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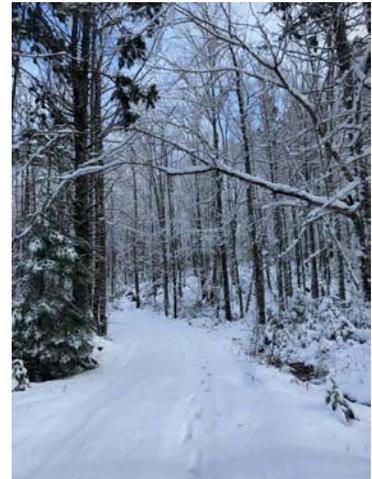
# MARITIME PARKLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## FALL 2018 UPDATE

**Executive Meeting Minutes** - The minutes of the November 4 executive meeting are on our website in the [members' area](#).

**Winter Road Maintenance** – With the recent snow and ice, that time of year is upon us. Adam Goudey spoke with Colin Hughes, who has agreed to do our plowing again this winter. He will continue plowing on the same basis as last winter, that is, as he sees necessary, but as a rule will wait to hear from the executive before sanding.



At the AGM, a suggestion was put forward to use crusher dust instead of sand, and Colin agrees that it is a better option. The sand that we have used in the past is often mixed with salt. It melts a bit of ice and then falls to the roadbed leaving no traction, whereas the crusher dust will sit on top and when ice forms again, will stay there and create layers of each, making for better traction as the ice melts.

There will be an extra cost, mostly because of the distance to availability — the south shore is the closest. The best option is to have a decent stockpile nearby and Colin estimates it should come in around \$100 more per use when needed. The executive has agreed that there is enough room in the budget to try this method this winter.

Do get in touch with the executive if it seems that the road needs attention and Colin hasn't come after a reasonable period, keeping in mind that the provincial plowing standard for the highway outside our development is 24 hours after a storm.

**Garbage Shed** - Those who use the shed regularly, and those who cleaned it this



summer report that it often contains material that is not appropriate for regular pickup, as well as a lot of black garbage bags. This seems to be a longstanding issue. We will be posting a sign on the door of the shed with a list of materials that must go to Kaiser Meadows Recycling on Route 14, along with hours and directions. In the

meantime, please consult [Chester Municipality's website](#) for detailed garbage and recycling information.

As well, we asked the Municipality about getting a green compost bin. They agreed to drop off one (or two), on a trial basis. They are to be stored in the shed, and we are required to use paper compost bags. We will need someone to set up a ramp to the shed, as well as to take on routine maintenance of the bin(s). More on this later!

**Protecting Our Shorelines** - There are covenants and provincial laws in place to help protect and preserve the pristine integrity of our beautiful lakes.



[MPHA covenants](#) 12 and 13 prohibit structures, roads or laneways being built within 100 feet from the shore, and Covenant 5 states that no trees of greater than five inches butt diameter shall be cut from lands within 100 feet of the shoreline.

As well, the addition of sand or other foreign materials to a watercourse without provincial government approval is considered a violation under Section 67 of the Nova Scotia [Environment Act](#). This includes sand placed to create or enhance a beach, and is meant to prevent material foreign to a waterway affecting the habitat of fish and plant life.

**Selling your Property** - Please let the executive know when you sell your property so we won't send you invoices for dues. If your buyer is agreeable, it's helpful to us if you can pass on their contact information.