



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Kelly Church
DATE: 02/05/2016
SUBJECT: Public Works Activity Update
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the May 2nd 2016 Activity Report of the Public Works Department for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Works Department provides monthly updates to Council on activities within the Department.

DISCUSSION

Landfill

The cost of the two new monitoring wells came in lower than projected \$8,694.79 including HST.

Budgeted amount including engineer work was \$24,875.00

Joy Rutherford, hydrogeologist with Burnside engineering was in charge of having this completed to the stipulations of the MOECC.

Investigation into having the vacant land adjacent to the landfill planted in trees, the subject land is not desirable to lease for farming operations.

Replacement of current scale operator is still being discussed with shared services implementation team, this may be considered as part of the pilot project. Current staff has consented to stay until the end of May of this year.

Landfill sampling schedule-East Wawanosh site-May 2nd and Wingham May 11th. Burnside engineering to conduct sampling as part of the annual requirements and support for the annual report.

Staff continues to strive for efficiencies in landfilling and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

Cemetery

Spring internments have started in both active cemeteries and regular burials as per By-Law.

Clean up of grounds and tree trimming as staff readies both cemeteries for the next season.

East Wawanosh Ward

Extensive grading continues, weather is a key factor for determining when the roads will be graded making it difficult at times, this year has been a challenge. The south end of the Township will get spring gravel and calcium and the north end will get calcium. Crushing will commence the second week of May and once that is completed the south end roads will be shaped, shoulders reclaimed with a retriever, gravel applied and final shaping with calcium added to act as both dust suppression and a binding agent to help hold the gravel in place. The north end will get grading and shaping then calcium will be applied for both dust suppression and binding of gravel.

Regular patrols of Township roads, Tree cutting and trimming as needed/requested.

Staff continues to strive for efficiencies and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

Blyth Ward

Sweeping of streets and sidewalks and washing the main street sidewalks.

Spring curbside refuse pickup continues- May: 2nd and the 16th

Cold patching pot holes is an ongoing process as is the regular patrol of streets and sidewalks to detect deficiencies and have repairs completed.

Westmorland street continuation is actively being planned for July start; structures and pipe are in the ordering process. The time line schedule for the construction, start date, road closure and service interruptions to businesses and home owners is in the final planning stage. Minimal disruptions are anticipated to the affected business and home owners on that section of Westmoreland. Plenty of notice will be given to all affected. The majority of the work will be completed by Municipal staff.

Maintenance of summer grass cutting equipment is underway and will be ready when the grass is.

Assist contractor with street light repair.

Staff continues to strive for efficiencies and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

Wingham Ward

Regular maintenance of equipment.

Sweeping of the streets and sidewalks continues. Washing of the sidewalks and placement of the garbage receptacles on main street.

Spring curbside refuses pickup continues- May: 2nd and the 16th

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Patrick Street reconstruction to take place this summer, updates will be reported.

Staff assists contractor with street light repair

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Summary of Department

- Continue to look for efficiencies to improve both service and delivery of service.
- Continue to clean up after winter in order to get ready for summer.
- Continue staff training to work safely through meetings and inspections.
- Ongoing monthly meetings for staff utilization and efficiencies with equipment and material.
- Striving to work swiftly and effectively in a professional and courteous manner when dealing with public concerns/complaints.
- All departments in North Huron continue to work together to be more efficient.
- **National Public Works Week May 16-20- theme, “Public Works Always There”**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4 Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.