



# Town of Pownal

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Public Works

## Road Commissioner's Report March 10, 2025

In the last weeks the public works crew has been working steadily maintaining roads during the winter months. Some of these tasks consist of plowing and treating paved and Gravel roads to maintain safe travel on our roadways. Some of the other tasks that have a key role in winter operations are fixing and maintaining equipment. Mixing delivery of sand and salt and snow removal in certain areas to help with visibility and drainage.

As we shift from winter to spring the public works crew will focus on patching potholes addressing bumpy frost heaves and fixing mudding gravel roads as the temperature rises and the frost comes out of the ground. While still anticipating the possibility for more snowstorms to come.

### **The Town of Pownal will be posting all town roads March 10, 2025, to May1, 2025**

The Posting of town roadways is to keep large heavy vehicles off roadways while the frost comes out of the ground. Frost occurs when the cold temperatures solidly freeze the ground beneath the roadway. Frost freezes the ground and roadways from the surface down similar to ice forming on a pond or lake. When temperatures warm and the frost melts it melts from the top layer at the surface to the bottom layer in the ground which can trap water beneath the surface of the roads. This can cause extensive damage to roads, especially with heavy vehicles travelling on our roadways. For more information or questions on the postings please contact the Road Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Road Commissioner

Matt Nielsen