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Prior Lake De-icing Materials in Good Supply Despite Tough Winter

Despite reports of cities and counties in Minnesota running low on road salt due to the high number of snow events and abnormally cold temperatures, the City of Prior Lake has no plans to adjust its level of service and is prepared if additional bad-weather events were to hit. “We still have about 50% of our salt supply remaining and do not have plans to reorder,” says Public Works Director Steve Albrecht. “We also have sand in reserve as a last resort, but we are optimistic we will not need it.”

Albrecht cites the city’s new de-icing program as the primary reason Prior Lake is not in the same situation as other road crews around the state. “Our new de-icing equipment allows our trucks to do the same job as the older spreaders using only one-third of the salt product. In addition to being lake friendly the salt savings pay for new spreaders.”

Equipment alone has not achieved this important savings. The City of Prior Lake’s de-icing equipment operators have been especially trained to optimally use the new equipment, resulting in significant savings in time-of-operation and materials used this winter, ensuring that all city roads are open and safe for travel through the remainder of this season.

Prior Lake is a developing suburb in north central Scott County with a small-town atmosphere and many recreational amenities including numerous parks and lakes that offer year-round recreation. With an estimated population of 22,000, the city is projected to be a fully-developed community of 40,000 by 2030. Prior Lake’s 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan is dedicated to providing quality services resulting in a safe, secure community. Prior Lake is a wonderful place to call home.