

**2015 RLA Annual Meeting
Road Committee Report
Chuck Reynolds – Chair**

The primary objective of the road maintenance program is to provide safe driving conditions on the Retreat roads. This includes snowplowing and grading to reduce icy patches, eroded ruts, and washboard conditions. This is especially important on the roads with steep grades, sharp curves, and dangerous drop-offs. Also culverts must be monitored and cleared to keep overflows from washing out the road.

When the roadbase material has washed away to the point where grading exposes large rocks, it becomes a road restoration program. It is necessary to add material to get back to a smooth surface. Recycled asphalt is a more cost effective type of material because it resists erosion better than standard roadbase. Grading costs are then reduced because less grading is needed.

Most of the work this past year was spent on clearing and replacing culverts:

Black Creek Dr upstream from the Copper Hill junction: cleared manually, did not have to be replaced.

Copper Hill Rd near Fishermans Lane: replaced at a cost of \$1200

Black Creek Dr midway between Streamside and Copper Hill: replaced at a cost of \$2100

Road restoration for 0.2 mile on lower Streamside Dr was planned for mid-June but has been delayed due to the recent high cost of recycled asphalt and potential road construction delays.

Many thanks to all the volunteers for helping with the culvert replacements. Please drive carefully and safely on all of our Retreat roads.