



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Sean McGhee  
**DATE:** 20/11/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Operational Report – Public Works Department – September / October  
**ATTACHMENTS:**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Public Works Activity Report for the months of September and October 2017, for information purposes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Administration**

Administrative focus has been on preparation and development of the 2018 Budget in addition to departmental familiarization. Operational staff have been devoting time to preparation for the upcoming winter operations.

### **Fleet**

The 2018 John Deere Backhoe has been received, tested and placed into service. The International Tandem Plow Truck is scheduled for delivery by December 22<sup>nd</sup>. A review of fleet vehicles and development of replacement schedule table was undertaken.

### **Roadside**

Tree trimming and removal is ongoing along the East Wawanosh roadsides and within Wingham and Blyth. Ditching work is being completed at various rural roadside locations in conjunction with the tree removal. All removal sites are scheduled for tree replacement. This work is ongoing and will be a focus over the next few months.

### **Hardtop**

Surface Treatment along Reid Road and Moncrieff Road was completed this year through use of OCIF Formula based funding. These funds were used to complete an asphalt crack sealing initiative within Wingham, Blyth and Westfield Road. The County completed line painting and stop block painting on County Roads as well as municipal roads within the Township of North Huron.

### **Loosetop**

The fall grading program continues to take place as weather permits.

### Winter Operations

Stockpiling of winter sand and salt for the 2017 / 2018 winter season has been completed at all municipal Public Works shops. The Miller Group supplied Sand from their pit on Belfast Road with salt supplied through Compass Minerals in Goderich.

Staff has equipped all machines with plow equipment. The fleet is prepped and ready to complete Winter Operations as required.

### Safety Devices & Signage

Retro-reflectivity testing and sign inventory for all Township of North Huron roadways was completed this year. Based on the findings of the report, identified replacement signs have been ordered. Replacement of identified signage is being undertaken by municipal forces throughout the fall.

### Bridges & Culverts

Routine maintenance of bridges and culverts has been completed as necessary.

### Cemetery

With the assistance from Huron County personnel, staff is continuing to update maps and documents relating to the cemeteries. Discussion surrounding options for software and equipment to enhance cemetery operations have been ongoing throughout the 2018 budget preparation process.

The Wingham and Blyth Cemeteries will be closed for the winter season effective November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### Streetlights

Order has been placed through Real Term Energy for the cobra head and decorative lighting fixtures for Wingham and Blyth. Delivery time is estimated to be between 8 and 10 weeks after which the conversion work will commence. The anticipated completion date of the project is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### Municipal Gravel Pit

A Regulatory inspection of the municipal gravel pit was completed in October. R.J. Burnside and Associates staff have been commissioned to identify and mark the site boundaries of the municipal pit.

### Solid Waste and Recycling

Between November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Wingham Landfill was targeted by thieves. A number of municipal assets were stolen including a 2004 Ford pickup truck, computer equipment, and other miscellaneous items. Huron County OPP and our insurance provider have been notified. Steps have been taken to heighten security in the area.

## Capital Projects

Scheduled work on the Westmoreland project in Blyth was completed. Remaining pavement work will be completed following inspection in 2018.

Watermain extension to service development projects off of North Street were completed in October.

## Water & Wastewater

CT Environmental have completed the CCTV camera inspection of the Wingham wastewater collection system. Mill Street in Blyth was inspected in preparation for the next phase of the reconstruction.

Repairs were undertaken and completed to address five problematic sanitary connections in Wingham.

Veolia Water has provided a monthly summary report for August and September 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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