



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2023-03-23

Subject: Monthly Operations Update – February 2023

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services Re: Monthly operations update.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on operations carried out during the month of February.

Background:

Parks & Recreation

- Staff kept busy with regular shifts at the arena including additional ice time on Saturday afternoons.
- The arena was shut down for 2 days due to weather and hydro issues.
- Arena staff received a visit from TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority), and all identified items have been resolved.
- Winter maintenance operations were carried out multiple times on sidewalks during the month of February.
- Daily cleaning duties at the Rodney Recreation Centre.
- Interviews were conducted for parks & recreation summer student positions and both spots have now been filled.
- The Winter Car Cruise/Poker Run visited the Olde Jail in Rodney on Sunday, February 19th, on route to the Plunkett Estate in London.

Public Works

- Ice, heavy snow, and wind caused many issues with roadside trees. Municipal crews, along with a contractor for bucket truck work, removed damaged trees/limbs and cleaned up branches/wood debris left over from the storms.
- Short breaks of milder air allowed crews to make repairs to county and municipal signage which was misaligned or damaged from winter operations.
- Pothole patching on hard surface roads took place as weather permitted.
- Preparations and surveying completed for pending ditch job on McDougall Line.
- Trimmed trees to improve sightlines in an area identified on Pioneer Line.

- Multiple rounds of ice, snow and wind were experienced during the month of February requiring operations on roads/sidewalks and maintenance of winter equipment between events.

Utilities

- Utilities Supervisor participated in 2 webinars for Ontario One Call regulation changes.
- Staff prepared three estimates for potential new water customers.
- Utilities staff completed winter maintenance of sidewalks in downtown Rodney and steps/walkways at municipal buildings on multiple occasions.
- Utilities staff started cleanup of limbs and brush around the perimeter fencing located at the Rodney Water Tower (this will be completed as weather permits).
- Locates are beginning to pick up, with an increase over January numbers being reported.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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