

Black-topped roads in Pickerel

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Motorists will enjoy the freshly hard-topped road and driveways in Pickerel. The project took about five weeks to complete and will see savings on road maintenance, and most likely be easier on people's vehicles.

The project cost about \$47,000 and was approved by Chief and Council in early October. Funding for the hardtop came out of the Casino Rama and Lands budgets. The earmarked funding paid for the asphalt material along with labour costs, equipment rental, construction and fuel costs. Two extra band members were hired for the one month construction phase.

Head Councillor Lionel Fox, who holds the Infrastructure portfolio coordinated the project and was able to negotiate a deal with the Ministry of Transportation and Contractors working on Highway 69 for the asphalt material.

The new construction means an increased value of the road as well as extend the longevity of Pickerel River Road – which will save the First Nation money in the long run.

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