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To: Municipalities, Local Service Districts and Consultants

RE: Asphalt Deadline

Date: OCT 19 2018

Please note that section 02552- *Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete* of the Department of Municipal affairs and Environment Master Specifications states:

3.10.4.2: "The season for laying asphaltic surface course shall end on the 15th of October, unless extended by the Engineer."

Premature deterioration of asphalt pavement increases significantly when the pavement is placed in less than ideal temperature conditions and when the new pavement does not have sufficient time to seal before exposed to freeze thaw conditions.

In an effort to ensure quality pavements for municipal infrastructure projects, the Department would like to bring this item to your attention and reiterate that the placement of surface course asphalt must be undertaken prior to the October 31 deadline (as extended by the Department of Transportation and Works) and under the appropriate conditions, as outlined in the Master Specifications. Surface course asphalt should only be placed after October 31 when it is absolutely necessary to do so, for example, asphalt associated with emergency work or to temporarily pave gravel sections of roadway for the winter. Any placement of surface course asphalt beyond October 31 and outside of these conditions must be agreed to in writing by the Department's Regional Engineer, the municipality's Engineer and/or its Engineering Consultant.

Placement of Base Course asphalt that will be recapped with Surface Course asphalt within one to two years may continue beyond October 31 provided the placement of the asphalt is done under the conditions outlined in the Department's Master Specification document.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Michielsen".

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cc: Regional Engineers