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City preparing for pothole repairs – motorists reminded to drive with care

(Penticton BC – March 1, 2018) – With winter winding down, City of Penticton road crews are gearing up for the 2018 pothole season. Crews will be working on a priority basis, focusing on high traffic areas first and working into side streets and residential neighbourhoods second.

An important part of road maintenance is the repair of potholes. Potholes are created when moisture seeps into the pavement, freezing, expanding, and then thawing. This weakens the pavement. Traffic loosens the pavement even more, and it eventually crumbles and pops out. During the freeze / thaw cycles of the winter months potholes can show up anytime without notice.

“While potholes are one of our road maintenance priorities, they are difficult to control. The City makes every effort to fix a pothole as soon as we are made aware of it”, said Public Works Manager, Len Robson. “We appreciate receiving notifications of potholes, or any other road problem, and ask the traveling public to let us know of any road issues they observe.”

Through the winter, major potholes are regularly filled with cold-mix asphalt, however this solution only acts as a temporary fix until hot mix asphalt is available in the spring. Motorists are encouraged to drive with care and report serious potholes, winter or spring, by calling 250-490-2500 or emailing publicworks@penticton.ca

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