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A Message from OGRA regarding the Minimum Maintenance Standards

The Municipal Maintenance Standards are a very important part of the present and future of Municipalities and how they operate. Since February 2015, the MMS Task force has discussed issues identified, requiring clarification or refinement within the existing Regulation, in order to fulfill the intent of the Regulation and hopefully avoid possible future misinterpretation by the Courts. A new section will make clear the original intent and purpose of the Regulation, to provide additional interpretative guidance to all.

These Standards reflect the hard work of a Task Force that featured municipal engineers and road maintenance specialists from across Ontario, both urban and rural. The proposed new standards continue the practice of acknowledging the expertise which municipal road authorities possess in respect of maintenance of their local highways, and the deference which should be given to their good judgment in seeking to achieve safety for their residents and the users of the roads within their care. We ask that you take the time to review the amendments and changes [outlined here](#), and send your feedback, suggestions or comments to Dr. James Smith at james@ogra.org, to help in the continued improvement of this very important standard.

We ask that you respond no later than Friday, September 2, 2016. Your help and comments in this endeavour are very appreciated.