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# General Plow Report

Date(s) of GP: 3/12-13/17



**Timeline of GP / Summary of Activities:** Salt crew was in at 4 am on Monday 3/13/17 and maintained plowing and salt streets through out the entire day until 4 pm. GP was scheduled for 3/14/17 at 12 am. Most of the streets were hard packed due to the traffic throughout the evening. Some drifting overnight due to strong north wind.

**Amount & Description of Snowfall:** 7" of light lake effect snow. Snow started 10 pm Sunday 3/12/17 and continued with periods of light to heavy snow through Tuesday 3/13/17 ending at 4 pm

**Unique Challenges:** Due to the storms long duration it was decided to maintain the salt routes during the day. If crews would have GP side streets the salt routes would have gotten away from us and would not have been in drivable condition with the forecast of 1-3" of additional snow. It ended up that we only received a ½" of additional snow and we could have plowed the side street but with lake effect storms one needs to believe the forecast.

**Equipment Breakdowns:** One front plow hydraulic ram broke, one from pivot pin on a plow broke this one will take fabrication to repair. Cutting edge replacement which is normal.

**Ideas for Improvement:** Nothing at this time.

# Downtown Pickup Report



**Date(s) of DT Pickup:** 3/15/17

**Amount & Description of Snowfall:** 7" of light lake effect snow. Snow started 10 pm Sunday 3/12/17 and continued with periods of light to heavy snow through Tuesday 3/13/17 ending at 4 pm

**Unique Challenges:** Too many large piles that the privates are pushing up at the end and middle of the blocks to allow parking. These piles need to be all knocked down with 3 front end loaders for the graders to move the snow to centerline for the pickup. This has been a growing issue over the years due to reduced staffing that pushed out the pickup to the second night. The GP and DT pickup are two completely separate operations that require the staffing levels of pre 2012 to perform properly in one night.

**Summary of Activities:** The grader crews completed pulling the snow at 5 am. Loader/blower crew completed by 6:30 am. After pickup was completed, trucks and loaders went to Waldo to remove piles from island opening for sight visibility. Salters in washing up and performing light maintenance.

**Equipment Breakdowns:** The 1988 blower #158 is still broken down waiting for parts to repair the broken auger chain drive from the last pickup. Blower #157 was being used for the pickup and hit a landscaping rock from the credit union at N 7<sup>th</sup> and Maritime. Going through the windrow a total of three large landscaping rocks were found that the snow removal company must have hooked and plowed into the street. These landscape rocks have been an issue the last two years. They have been very costly when the blower runs into them.

**Ideas for Improvement:** Next season's new loader and blower will give us the reliability we desperately need to keep the pickup operation going. Look at the pickup route in spring and see if the landscape hazards can be moved.