



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

February 24, 2026

To: The Executive Committee

Re: Pothole Blitz and Local Road Repair Strategy

Every year the City fills hundreds of thousands of potholes through regular road repair and targeted pothole blitzes. In 2025, over 250,000 potholes were filled, an increase of 44% since 2022. City crews are out across Toronto this year filling potholes as the snow melts.

Last June, Councillor Fletcher and I brought a Member Motion ([MM31.19 Fixing Roads Faster](#)) to City Council that launched a special repaving program to tackle local roads in poor condition, including those with the most significant pothole issues, in addition to regularly scheduled road work. This program accelerated resurfacing of 24 local roads, all ahead of their original schedules. As part of my 2026 Budget, we have invested \$11 million in new funding to build on the *Fixing Roads Faster* program and expand local resurfacing above and beyond the previous level of local road repair. This program will continue to scale as we build on each year's progress.

This year, unprecedented winter weather means roads are in rough shape and this work is more important than ever. I am recommending we implement a pothole blitz strategy that is informed by 311 data and planned in coordination with the *Fixing Roads Faster* program to keep Toronto moving.

Recommendations:

- 1) City Council request the General Manager Transportation Services implement an ongoing pothole blitz strategy informed by local road conditions, 311 data and the planned enhanced road work under the *Fixing Roads Faster* program to address the particularly tough freeze and thaw cycle this winter.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Olivia Chow