



On the list of accounts for September, as presented at the October 20, 2020 meeting, there are two cheques listed for Tri-M Trucking, \$11,513.30 but also one for \$82,631.13 annotated for a Frost Boil, I presume repair, on Pleasant Road A Base. This is a rather large expense and I am wondering if there was any effort made to tender this repair in order to obtain competitive pricing for the repair. That amount seems rather large to repair one frost boil. In a municipality our size, and considering Manitoba winters, our road repair budget would be cost prohibitive if we were to have any number of frost boils requiring repair. On October 27, 2020 I had occasion to be out on Pleasant Road and decided to investigate why there was a Road Closed sign. I found a piece of equipment as seen in the middle photo and there was a fellow down in the excavation with a different machine digging out the road base. The orange piece of equipment says HD Accurate on it. The bid for the job was won by Tri M Trucking (Greg Mozil, I believe) but none of this equipment is marked with that logo, including the truck. The Public Works Manager, Blaine Moffat, has always maintained that the reason Tri M Trucking is often chosen for the job is that they have the necessary equipment, but the foregoing would seem to suggest that they merely rent the equipment and manpower from other contractors and I have heard from a number of other sources that this is indeed the case. I believe that in addition to both being residents of Ward 4 of the RM of Springfield, Mr. Mozil and Mr. Moffat are related. I have asked my Councillor to investigate how this particular job was awarded, the rationale behind it, and why the sources of the equipment were not directly contracted to perform the work as I hesitate to suggest there might be favouritism involved.