

Innovative Municipal Products offers road service solutions

In a country like Canada, where due to its disparate regions road maintenance can become an onerous task, the dependability of a progressive company such as Innovative Municipal Products, Inc. is valued.

The business has been in operation since 1986 and is based in Ajax, Ont. It provides environmentally sound road surface solutions for municipalities in a number of provinces year-round.

In the spring and summer when dust is the grit between the teeth of Manitoba's municipal members, the effectiveness of dust control products is of paramount importance.

Dust is a nuisance when driving on gravel roads but it can also be a sign of an eroding (and potentially costly to repair) roadway. Fine grit (dust) is an important component of gravel that when combined with its larger pieces make up a gravel road. Without the small pieces the big ones soon shift and erode

and the road falls into disrepair and requires expensive re-graveling.

The company, through its distributor, Dust Free Road Maintenance, offers magnesium chloride as a (tamping) hygroscopic solution. Hygroscopic solutions suppress dust by facilitating compaction and retaining moisture in the road. This innovative product is a preventative measure for a costly repair and as such deserves the acclaim it receives.

Innovative Municipal Products, Inc. also provides road surface solutions for road maintenance issues in winter. In previous years, in Manitoba, icy roads were either salted or sanded or combinations of both products were used to make roads safe. Lately, a magnesium chloride-based compound has been offered to reduce the use of salt and sand. This product is able to de-ice at a lower temp than rock salt or salt brine liquid. "Magnesium Chloride-based de-icers,

such as *Caliber*; are the next generation of de-icers," says **Jim Keith**, marketing manager for Innovative Municipal Products, Inc.

The strain of extreme temperatures in the winter can also cause cavernous challenges for road maintenance workers in the spring. Potholes literally appear overnight. These dangerous dips in the road used to be filled with a short-lived patch. Now, thanks to a high performance cold patching system called Innovative Asphalt Repair (IAR), one worker with a truck and the high performance mixture can obliterate the potholes permanently.

For more information about the products available at Innovative Municipal Products, Inc. please contact Jim Keith, marketing manager at 1-800-387-5777.

For more information regarding Dust Free Road Maintenance please contact Jim Freedy at 204-781-7677.



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Not only can the company design, construct and manage the project of a municipal infrastructure site, it also offers a unique method of treating sewage that uses a constructed treatment wetland system that can

reduce costs.

Diageo Distillery, located in Gimli, is one of the companies that sought the advice of Strong-Coley to treat the effluent it produces and reduce its associated operating costs. Strong-Coley recommended a unique dozing method to remove settled, composted sludge. In addition to the dozing method, the development of a new two-cell settling pond and a constructed treatment wetland system was also suggested. The liquid effluent from these ponds would be continuously piped to the newly developed wetlands for further treatment. This environmentally savvy proposal won the approval of Diaego.

Those interested in learning more about the services offered by Strong-Coley and Associates can contact Ron Coley at (204) 642-9947 or roncoley@mts.net.

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