



STAFF REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE Report No: PW-2022 15

April 20, 2022

From: Timothy Wright, Director of Public Works

RE: Public Works Plan Update

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Committee of the Whole receives PW-2202-15 Work Plan Update for information purposes only

Background / Analysis:

Health and Safety

As part of Public Works' commitment to safety, we have continued site visits to each Public Works workplace to complete safety talks, safety inspections, and general discussions with on-site staff. Public works aim to bring a higher level of communication with all issues, especially safety communications, and with that commitment, put a better record-keeping system into place for:

- Daily checks and inspections
- Maintenance records
- Repair requests
- Safe working procedures
- Toolbox talks
- Incident reporting

APRILS TOPIC – Mental health

This month's safety topic has been focused on mental health at home and in the workplace. The two take aways have been:

- A revisit of the resources available to employees who suffer from mental illness
- A clear message that we expect each staff member to actively combat mental health stigma and speak out against statements and messaging from individuals that detract from a healthy mental health environment

Roads Department

During April the Roads department has been doing the following

- The two graders and three tandem trucks with the rakes were out grading roads, weather permitting.
- Patching potholes.
- Lawn repairs damaged over the winter.
- Removing wings and harness from the snowplows.
- Starting next week, sidewalk replacement on West Boundary Rd. in which a section will be charged back to the animal hospital.
- Road gravel will be starting once the half load's restrictions are off.
- Sidewalks, street sweeping, and bridge washing will also be coming up soon.

Water and Sewer

Glen Robertson Treatment

- On Tuesday, April 5, the on-call operator received several alarms for the well system. Upon arrival, the operator found the well pump had tripped the reset button. Staff was unable to reset the pump and a local well technician was called in and confirmed the well pump was seized. Calls were made to the Health Unit to advise them, and precautionary boil water was issued. Staff organized to have the pump replaced the following morning. A potable water tanker was brought in to supply the village while repairs were made in case any issues arose during the replacement. The Community Center was open at 5:30 am to allow residents to use the washrooms and bottled water was on site for residents. The town was repressurized with the tanker by 10 am the following morning. A small leak on the expansion tank header was also repaired by a local welder while the system was down. The new pump was reinstalled in the early afternoon and the system was flushed and samples were taken and taken directly to the lab. The boil water was rescinded early Friday morning



Alexandria Water Treatment

- The Alexandria/Maxville Water system has been operating normally with no upsets.

Alexandria Distribution

- Since the last report, staff has had one water break to repair in front of GDHS. The fire line feeding the building was leaking but the staff was, unfortunately, unable to isolate it without shutting off GDHS. Once school was out, the section between MacDougall and the school was shut off to allow the contractor to perform the repair

Sewage Collection

- During the high flows, a sewage bypass was discovered from a manhole in a section of the Garry River near the Dominion St bridge. It was later discovered by staff that a partial root blockage downstream was restricting flow. A flusher truck was brought in to cut out a portion of the roots. A complete investigation of that section will be completed once flows slow down.

Alexandria Sewage treatment

- Staff discovered the Alum building to be flooded on a Monday. The sump pump in the building failed to cause the building to flood. The flooded building then caused the alum tank to float and broke the piping to the tank. A contractor was brought in to reseal the tank in its original location and repair the piping. A 2nd battery-operated sump pump has since been purchased for redundancy.

Maxville Sewage treatment

- The annual lagoon discharge began on April 4th and will continue until the lagoon is drawn down to the desired depth

RARE



- Currently in the works; investigating costs and details of Large/Bulky Item Program. *UPDATE: estimated cost has been finalized however IT/Tech (to request pickup) has not been finalized.
- Ordered posters for mail distribution for Hazardous Waste Day, and the Leaf & Yard Waste. To be sent out Thursday April 14/22. PITCH IN posters were pulled out due to printer/transportation delays. Will be putting an ad in The Glengarry News on April 20th & April 27th covering all 3 events. NOTE: Pitch-In bags have been received and residents can collect bags at the R.A.R.E. plant.
- Contacted all schools from the area requesting participation in Pitch-In week. All schools have agreed to participate and will be receiving their Pitch-In bags Thursdays April 14/22. Pitch-In bags will be collected by roads crew and R.A.R.E. employees and will be brought directly to R.A.R.E. to be recycled/disposed.
- Mesh fencing: currently waiting on updated pricing for 310' of fencing to cover the front left/right side of the R.A.R.E. fence. Last quote received was from 2018.
- R.A.R.E. continues to sell commodity pricing as per the CIF Pricing Sheet. Current plastic commodity pricing has increased and R.A.R.E. intends to ship out plastic this month to take full advantage of high prices.
- R.A.R.E. will be reintegrating aseptic containers back to our list of acceptable materials. Currently only accepting milk and juice cartons. Residents will be able to recycle their aseptic containers such as kids juice boxes and broth containers.
- Update on transition: While the PROs are still in mediation regarding the regulations, CBCRA (Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association) a non-profit group has teamed up with CMO (Circular Materials of Ontario (PRO)). CBCRA's program focuses on cost-effective and convenient ways to recycle empty beverage containers both at home and out and about within the community, however, the current regulations do not allow producers to collect recycling from public spaces which will make reaching their targets that much more difficult. Approximately 30% of beverage containers are consumed away from home. The regulations might have to be modified to allow beverage container producers to meet their recycling targets.

- R.A.R.E. has registered as a blue box processor with RPRA (April 5, 2022).

Alternatives:

N/A

Financial Implications:

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

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