

2018 RLA Annual Meeting Road Committee Report

The goal 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. The snowfall this winter was less than normal and so the plowing costs were lower.

The road restoration work for this fiscal year was completed in mid-June. This included laying down 800 tons of recycled asphalt on sections of Solitude Ct, upper Streamside Dr, upper Black Creek Dr, Corner Ct and lower Elkridge Dr. This is so important because when the road base material has washed away to the point where grading exposes large rocks, it is not possible to achieve a smooth surface any more. It is necessary to add material to restore a more gradable surface. Recycled asphalt is a more cost effective type of material because it resists erosion better than standard road base and therefore reduces our grading costs.

Looking to the future, the two year road restoration plan has been updated on the RLA website. The projected costs will be lower than in the past few years because we have managed to catch up on work that was delayed by the 2013 flood and subsequent construction work on CR43 and US34.

Chuck Reynolds – Chair