

Township collaborated with BioDiffusion Technologies Inc. to trial an innovative road base treatment method to extend the expected service life of asphalt-paved surfaces.



Oro-Medonte used cumulative thawing index modeling, local weather data, and coordination with Simcoe County and neighboring municipalities to determine that reduced load restrictions could be safely lifted early



Good Roads

2026 Niedra Better Practices Competition

The award promotes and recognizes the ingenuity of municipal employees and their achievements in improving the efficiency of transportation and public works services and operations.

This is an annual award. The Niedra Better Practices Award will be announced at the 2027 Good Roads Conference.

Please complete all areas of the form. If your better practice qualifies, send the form to the address below.

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Deadline and entry information

Completed forms and supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than December 18, 2026.

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Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

Eligibility

The better practice solution/innovation should have been implemented within the last two years. Previously submitted entries are not eligible for resubmission unless significant enhancements have been made.

Judging Criteria

- a. Benefits/cost savings to the municipality.
- b. Ingenuity.
- c. Ease of transferability.
- d. Effectiveness.

Cost

There is no cost for the application. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase your better practice to the rest of Ontario.

Judging Panel

The submissions will be reviewed, and a finalist decided by the members of the Good Roads Research and Product Development Committee.

Reporting the Results

Applicants will be notified of the judging panel results in February 2027.

To see past winners and submission please visit:
www.GoodRoads.ca/Awards

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Project Submission

Municipality

Contact Name

Telephone

Email Address

Describe the problem/issue that led to the better practice.

Describe your solution/innovation and how it was implemented.

What equipment, labour, or materials were used?

What was the cost of implementation?

What benefits (financial, performance, productivity, safety, etc.) were realized from implementing the solution/innovation?

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Have you developed an innovative or bright idea that your municipality implemented resulting in a better practice? Good Roads wants to hear about it.

Supporting Documentation

Mandatory

Photographs – Photo(s) are to accompany this application on a USB drive, Dropbox, or GoogleDrive in jpeg format in high resolution.

Optional

Video – A maximum 3-minute video highlighting the better practice in MP4 format.

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