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**To:** All Municipalities and Local Service Districts, Inuit Community Governments, Municipal and Community Affairs, Environment Conservation and Climate Change (WRMD), Consultants, MNL, PMA, HCANL, NLCA, PEGNL, ACEC-NL, JMIC, MHAs

**Re:** Paving TI Owned Community Roads

**Date:** June 3, 2026

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The Department wishes to advise that asphalt paving work will be proceeding during this construction season on several provincial roads within communities.

In recent years, there have been recurring issues where newly placed asphalt has been cut shortly after installation to accommodate municipal water and sewer connections. These post-construction cuts have led to premature deterioration of the roadway surface, including settlement, uneven driving conditions, and reduced pavement lifespan.

To address these concerns and protect the integrity of newly constructed infrastructure, the Department is implementing the following policy measures:

**1. Restrictions on Cutting New Asphalt**

Effective immediately, no approvals will be granted by TI for municipal cross-cuts or service hookups **on provincial roads** that require cutting into newly placed asphalt within the first two (2) years following paving.

**2. Municipal Capital Works Program Limitation**

In addition, under the Municipal Capital Works Program, funding will not be provided for reinstatement (repaving) associated with water and sewer projects where the existing pavement is less than ten (10) years old. The age of pavement will be required in funding application submissions.

**3. Required Municipal Coordination**

Municipalities are asked to:

- **Review and identify** any planned or anticipated water and sewer upgrades within areas scheduled for paving this season. A list of provincial road projects can be found at [Roads Plan Outlines Projects for the 2026-27 Construction Season - News Releases](#).
- **Notify the Department as soon as possible** of any such projects to ensure proper coordination and avoid conflicts with paving schedules.
- **Advise residents and developers** who may be planning to connect to existing water and sewer systems in these areas that any required excavations or connections must be completed **prior to paving operations**.

Failure to complete these works in advance will result in delays to approvals, as post-paving cuts will not be permitted within the established restriction period.

The Department appreciates your cooperation in ensuring the long-term quality and performance of our shared infrastructure.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the regional provincial Highway Design and Construction office:

Avalon - 709-729-0135  
Eastern – 709-466-4133  
Central - 709-292-4313  
Western - 709-635-4132  
Labrador - 709-635-4136

Or the Municipal Infrastructure office:  
Central Regional Office - 709-256-1055  
Eastern Regional Office - 709-729-5337  
Western Regional Office - 709-637-2491  
Labrador Regional Office – 709-729-5334

Sincerely,



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