

# Mayor's Communiqué

October 2012

## Our Town roads!

The Town of Creston maintains approximately 45km of paved roadways within its town boundaries. This is the most visible major “infrastructure” item, others being our water system and waste water systems. At our Town Council meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, a bid of \$189,853 submitted by Miller Capilano Maintenance Corp was approved for carrying out our 2012 Micro Surfacing Program.



Looking down 14<sup>th</sup> Ave

An Open House regarding Micro Surfacing was held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at Council Chambers. This Open House was advertised in the local newspaper additionally 190 letters were delivered to residences and businesses located in the areas where micro surfacing will be carried out starting in mid September.

Micro Surfacing is “pavement restoration” and this approach is an economical and effective way to stretch the life of our asphalt streets.

***The definition of Pavement preservation is a program employing a network level, long-term strategy that enhances pavement performance by using an integrated, cost-effective set of practices that extend pavement life, improve safety and meet motorist expectations.***

At our Town Council meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, Council received a detailed presentation from staff on the merits of using this application on some of our streets. If we were to repave all streets with new asphalt the cost would be \$27 million and eventually all streets will need to be repaved. By doing preventative maintenance with “crack sealing”, “chip sealing” and “micro-surfacing” we can preserve our local streets and obtain a much longer lifespan of our asphalt. Asphalt costs have doubled in the past 9 years.

Our Road Condition Internal Report outlining the future replacement costs of roads indicates that the majority of our streets are in the 80% to 100% “condition rating” and by doing responsible and annual pavement preservation we can greatly improve the “deterioration curve” of our roads. I welcome and invite any concerned citizens to meet with me at my office during my posted office hours and I can review this report with you. If anyone requires a more detailed technical explanation, our Town staff are always available.



From Highway 21 up Canyon Street

***I want to hear from you:***

**Please share your concerns, your experiences, and your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).**

Thanks  
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