

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Department: Environmental Services and Special Projects

Month: January 2024

Project Status:

- **Trunk Watermain Part2:** Requested scheduling update from Bell to relocate infrastructure to new poles. Regular construction to resume in the spring.
- **Trunk watermain Part 1:** There are still a few outstanding asphalt deficiencies to be addressed in the spring.
- **Connecting Link phase 3:** Restoration remains outstanding to be cleaned up in the spring. Request to RVA to provide a statement with regard to concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing near the Queensway and potential solutions.
- **Pathway to Net Zero:** The consultants hosted a virtual kick off meeting. Staff is gathering Data, drawings of municipal buildings and reports for the consultants. Site visits are anticipated for February.
- **Food cycle:** Registration is open for the expansion of the program. Currently there are 76 registrants registered, (as of February 16th). Registration will close at the end of February. Residents can expect delivery in early March.
- **Capacity Assessment:** Final draft has been completed and work on a staff report has commenced for council.

Environmental:

- Discussing with a business owner the municipal requirements for a water meter and a back flow preventer. Received final draft of the Capacity Assessment Report. Staff is conducting the final review and making preparation of a staff report for Council.
- Updating 2024 budgets.
- Request of additional shipping documentation for HHWD.

- Meet with the auditor with regard to new municipal auditing requirements as it relates to asbestos substances including buried infrastructure. Review previous contracts to break out cost and provide the auditor estimates of approximate cost to dispose as asbestos pipe. Provide the audit with hazardous substance reports of municipal building.
- Review of Bio-Solids report for improving efficiency of bio-solids management and meet with OCWA to discuss some of the operational challenges.
- Responding to LaCloche Foothills questions with regard to in-kind advertising as it relates to blue box ads in news print.
- Car wash water meter inspection.

Asset management:

- Review MFOA training opportunity with regard to asset management for staff to prepare the updated asset management plan due July 1st.

Planning:

- Co-ordinating meeting with an electrical contractor for the purpose of install a streetlight at the end of Amadori court.
- Request to review development potential on property located on Elizabeth Street.
- Met with a contractor to review development potential of vacant lots on Albert Street and Secord Street.
- Preliminary discussions with Espanola Regional Hydro and review of potential sites for substation relocation.
- Review and approved Bell's additional pole placement for fibre optics.

Webinar and Training.

- Excess soils 1 day webinar. There are new legislative requirements to manage excess soils from capital projects. All excess must be taken to municipal sites or an approved disposal site for reuse or disposal. Excess soils may be distributed to private property provided the soil is tested and volumes tracked and placement recorded. Presently the Trunk watermain project is using the land fill site as an approved site for disposal as the excess soils can be used for daily cover of waste. In 2025, landfills will no longer be considered an approved disposal site.
- Attended a "Bespacial Northern Regional Event" with the Clerk. We got to witness how some of the municipalities are leveraging their GIS system to improve decision making at the Council level.
- Attended the Housing Enabling Fund webinar. Working with staff to provide input on potential projects.

- Attended “Be aware if you’re not there” webinar. This 1 hour webinar provides credits for the renewal of drinking water licenses.

Misc.

- Request for Lion’s training documents while serving as Manager of Leisure Services.
- Attended the Bell let’s talk flag raising.
- Responded to Knight Cruisers commenting form.

Complaints/Compliments:

Employee Status:

Visitors:

Department Manager: Joel Yusko

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