

New Brunswick Provincial Snowplow Operators launch *'Bad Roads Hotline'*



If you're as concerned as we are about the latest round of cuts by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, now there's something you can do about it.

CUPE Local 1190 has launched a 'Bad Roads Hotline' — a number for the motoring public to tell us about driving conditions they're experiencing in their region.

Hotline Number

1-888 TRIP-198 (1-888-874-7198)

Simply leave us a brief description of the road conditions you're facing throughout this winter driving season.

We'll be keeping track of the results and publishing them on our website www.1190.cupe.ca.

\$9,000,000 in cuts for the 2013-2014 plowing season

- 26 plows and graders will not be available to plow the roads.
- That is in addition to the 29 pieces of heavy equipment that were parked last year, which means DTI is now working with 55 fewer pieces of equipment.
- 70 fewer operators in the Winter Maintenance Program for 2013–2014.
- No spare operators will be available in some divisions around the province.
- For the second year in a row, sand and salt budgets have been reduced. Last year, DTI claimed to have saved \$600,000 in the salt and sand budgets.
- \$6.2 million dollars has been given to the Quebec Consulting Firm PVA, money that's leaving the Province which could be used on New Brunswick roads.

CUPE Local 1190 members take a great deal of pride in keeping our roads safe and clear, but with each round of budget cuts this is becoming increasingly difficult.

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