



## **News Release – For Immediate Release Tuesday December 31, 2013**

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### **County of Grande Prairie working at full speed to clear snow from roads**

County snow removal crews continue to work hard clearing snow from all County roads as quickly as possible.

Within the last 48 hours, roughly 16 inches of snow and in some other areas more has fallen. The County is working at full capacity – 20 graders, four plow trucks, three large tractors and three loaders– to clear all 3,600 kms of County roads.

“The County is committed to clearing roads to ensure safe travel throughout the region,” says Herb Pfau, County Public Works Superintendent. “Our crews are working extended hours and at full speed until all roads and streets are cleared of snow and safe to drive on.”

More than 800 kms of gravel roads including some rural subdivisions; and 200 kms of main paved roads were plowed on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 900 kms of gravel roads and rural subdivision roads plus main paved roads will be cleared today. As the main paved roads are a priority, they may require more blading due to the continuous, rapid and heavy snowfall. All main paved and gravel roads are expected to be cleared by the end of the week if the snowfall lets up and there is minimal drifting.

Amidst the snow removal efforts on paved and gravel roads including rural subdivisions, crews have begun their fourth rotation in all County hamlets.

The region has faced well above average amounts of snowfall this winter season. The County thanks everyone for their patience as crews work to clear snow from roads during this winter season.

The County’s number one priority is safety. Please practice extreme caution when approaching snow removal equipment; reduce your speed around plows, graders and other equipment; and drive safely and adjust speed and distance between vehicles according to weather and road conditions. For more information, please contact the Public Works department at 780-532-7393.

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