



# MUNICIPAL MINUTE



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## **Editor's Note:**

This seasonal newsletter is produced by the City of Timmins' Communications Department for the benefit of the public. Our goal is to produce a quarterly bulletin, providing our residents with information we feel is relevant and of interest based on the current season.

We hope you will find value in reading this newsletter and learn more about our operations and our valued employees, who work hard to provide you with city services.

If there are municipal matters you would like to learn more about, we encourage you to contact us with any questions, comments and suggestions.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding your services, we encourage you to contact the responsible department directly.

**A full Department Directory can be found on our website at [www.timmins.ca/city-hall/department-listing](http://www.timmins.ca/city-hall/department-listing) or call 705-264-1331.**

**After hours: 705-264-1201**

## **SPRING SPURS HYDRANT FLUSHING**



**Member of the Public Utilities and Communications Departments will make efforts to notify the public when flushing is taking place. You can subscribe to receive regular updates here: [www.timmins.ca/online-services/subscribe-to-updates](http://www.timmins.ca/online-services/subscribe-to-updates)**

Starting in late April, Public Utilities crews have been out flushing fire hydrants, which is part of a regular maintenance program, necessary under the Fire Protection Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

While this process may cause temporary inconveniences, the program is designed to ensure our hydrants are in working order and ready for emergency use, verify flow capacity and clean the lines.

Homeowners and businesses may experience short-term loss in water pressure or experience brown or rust-coloured water

following the testing. It is recommended not to drink or wash laundry with the discoloured water. While it is not harmful to your health, it can stain laundry. Should this occur, it is advised to turn off your tap for 10-20 minutes in order to allow the crew to complete the test.

Once the test is complete and the work crew has left the area, turn on the COLD water tap closest to the source (usually your laundry tub tap) and let it run for approximately 15-20 minutes or until water colour has returned to normal.

**Public Utilities Department: 705-360-2646**

## **THE PITFALLS OF POTHOLES**

Our Northern Ontario winters can be harsh, and often wreak havoc on our aging infrastructure and roads.

Public Works understands that potholes may pose a hazard, and crews are out working to fill them on a daily basis. We ask the travelling public to slow down when approaching road maintenance crews, use caution when navigating a work zone, and travel with caution until potholes can be repaired.

Timmins experiences a significant freeze/thaw cycle each winter and spring. This cycle, together with high volumes of traffic, creates holes in road surfaces. Pothole formation requires two factors to be present at the same time; water and traffic. In areas subject to freezing and thawing, frost heaving can damage a pavement and create openings for

water to enter. Spring thaw of pavements accelerates this process when thawing of upper portions of the solid structure in pavement cannot drain past still-frozen lower layer, thus saturating the supporting soil and weakening it.

Provincial government standards outlined in the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways require the City to fix a pothole within a prescribed period, depending on the size and whether it is on a paved or unpaved road. It is important to note that the City's obligation to fix a pothole is triggered only after the municipality becomes aware.

Report potholes through the City's website: or by contacting Public Works directly by phone at 705-360-2646 or by email at [public\\_works@timmins.ca](mailto:public_works@timmins.ca)



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## PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL AT THE TOP OF THEIR CLASS



**Guppy and Krצל excelled amongst the 14 participants and were recognized at the annual Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) conference in Toronto recently.**

For the first time ever, two students tied for the highest mark in the Public Works Leadership Development Program, and lucky for us, both are valued employees of the City of Timmins.

George Guppy and Ken Krצל were recently presented with the Marvin D. Halladay Memorial Education Award by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), for both scoring an overall average of 93 per cent.

The local association, North Eastern Ontario Public Works Organization (NEOPWO) partnered with AORS to bring the course to Timmins in 2014. Sessions began in the fall of 2014, continued in the spring and fall of 2015 and concluded in 2016 – covering local government, leadership, finance, process management, communications, talent management, customer service, and continuous improvement.



### CURATOR NAMED PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

Timmins Museum: National Exhibition Centre was founded in the 1970s, and continues to gain recognition across the country thanks to our dedicated Curator Karen Bachmann.

Karen was recently named the new President of the Canadian Museums Association, which includes members from large national museums and other small community museums such as ours. Having been a member since 1990 has provided many networking opportunities, allowing our curator to gain connections nation-wide. As President, Karen will also be bringing the next Association meeting to Timmins this summer.

Over the years, the Timmins Museum has attracted many large-scale national exhibits with the help of the Association – dedicated to helping with exhibits and funding applications. The success of our museum has also prompted a several thousand square foot expansion.



## ADMINISTRATOR ACHIEVES TOP CASE STUDY MARK

When Carol Halt was hired as Administrator for the Golden Manor, one of the requirements was that she complete the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) Administrator's Leadership Certification Program within her first year.

Carol did so by December and at the recent Annual General Meeting, she was awarded the Donna Rubin Administrator Leadership Award by the OANHSS. This award is given annually to the OANHSS member student who achieves the top case study mark in each of the fall and winter sessions of the Administrator Leadership Program.