

Official suppliers satisfy road surface needs



Manitoba rural municipalities can make their roads safer and easier to travel by turning to the MTCML's official road surface suppliers – Darwen Road Technologies, Dust Free Road Maintenance and Fort Distributors.

Darwen Road Technologies provides dust control in the form of *magnesium chloride*, *lignium sulphate* and *E.D.L.* emulsifying asphalt products. However, according to **Wendyl Clare**, the company's main claim to fame is *Earthzyme* – a natural, biodegradable product that alters and improves a surface bed's physical and chemical properties, resulting in a more durable road that requires less maintenance. A cost-effective product, municipalities can build five times more roads using *Earthzyme* as compared to conventional road building methods – and these roads will last. For more information, call Wendyl in Winnipeg at 233-5303.

Jim Freedy, of **Dust Free Road Maintenance**, tells *The Leader* that his company offers the latest in *lignosulphate* and *magnesium chloride* products. Environmentally friendly, both products control dust on rural roads. As well, the *magnesium chloride* rejuvenates itself and doesn't wash away in the rain. Call Jim at his Winnipeg office (781-7677) about your municipality's road surface needs.

Over at **Fort Distributors** in Selkirk, **Hans Jele** says the company has recovered nicely from a devastating fire that occurred on September 22, 2002. Fort Distributors has a number of *calcium chloride* and *magnesium chloride* products for Manitoba roads. As well, the company offers EN-1 road stabilizer that is added, along with a seal coat, to the base material of new or existing roads to increase road base strength for a fraction of the cost of pavement. For more information, call Hans at 785-2180.

'Custom design' and so much more

The 'CD' in **CD Awards** actually stands for 'custom design,' but regular customers know that it also stands for 'creativity,' 'quality' and 'service.' This MTCML member is based in Carberry, in the RM of North Cypress, and supplies AMM members with innovative awards to mark long service milestones, notable achievements and special occasions.

The story of CD Awards is a fascinating one. The **Doak family** (**Connor** and **Dixie** and son **Travis**) started the business in their family farmhouse near Brookdale in 1993. The Doaks continued to expand and develop the company until Connor's passing on September 13, 2002. At that point, **Elsie O'Brien**, a family friend, employee and partner to Connor came home and decided to use her 27 years of experience in graphic arts and awards to keep the company going, in memory of the Doak family.

Elsie and employee **Gene Loewen** moved the company into Carberry in December 2002. The new office includes an attractive showroom to display the firm's many products. CD Awards is small enough to individualize (customize) each and every award it sells. Whether the award is marble, glass, wood or plastic, Elsie and her staff believe that it should say something about both the recipient and the organization that is presenting the award. Elsie tells the *Leader*, "No job is too big or too small. We do everything in our power to meet the needs of our municipal customers." In addition to awards, the company supplies nametags, pins, door/desk plates and signs.

To contact CD Awards, call or fax 204-834-2429 (toll free in Manitoba only: 800-414-5696) or e-mail cdawards@mts.net.

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