

Municipal Roads for the Economy Program Annual Report For the Year of 2009

In 2009, SARM was given the responsibility to administer the Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP). The total budget for the program was \$47 million, \$40 million was provided by the Province, and \$7 million was provided by the Federal Government through Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF). MREP is divided into three categories: MREP-Roads, CTP and MREP-Bridges

MREP-Roads

In 2009, 26 projects (18 Rural Municipalities) were approved under MREP- Roads. The assistance rate was 70% for the road construction projects. The total amount of funding that was allocated for MREP roads construction projects was \$19,925,900.

Clearing the Path

Clearing the Path (CTP) has two sub-categories: construction and maintenance. As for CTP- construction program, 31 projects (26 Rural Municipalities) were approved for road construction. The assistance rate for this program was 70% and the total amount of funding allocated for CTP road construction was \$8,961,900.

In the past year, there was an increase in kilometers under the CTP- primary weight system. 224 kilometers were added as primary weight corridors. The total number of kilometers under CTP is now 5896.4. To maintain the corridors, municipalities receive \$1000/ kilometer. In 2009, the budget for CTP-maintenance was \$5,586,100.

MREP –Bridge Program

- 1) Bridge Inspection Program
 - a. Contracted Stantec for the inspection of 697 bridges at a cost of \$1,240,400
- 2) Bridge Construction Program
 - a. Drew up the Plans, purchased the necessary materials, arranged for environmental permits, prepared the tender package for 17 new bridges at an estimated total cost of \$8,400,000 which was offset by \$5,500,000 in grants from the Municipal Bridge Program.
- 3) Bridge Rehabilitation Program
 - a. Drew up the Plans, purchased the necessary materials, arranged for environmental permits, prepared the tender package for 5 major bridge rehabilitation projects at an estimated total cost of \$2,850,000 which was offset by \$2,250,000 in grants from the Municipal Bridge Program.
- 4) Bridge Replacement Program
 - a. Funded the replaced 11 bridges with culverts at an estimated total cost of \$1,750,000 which was offset by \$950,000 in grants from the Municipal Bridge Program.

- 5) Bridge Repair Program
 - a. Authorized the repair of 64 bridges of which 30 have been completed at an estimated total cost of \$1,250,000 which was offset by \$825,000 in grants from the Municipal Bridge Program.
 - b. The remaining 34 authorized bridge projects will be carried over into next fiscal year. The estimated total cost of the carried over projects is \$625,000 which will be offset by \$425,000 in grants from the Municipal Bridge Program.
- 6) Total Expenditures \$10,765,000.

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