

STAFF REPORT

WORKS DEPARTMENT

TO: COMMITTEE OF ALL COUNCIL

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR BILL RAWSON

**FROM: GERARD LACHAPELLE,
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DATE: JUNE 15/10

SUBJECT: ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY 2010

ORIGIN:

Works Superintendent

ROADS MAINTENANCE:

One tender recently completed was our dust suppressant awarded to Millers. Recent rainfall we have experienced has been good for better result when applying the magnesium chloride. The rain softens the surface which allows for our product to penetrate the granular materials before the sun evaporates what we have. With the addition of new surface treatment roads our contract amounts in liters will be less then budget.

Normal practice for this time of year is cold patching; we have been out on four occasions attending to roads and have used approximate 20 tonnes of the product. This is considerable less then what was used at this time last year.

Another task started by staff has been the roadside grass cutting program normally we would start in July, because of the early spring and warm weather we are starting early this year and will continue over the next couple of weeks. We have implemented our new tractor to perform this task and it is responding quite well to date with less breakdowns and better performance.

With some of the upgrades we have done on our paved roads, our tonnage for cold patch has been reduced. This is an indication that our surface treatment and paved

roads faired better. This spring resulted in less manpower for repairs and savings in cold patch purchases.

Another program that your works superintendent has introduce this year is the review of all signs within the township. The purpose is to bring in line all regulatory signs to confirm with the provincial standards. Each sign then will be consistent with each other in dealing with height of the sign and the required location from the asphalt or edge of road for either rural or urban settings. Also signs that have been placed on the top of stop signs will be removed and relocated as well as those placed on hydro poles. This task will be very time consuming because of the large number of signs that have to be attended to. The crew consists of three staff and the use of the vacuum truck. We will be approximately two to three months at this task. The truck set up is a great time savor for this type of program.

One maintenance project that is ongoing this time of the year also and is now completed is the street sweeping contract this item was based on the number of hours and came in relatively close to estimate.

Its hard to believe I am bring up winter at this time but the contractor that was awarded the tender requested permission to fulfill this contract and hence has began to haul and stockpile our winter sand salt mix. I have estimated we require approximately 3800 tonnes, normally we place in excess of 5400 tonnes. This will be completed over the next couple of days.

PARKS MAINTENANCE:

The weather we have been experienced has seen individuals in great numbers utilizing the trail. Staff has been ensuring things are kept in a good conditions, clean, grass cut ect. As info we did experience some damaged to the trail by an outside contractor planting trees adjacent to the trail. Your works superintendent is still dealing with this matter.

As information we have completed the water access path on Albin from edge of road to the base of the hill. This path is five to six feet in width and has a granular surface. The wooded guard rail also was placed adjacent to the road curve. We used six by six pt and two by tens, staggered.

Tay parks are open, and staff has been busy with regular maintenance and all parks are looking pretty good. We have rented a rot tiller and staff will be four to five days in removing vegetation that has grown in the playgrounds.

Staff have prepared and placed all flower in the beds, planters and hanging baskets have been erected. Staff has begun their maintenance in keeping flowers looking fresh.

The Albert street property I have started in the restoration and construction of this site, to date I have filled in to the rock wall, this required approximately 60 loads. Also I had delivered to the site 10 loads of topsoil. More to follow.

OTHER:

Staff has been painting the trim around the municipal office when time allotted us the ability to free up a person or two. This will be attended to over the next month.

The new Works Pick-up Truck has been ordered and will be delivered the first in the next couple of days

A total of 61 requests for Actions have been completed.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Hogg Valley Road

Your Works Superintendent as mention last report has made some changes to this project. Along with a representative from K. J. Beamish Construction Limited, this project and future work scheduled were discussed. To date the majority of this project has been completed. The items done are the erecting of the guard rails in several locations, the placement of asphalt and gutters on the four hills, ditching from Gervais Road to Ron Jones Road and a section trees removed. The budget has been closely watched and I believe this project will come in under budget. The next phase will be the reshaping of Hogg Valley road and placement of the surface treatment and all shoulder work required to finish the project.

Surface Treatment and Slurry

Both of these capital projects have been completed with some changes in the placement of the products.

Discussion took place with all the required individuals to discuss Algoma, a further meeting will be held to discuss what is required to repair the street.

SIDEWALK PROJECT:

Your Works Superintendent had a site meeting the successful bidder Curbside Construction and the work involved was reviewed. Tentative start date is one

weeks from the submission of this report. An engineer was hired to create a plan for Sturgeon Bay Road to deal with the drainage and curb location and outlets for the water runoff. A section of the ditch will be required to be filled in and the pipe was order and is at the writing of this report being installed.

TALBOT PARK RINK PROJECT:

Your Works Superintendent met with representatives of the contractors to discuss completion of test holes and location of the rink.

Respectfully submitted for Council's information.

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