

## City preparing for pothole repairs - motorists reminded to drive with care

(Penticton BC – February 21, 2019) – City of Penticton road crews are ready for the 2019 pothole repair season. Road repairs will take place on a priority basis, focusing on high traffic routes first and side streets and residential neighbourhoods second.

Potholes are created when moisture seeps into the ground, freezing, expanding and thawing the road material, resulting in weakened pavement. Traffic movement then loosens the pavement further. During the freeze and thaw cycles, potholes can show up at 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 acts only 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](mailto:publicworks@penticton.ca)

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