# SSVB Road and Street Management Best Practices

# The Primary Objective of SSVB Board's Road and Street Management practices, is to ensure streets and roads are safe, accessible, and maintained in such a manner to preserve their integrity.

# Strategy

In the off season an assigned full-time resident of the Hamlet will determine if roads need to be addressed. This individual can be a board member or a resident and determined by the Hamlet Board.

#### Winter Maintenance

Snow and snow build up is a part of living in a Rural setting so expectations for pristine streets needs to be tempered.

After a snow storm has occurred, the expectation streets will be cleared in a timely manner is reasonable and will be worked towards.

First call typically goes to the RM of Mervin but if the snow fall was significant and the RM of Mervin cannot begin ploughing by the next day a call to an independent contractor should occur immediately.

#### Spring Thaw

Build up of snow and ice is an annual occurrence on the streets. The assigned year-round resident or Board Member will monitor the weather closely to ensure best decision to remove snow build up is considered. Typically, the RM of Mervin is contacted initially, however if they cannot attend to it in a timely manner (1 to 2 days) a private contractor should be called immediately.

#### **Spring Street Maintenance**

A call to the RM of Mervin should be made once it is established winter is over and road maintenance can begin. Grading occurs on all streets.

Graveling of the main arterials is typical for most years and the graveling of problem areas identified from previous years.

Some streets may need additional graveling due construction work adjacent to the roads or less traveled streets has not received gravel in a few years.

# Calcium Chloride

Application of Calcium Chloride to be applied to all freshly graveled or problem dust areas. Main arterials typically receive Calcium Chloride annually and all other streets done on a case-by-case decision.

Calcium Chloride decisions are made annually and should not be taken lightly. Calcium Chloride binds the road material together and if not applied strategically can harm long term street integrity not to mention dust issues for the residents.

# Speed Bumps

Speed Bumps are in place to assist in the safety of our children, residents, and pets not to mention reduced noise and dust from fast moving vehicles.

#### **Speed Bump Configuration**

One row of speed bumps across the street that minimizes the opportunity for less mature drivers to move around the bumps to avoid them.

# Summer Maintenance

Assessments to the roads should be done monthly and discussed at each Board meeting to identify remediation of problem areas on the streets.