



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Larry McGregor
DATE: 08/08/2017
SUBJECT: Public Works Activity Report – June and July 2017
ATTACHMENTS: Veolia Water – June Summary Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Public Works Activity Report for June and July 2017 for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DISCUSSION

Administration

Staff and students have been completing routine grass cutting and general maintenance within the Public Works department.

Fleet

Our new International Tandem Plow Truck and John Deere Backhoe is still on schedule to be delivered this fall.

Roadside

On-going tree maintenance and ditching work is taking place currently. The roadside grass mowing program has been completed in-house this year. The first round has been finished and will be scheduling a second round beginning in September.

Hardtop

Staff are completing regular sweeping services within Wingham and Blyth.
All large road patching areas have been completed by a contractor and staff are currently maintaining our pothole program. Staff are currently looking into contractors to complete crack sealing this year.

Catch basin cleaning has been completed in Wingham and Blyth.

Line painting and stop block painting have been scheduled to be completed in August.

Loosetop

Calcium Chloride and Maintenance Gravel

Staff completed this year's dust suppression and maintenance gravel operations within the East Wawanosh Ward.

Winter Operations

As per the procurement policy, staff are requesting informal quotations from contractors for the provision of Winter Sand and Salt for the 2017-2018 year.

Safety Devices & Signage

In late 2016, Advantage Data completed retro-reflectivity testing and a sign inventory for approximately 500 signs in Wingham and Blyth. In early July, the remainder of the retro-reflectivity testing was completed by them as they finished off the communities and East Wawanosh Ward. A final report will be submitted shortly to Council once received.

Bridges & Culverts

Staff have been completing general maintenance, guard rail repairs, grass cutting and trimming along bridges and culverts.

Cemetery

During the backhoe purchase process, demo unit were provided as a trial prior to specifying a final unit in the RFP document. One of the units received was a mini-excavator which was being used at the cemetery for a short time. Staff would like to include the purchase of a mini-excavator in the 2018 budget deliberations as Staff noted significant improvement in time and quality of work to complete excavation activities using this equipment.

Staff are currently looking into updating maps and documents relating to the cemeteries and will provide a report to Council at a later date.

Streetlights

LED Conversion

Staff are awaiting the final report from RealTerm Energy regarding the conversion process and will present this to Council in the coming month.

Frances Street Request

As mentioned in May, Staff spoke with Westario and asked that the pole replacement at this location include streetlight capabilities included with their replacement work. They agreed to this minimal additional. When the streetlight LED conversion audit is complete, staff will work with the service provider to include a streetlight at this location. This is very unique situation considering the pole line replacement and on-going streetlight conversion project, and the opportunity would be minimal impact to the streetlight budget.

Municipal Gravel Pit

Joe Kerr Limited utilized the municipal pit as per the Maintenance Gravel contract.

In August, staff will be discussing the boundaries of the pit with a firm to ensure we are within the regulated areas.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Staff are working with Waste Management on promotional materials and the 2018 schedule for collection that will go out this fall to residents.

Capital Projects

Howson Dam Safety Assessment

A Project Kickoff Meeting was held in late July with KGS Group and staff.

Meetings are anticipated to be as follows:

Phase 1 conclusions – September 2017, Phase 2 and Council Presentation – October 2017

Phase 3 completion – December 2017, and Final meeting at completion – January 2018

CWWF application coordination with the Ministry – Our application for funding of Master Plans for water and wastewater systems in Blyth and Wingham has been accepted by the Ministry.

Westmoreland/Mill Street, Blyth – A pre-construction meeting with R.J. Burnside and Omega is scheduled to take place in mid-August. The easement requirements have been registered on title.

LCB/Tar and Chip – North Huron's portion of the LCB/Tar and Chip work was completed in July under the direction of the Operations Supervisor.

Facility Condition Assessments and Space Needs – Staff met with an architect to discuss scope and goals of the needs analysis and condition assessment outlined in the 2017 Roads budget. A facility walk around was done at the end of April.

Due to the condition of the Wingham Shop roof, three informal quotations were received by staff and the least expensive to patch option is to complete patching which is under \$5,000. Staff have been instructed to schedule this work as soon as possible to repair the leak even though the Facility Condition assessment is not completed.

Water & Wastewater

Within the 2017 budget, staff budgeted for CCTV and Sewer Flushing work to be completed.

A RFT was issued and closes on August 22nd. A report will be provided to Council in September for award.

Veolia Water has provided a monthly summary report for June which has been enclosed within this Council Report for your review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No immediate financial impact at this time.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

No future consideration at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3 the Township is healthy and safe. Goal 4 the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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Larry McGregor, Interim CAO/Director of Public Works