

October Monthly Road & Property Report

Winter is just around the corner. We have been busy getting things buttoned up before the snow is here for good. We have been brush mowing for about a month already. The Wilde River development area has gotten a much needed brushing. Some areas have not been brushed for about 10 years. The whole development should be done by the end of this week and then the brusher will head up Spider Lake Firelane, Timber Trail & Randysek Rd. We are updating our brush mower & tractor. We are renting a new tractor/brusher for the remainder of the year with the option to purchase in 2021. The full amount of the rent will come off the purchase price as well as trade in of our current tractor/mower and other mowing equipment. The new brusher has a larger mower deck and longer boom, so it can reach out farther, higher and mow more in one pass than our current one. The goal this fall is to run both brush mowers until the snow is too deep to get caught up or even get ahead on our brush mowing program.

We spent a day getting our 2015 Western Star ready for plowing. We had to get the blacktop cleaned out, take off the patching tray, adjust and lube the box chain, replace a hydraulic cylinder for the wing and replace wing and plow cutting edges. We won't convert our 2018 Western Star back for winter maintenance for another week or so, but it can still plow if the need arises.

We spent 2 days crack sealing with the Town of Namakagon and they in turn spent 2 days with us on Lake Owen Dr. Crack Sealing cannot be done with just 2 people, you need 5 at the bare minimum, 6 - 7 is the best for busier roads. We have to have 1 running the heat lance, 1 driving the truck & crack sealer trailer, 2 pouring tar, 1 either putting down toilet paper or just keeping traffic off of fresh tar and should have 1- 2 people just for traffic control on the busier roads.

Going forward into November, we will be putting most of our time into brush mowing. Also we have the tree cutting on Frels Rd and Sunset Rd. The contractor pushed us back a month due to his schedule. We have to make our salt/sand soon and finish getting equipment ready for winter.

Respectfully,

Jason Swanson, Road & Property Foreman