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To: Municipalities, Local Service Districts, and Consultants

RE: Asphalt Deadline

Date: September 11, 2019

Please note that Section 02552 – Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE) Master Specification references Division 3 of the Department of Transportation and Works (TW) Specification Book applies to all municipal projects, with few exceptions.

Premature deterioration of asphalt pavement increases significantly when the pavement is placed in less than ideal conditions and when the new pavement does not have sufficient time to seal before being exposed to freeze-thaw conditions.

In an effort to ensure quality pavement for municipal infrastructure projects, MAE would like to bring this item to your attention and reiterate the following dates:

September 30, 2019 – Cut-off date for surface course paving

October 31, 2019 – Last date for final completion of paving projects

Paving after these deadlines should only be done where absolutely necessary; for example in the case of asphalt associated with emergency work, or to temporarily pave gravel sections of roadway for the winter. Any placement of surface course asphalt beyond these deadlines and outside of the conditions outlined in the Master Specifications must be agreed to in writing by the MAE Regional Engineer, the Municipality's Engineer and/or its Engineering Consultant. These deadlines may be extended by TW or MAE, as appropriate.

Placement of Base Course asphalt that will be recapped with Surface Course asphalt within one to two years may continue beyond October 31 provided the placement of asphalt is done under the conditions outlined in the Master Specification Document. Note Base Course paving is subject to a minimum temperature of 7 degrees Celsius as per the specifications.



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