

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

**Department: Environmental Services and Special Projects** 

Month: March 204

### **Project Status:**

- ➤ **Trunk Watermain Part2**: A start meeting was held near the end of the month. Staff reviewed the notice of Construction for residents. The Contractor plans to begin the installation of the hose bib system for temporary water supply on April 1st. This work, complete with testing to ensure safe drinking water is expected to take 2-3 weeks. Test digs to confirm location of existing asset and confirm elevations will begin in the second week of April with full swing construction expected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April.
- > 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. Final connecting Link report was completed with the Finance Department.
- > Connecting Link Phase 4: Approval of Application pending.
- Connecting Link Phase 5 Design: Staff review of the project is still outstanding.
- Pathway to Net Zero: Data requests is on-going. Sites visits were conducted in March.
- ➤ **Food cycle:** Registration for participation in the Foodcycle program was extended until the end of March. There were technical issues regarding the purchase links. Delivery of the Foodcycler received in the first week of April.
- > Capacity Assessment: Staff report completed, awaiting CAO/Clerk comments.
- ➤ Conservation Demand Management Plans (CDM): Plan update meeting was held at the beginning of the month with OCWA. Received requests for additional data for some of municipal buildings. Draft Report received March 29<sup>th</sup>. Review is and comments to be complete by the end of April and a staff

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report prepared for community Service meeting in May. CDM plans must be approved by council by July1st, 2024.

#### **Environmental**

- Preparation of staff report for Council regarding blue box transitioning. Met with Administration to discuss in depth, the report. Notification to RPRA to opt -out was completed. LaCloche foothills members requests for information on the blue box transition.
- Confirm testing and delivery of bio-solids to landfill. Review progress of Bag extraction. Follow up meeting with team to coordinate removal of the final 2 bags.
- > Reviewing a late invoice from 2023 with regard to treatment of bio-solids.
- Review of potential changes to pool treatment changes at the complex and their impact on the CDM plan.
- ➤ RFQ for HHWD close March 7<sup>th</sup>, staff report was prepared for Council. HHWD ads where reviewed and released for advertising. Completed the required RPRA template for reporting.
- > Confirming servicing of Ski hill for their engineer for potential water hook up.
- Provided a draft water report to Finance Manager.
- > Approval to replace the failure of an in mixer at WTP \$20,000.
- > WTP chemical reconciliation for 2023.
- > Completed the climate action intern posting.
- Completed outstanding Asbestos review of missing information of buried assets.

#### **Asset Management**

Completed a number of estimates of proposed replacement cost for the Asset Management Plan

#### **Planning**

- > Completed commenting form on a proposed vender sign in road allowance.
- > Approval for the installation of bell fibre optics for Centre Street and Syroid.
- Confirming Infrastructure for MSDSB building being constructed on Queensway and Mead.

## **Webinar and Training**

- > Attended a CBR- pathway to Net-zero training session.
- > Consolidated Linear Infrastructure-municipal storm water session on structures.

#### Misc

- > Assisted Administration with the completion of numerous Statistics Canada Reports.
- > Student request HHWD information.
- > Budget presentation and Review with CAO.
- > Attended our local AORS meeting.
- > Assist Finance Manager with the completion of the FIR Statements.
- Attended Grant committee meeting.

# **Complaints/Compliments:**

- Received 2 calls from property owners suggesting they own a duplex and require additional pick -up of bags. Homes as assessed as single detached units. No increase to bag limit at the address.
- > Complaint requesting a replacement bag tag.
- > 6 compliments regarding Foodcycle program.

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