

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

QUARTERLY UPDATE

DATE: May 5, 2026

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Cory Smith, Director of Roads and Public Works

SUBJECT: Department of Roads and Public Works Quarterly Report – Q1

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

During the first Quarter of 2026 the Public Works department faced several challenges. The most significant being a salt shortage that impacted the entire province. This was also combined with a challenging winter for number of early winter events. Staff assessed this issue early on, and secured arrangements with a contingency supplier to ensure adequate supply for the remainder of the winter season. On February 4, 2026 Staff issued an information Memo to Council on this matter projecting a shortfall of between 25 and 200 tonnes. The actual shortfall was 56.12 tonnes of salt that was procured through contingency arrangements. It should be noted in Q1 2026 vs 2025 the total number of hours completing snow plowing was up by about 350 hours, and the number of hours sanding and salting was down by about 200. The nature of the events, and the techniques used to manage them assisted in the salt usage in Q1. It should also be noted that the amount of salt replaced in Q1 of 2025 was higher than 2026, this is due to the nature of the storm events, how it was managed, but the overall salt useage for the winter was greater in the 2025/2026 winter season that speaks to the volume of winter events experienced early on in the winter season in Q4 of 2025.

It should be noted that this does not impact the Municipalities approved allotted amount for the 2026/2027 winter. Staff will re-supply our salt inventory in the fall under our existing contract. Salt mines servicing Ontario have returned to full production, the largest bottleneck for resupply is the shipping. While it is anticipated that there will be sufficient supply staff will monitor throughout the summer and early fall months to ensure sufficient time is available to plan and act if supply and availability does not return to normal.

Staff prepared for flooding season, and while many neighbouring municipalities have experienced flooding the Mississippi Valley Catchment particularly in the lower end has not been significantly affected at this time.

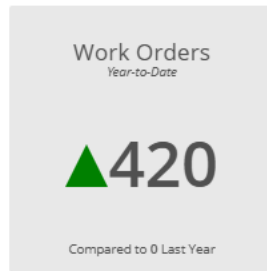
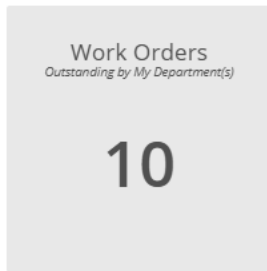
2026 PROJECT UPDATES/PENDING ITEMS:

Project	Status	Estimated Completion	Comments
Update to Traffic Calming and Speed Management Policy	Ongoing	August 2026	Policy returned to staff for public Comment. Policy will be presented at a PIC on June 22, 2026 with final draft returning to COW after Council's summer recess.
Update to Road Use By-law, Entrance Policy	Ongoing	Q3 2026	Update to modernize by-law and reflect current standards and practices
Public Works Service Delivery Review	Ongoing	Q2 2026	To be presented to COW in May.
Review of Centralized Waste Depot	Ongoing	Q3 2026	As per the Waste Management Strategy a review has been initiated for closing of Developing a Centralized Waste/Recycling Depot and closing of the Howie Road and Pakenham Depots.
Hard Surface Renewals and Interventions	Ongoing	Q4-2026	Micro Surface Program Awarded, Surface treatment and pavement projects at various states of tender, to be awarded in May/June.

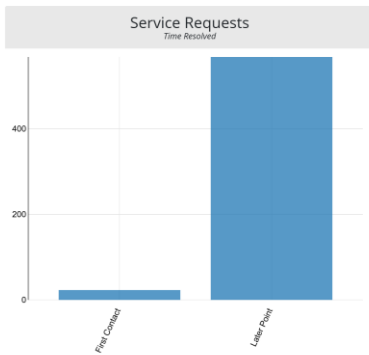
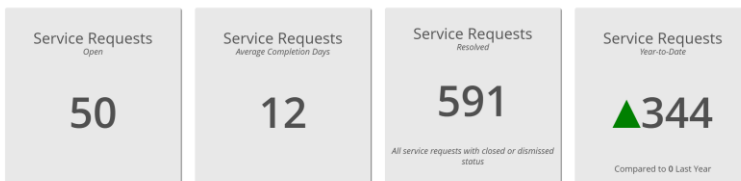
KPIs:

	May 5, 2026			Q1 2026	Q1 2025	Year over Year
	January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026			Total	Total	Variance
Report 2 - Reporting on Q1						
Public Works KPIs	January	February	March			
Winter Events	19	15	11	45	47	-2
Snow Removals - All	6	4	1	11	16	-5
Snow Removals - Small	7	4	2	13		13
tonnes of salt replaced	476.78	268.22	56.12	801.12	1245	-443.88
After Hour Emergency Responses	6	10	14	30	37	-7
Snow Plowing Hours	885.45	602.5	290.5	1778.45	1430	348.45
Sanding/Salting Hours	135.5	90	130.5	356	559	-203
Hours Grading Gravel Roads	0	0	76	76	94.5	-18.5
Number of Days with Rain Events	1	0	3	4	3	1
Number of Working Days	21	19	22	62	62	0

WORK ORDERS



SERVICE REQUESTS



LOOKING AHEAD:

The construction and summer maintenance season is starting. Preparation of condition assessments of Core assets and updating of work plans to support the 2027 budget are underway.

Respectfully submitted by,

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ATTACHMENTS (if applicable):

None.