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## **City Begins Pothole Repair Operations**

The City has commenced its' annual pothole repair campaign. Last year over 2,500 potholes were repaired by City Crews. The number and severity of potholes changes from year to year and depends on the amount of freeze/thaw cycles that occur in the spring.

Potholes are caused when moisture, such as snowmelt or rain, enters a crack in the pavement, then freezes and expands in cold temperatures. The expansion puts pressure on the crack, causing the asphalt to break away, resulting in a pothole. Vehicle traffic over the pothole can cause the edges to crumble, which increases the size.

Residents are reminded that new potholes will appear during the freeze/thaw cycle at this time of year. In addition, some potholes will require repeated temporary patching until the street dries and permanent patching can be done.

Potholes are repaired based on the same priority system used for snow removal. The high traffic, arterial roadways will be repaired first, followed by school zones and bus routes, the central avenue business district and finally residential areas.

In order to help crews locate potholes, the City of Prince Albert would like to encourage residents to report a pothole by emailing the Public Works Department on the City's website (see "Report a Problem" at [www.citypa.com](http://www.citypa.com)) or by calling 953-4900.

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