

Snow removal uninterrupted on Peel and Halton roads after Carrillion bankruptcy: province

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security, housekeeping, call centres, patient food, hospital laundry and general management.

It also holds road maintenance contracts for about 40,000 km of highways across Alberta and Ontario, including snow clearing and road maintenance responsibilities for Highway 10 south of Highway 9 from Orangeville to Caledon.

"Over the past few days, the Ministry of Transportation has been holding productive conversations with Carrillion Canada about the continuation of winter maintenance services in their 8 (sic) contract areas," said newly minted transportation minister Kathryn McGarry in a release Friday (Jan 19).

"Today, I can report that an arrangement is in place that will allow these services to continue uninterrupted

The Ministry of Transportation and Carrillion Canada have reached an agreement for the financially troubled company to continue snow removal on provincial roads in Peel and Halton Regions for the balance of this winter.

Carillion Canada Inc.'s parent company, Carrillion PLC, which is the second-largest construction firm in the U.K., announced it was facing bankruptcy earlier this week.

In Ontario, Carillion holds privatized contracts for the Brampton Civic Hospital, Sault Area Hospital, Oakville Trafalgar Memorial, Etobicoke General, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre covering services such as maintenance,



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Carillion Canada holds the area maintenance contract for provincial highways in Muskoka and Parry Sound until August 2018.

ed for the remainder of this winter. This arrangement protects over 1,100 jobs in Ontario while also ensuring value-for-money," she added.

The relationship between Carillion Canada and the province was already a bit of a mess before news of the bankruptcy.

In November 2017, the

Brampton Guardian reported the province was ending its contract in a mutual agreement with the company after several reported incidents.

Carillion was fined hundreds of thousands of dollars in 2014, for failing to clear highways during snow storms. The company again ran into trouble after it was found it had oversalted during a New Year's storm in 2016, while poorly maintaining some roads.

The province already had plans to issue four requests for proposals from other companies to assume Carillion's responsibilities in the Peel, Halton, York and Toronto areas ahead of the 2019-2020 winter season.

In November, the province said any new contracts would include enhanced winter equipment requirements, increased road patrols, and provisions to ensure the proper maintenance and readiness of equipment.

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