

Construction: A Northern Ontario Season

When town council announced that the Mile of Gold would be shut down once again during the summer for construction, I too grumbled and groaned and even mumbled "oh no not again". I was one of the businesses located at the other end of the Mile of Gold during one of the construction upgrade phases and really dreaded the thought of having to go through it a second time around. To be perfectly honest with you it was not a lot of fun.

Of course, the thought of losing business because of the inconvenience for the customer and the fact that past construction projects always seemed to get delayed and take much longer than originally expected was a bit depressing. Lack of business, whatever the cause, is certainly any entrepreneur's worst nightmare.

But after some reflection my thoughts changed. I had decided that we were all in this together. We would all have to put up with a little bit of inconvenience to reap the rewards of a brand new fully upgraded roadway, including the upgrades that lay hidden under the pavement.

Really, all of this construction and upgrading fit in nicely with the renewal initiatives that were taking place along Government Rd. So, I was resigned to the fact that this construction project was a necessary evil and made up my mind to accept whatever may come, be it delays or even setbacks.

Well I must say that I was in for a big surprise. Because, it seems to me that this project was completed much quicker than I had expected. And guess what? It was also a lot less inconvenient than I had originally expected.

As I now drive along the newly paved Mile of Gold, I am completely impressed with what has been accomplished in the last few months. Pederson Construction has proven to be nothing less than a reliable, dependable, and competent company. The crew worked efficiently and diligently, putting in long hours to finish this project quickly.

It seems that everyone I speak to, be it customer or fellow business owner, feels exactly the same way and are just as impressed as I am. In fact, I have heard nothing but positive comments about both Pederson and Miller Paving.

Both companies and each and every worker or their crew should be commended for their excellent work ethic and congratulated for a job well done, here in Kirkland Lake. The Mile of Gold is looking great and its new sleek black surface is smooth like butter. So, let's ride!!!

