



ONTARIO  
**COCHRANE**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

## Spring is here and so are ice ruts on roads and potholes

The Town is encouraging drivers to use extra caution when going through puddles and slow down as road conditions change in this type of weather.

With daytime melting, ice may form overnight and cause slippery roads and sidewalks.

### **What to watch for**

The Town reminds residents in order for crews to take full advantage of the warm weather, and complete rut-shaving on as many streets as soon as possible they remind people to avoid street parking in residential areas.

Graders, loaders and steam crews will be keeping catch basins clear and cutting out as much ice as possible when weather permits, we ask residents to please be patient. These snow pack conditions formed over months and will it will take time to get to bare road conditions.

During the rut-shaving work, many other roadway and drainage programs will continue:

- Monitoring and salting/sanding
- Pothole patching with cold mix
- Catch basin defrosting to relieve large puddles
- Utility cut maintenance until gravel can be permanently patched with hot mix asphalt
- Snow removal on high-traffic priority streets
- Sidewalk/pathway snow clearing

### **How to help**

The Town also reminds residents how they can help during the spring melt:

- Slow down when encountering a pool of water to avoid the possibility of vehicle damage and splashing pedestrians.
- Be extra cautious on sidewalks where ice may form.
- Watch for blue and amber flashing lights on maintenance equipment. If you encounter equipment on the road, slow down, remain at least 15 metres (2.5 car lengths) behind, and be ready to stop.
- Report pot holes via our Community Voice feature on the website:  
[www.cochraneontario.com/community-voice](http://www.cochraneontario.com/community-voice)