



Biannual Briefing Note

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Updates for 2015:

- Through co-operation with the City of Prince George, grassy areas between Highway 97 and Central Rd are cleared of any winter abrasives yearly.

Continued Practices:

Ministry has expended significant effort and funding to improve issues within the city of Prince George including:

- Early start to spring sweeping specifically within the bowl area. (water and/or liquid Calcium Chloride for dust suppression).
- Methods modified to improve effects of clean-up utilizing a more costly process.
- Sweeping activities are discontinued during Air Advisories.
- Sweeping equipment has moved from brooms to pick-up machines.
- Maintenance Contractor use significant quantities of liquid de-icer during winter operations on Hwy 16 and Hwy 97 to minimize Winter Sand deposited.
- The winter sand produced by the Maintenance Contractor has been modified to contain fewer fine particulates.
- Maintenance Contractor conducts regular additional highway sweepings throughout the city corridors in excess of their contract requirements at a significant cost during the non-winter months of the year to address industry highway usage.
- Bridge structures go through a complete cleaning annually.
- The corridors through the city that are the responsibility of the ministry are all paved with no gravel running surfaces.
- The ministry utilizes Hot-in-Place Recycling (HIPR) where appropriate to minimize the GHG output as part of our ongoing commitments in delivering highway pavement rehabilitation.