



Councillor Paul Ainslie
 Toronto City Council
 Scarborough East - Ward 43

Chair, Scarborough Community Council
 Chair, Government Management Committee

Date: June 8, 2011
 To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
 From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
 Re: The Daily Pothole

Every year the City of Toronto's Transportation Services is responsible to repair potholes on our city streets. During the last three years the City of Toronto has repaired an average of 237,000 potholes, this year alone 72,090 pot holes have been repaired from January – March 28, 2011. Pot holes create unsafe driving conditions for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Pot hole repairs contribute to traffic congestion by the nature of the work which needs to be done, leaving residents in gridlock. Currently the City of Toronto does not make available to the public information how many pot holes have been repaired to date, a summary of the repairs to be done or locations for repairs.

Making available to the public information through a website "The Daily Pothole" would be positive interaction with Toronto residents. Information on the site could inform residents on a variety of related road repairs and rehabilitation work performed by Transportation Services. A pot hole repair counter updated weekly would give residents an understanding of the City's progress and costs to for the repairs. It would also be useful if the website included the geographic locations to deter motorists from using certain routes in anticipation of lane disruptions.

A summary of the City of Toronto's Transportation Services pot hole repairs is as follows:

Annual Summary of Pothole Repairs and Cost

Year	Potholes Fixed	\$/Year
2005	173,000	\$3.7M
2006	165,000	\$4.3M
2007	145,000	\$3.6M
2008	277,000	\$6.9M
2009	253,409	\$6.3M
2010	179,462	\$4.4M

Pothole repairs for 2011 (January 1 – March 28)

- The City has repaired approximately **72,909** potholes (*at a cost of \$1.5 mil for above period*)
- Pothole repaired for same period last season **55,069** potholes
- Average pothole repair cost - \$20.00 - \$25.00
- Expenditures for period last season **\$1.17 mil**
- Service request received for current period **3635**
- Service request received for last year's period **1512**
- Last year's unit cost **\$21,39** /pot hole for this period (Jan 1 to March 28/2010)
- This year's unit cost **\$20.82** /pot hole for same period (Jan 1 to March 28/2011)

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The City's road, sidewalk and bridge maintenance budget is between \$33 million to \$36.5 million annually. Between \$20 million and \$25 million is dedicated to road repair, including pothole maintenance.

Recommendations:

1. That the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommend that Toronto City Council approve that Transportation Services create an on-line "Pot Hole" counter making available to residents a weekly pot hole repair counter, a summary of the City's repair progress, the number of repairs to be done, information on the costs of repairing pot holes as well as a summary of locations which have already been reported.
2. That the City of Toronto's Transportation Services further investigate if the website could include the geographic locations of future road repairs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PA Ainslie", with a horizontal line underneath.

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