



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Kelly Church
DATE: 04/04/2016
SUBJECT: Public Works Activity Report
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the April 4th 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

1. Landfill

Two new monitoring wells have been installed across Reid road on the north side road allowance; this was directed by MOECC and in the last activity report, budget of \$24,875.00 to have work completed. Joy Rutherford, hydrogeologist with Burnside engineering was in charge of having this completed to the stipulations of the MOECC.

Current scale house staff, Tammy McDougall has handed in her resignation and is moving to New Brunswick, well wishes have been extended and she was thanked for her dedicated service. Staff continues to strive for efficiencies in landfilling and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

2. Cemetery

Spring internments to commence as per weather and condition of ground. Clean up of grounds and tree trimming etc. as per above.

3. East Wawanosh Ward

Grading and dragging of Township roads is ongoing, spreading of gravel on soft spots as the frost comes out, maintenance as needed.

Regular patrols for damaged and missing signage, replacement signs have been reported and County is having trouble keeping up with orders, some have been on order more than a month.

Tree cutting and trimming continues, Ice storm contributed to some excess branches and trees on roads.

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

4. Blyth Ward

Sweeping of streets and sidewalks has commenced.

Clean up and replacement of sod that was disturbed during regular winter snow removal continues.

Cold patching pot holes is an ongoing process as is the regular patrol of streets to detect deficiencies.

Maintenance of winter plow equipment and the switch over to the next season has started.
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 continues, sweeping of streets and sidewalks.
Interviews for summer help have taken place.
Equipment for the next season is being readied and snow plowing maintenance and switch over is continuing.
Regular patrols and maintenance of streets, shoulders and sidewalks.
Staff continues to strive for efficiencies and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.
Assist contractor with street light repair.

Summary of Department

- Switching from winter operation to spring/summer has started and will continue as per weather
- Shared service with Morris-Turnberry on the gravel tender, proved to be cost effective for both Municipalities.
- Requests for service and or complaints are now handled through the new process of filling out a form so there is both a paper trail and a follow up procedure, this appears to be working better and response turnaround has also been improved.
- Fleet Complete has been installed, and will be utilized in all sheds shortly. Four truck plows, two graders, two sidewalk machines and one rural and one urban patrol ½ ton have all been equipped with GPS devices and are operational.
- 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

