completed.

### **Roadside Weed Control**

Roadside weed control is managed with summer cutting, making intersection visibility safer. Residents are encouraged to report situations where intersection visibility is unsafe and the Township Roads Superintendent will address the problem forthwith.

### **Winter Control**

Routine winter road patrol is completed to identify problem areas and dispatch appropriate resources to address the situation.

Snow clearing on Township roads is often done in the worst of conditions. Your understanding and patience is appreciated. The safety of the public is our primary concern as well as the safety of our drivers and operators. During some significant storm events, the Roads Superintendent has the discretion to call in additional resources and if conditions are too dangerous to operate, services may be temporarily suspended.

The Township operates under minimum road maintenance standards (Ont. Reg. 239/02) and during the period December 1 - March 31, a day shift and evening shift provides maintenance as required.

### **Driveways**

Cleaning of snow from roadways results in some snow being pushed into driveway entrances. It is the responsibility of the occupant of the land to clear the snow safely. Do not plow snow onto the road allowance. This is a breach of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. Ridges left on the roadway creates a danger to the public.

### **Parked Vehicles**

Vehicles parked on roadways cause problems for snow clearing equipment. Please keep your driveways open to accommodate vehicles safely off the roadway. Vehicles parked interfering with snow removal are subject to being towed at the owners expense.

### **Mailboxes**

The Township will only replace a mailbox if it was physically hit by the snow plow and it was placed properly in accordance with the Township's Mailbox Policy. Information is available through the Municipal Office upon request.

### **Illegal Dumping**

This has become a serious concern in that the expense for the clean up has to be passed on to the taxpayers. It is a very disrespectful and inconsiderate act on the part of some irresponsible people that deposit their unwanted items on the road sides for the Township to clean up. Residents are encouraged to report all illegal dumping to Police.

### **Brush and Tree Cutting**

Ice storms, wind and other weather events sometimes result in blown down trees and branches. This will be addressed as needed by the Township in a timely manner. The Township Roads Superintendent monitors routine tree and brush problems and they are addressed as necessary.

### **Dead Animals**

Dead animals on the roadway are disposed of by the Township Roads Staff. Most of these animals are found while on routine patrol, however if you wish to report a dead animal needing disposal, please call the Municipal Office during regular business hours. Large animals such as deer killed by accident are normally reported by the Police.

### **Call Before You Dig - Ontario One Call - 1-800-400-2255**

Township Roads have buried cables and communication systems that are vital services to the community. They are very expensive to repair and damage caused by carelessness can be disruptive to those who rely on the services. Any work requested on Township road allowances needs the approval of the Roads Superintendent. Locates should be done to

ensure that underground systems are not affected.

### **Litter from Blue Box Program**

We live in a windy area and in spite of the fact that in most cases people try their best to prevent wind blown litter, it does happen. It is the responsibility of the home owner/occupant of the residence to clean up litter generated from their recycling material. This includes newspapers that are left at the end of the driveway that should have been properly recycled.

### **Pot Holes**

The Township maintains over 450 km of roads with a small Staff. Roads are patrolled by Staff and when problems are identified priorities are addressed first. Pot holes most often appear following the spring break up. On gravel roads the pot holes are eliminated by the road grader and on hard surfaced roads a cold mix asphalt is used to fill the hole. Residents are encouraged to report any pot hole situation to the Township Office that they feel is a safety issue. The Roads Superintendent will schedule repairs as appropriate.