



## MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

### Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services  
**Date:** 2020-07-16  
**Report:** 2020-05  
**Subject:** Monthly Report

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#### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services, for information purposes.

#### **Purpose:**

To provide Council with an update on operations carried out in June 2020.

#### **Background:**

Parks and Recreation – June was a busy month with the opening of some outdoor amenities. In between cutting grass at the parks, watering flowers and cleaning washrooms, staff worked at preparing the splash pad and pool. The splash pad opened in mid-June, just in time for the hot weather. Following the mandatory inspection from South West Public Health on June 29, the West Elgin Community Pool opened to the public on Thursday, July 2. Six lifeguards are operating the pool Monday through Sunday from 8am – 9pm. Morning and evening sessions of aqua fit are being well attended and the numbers are increasing every day for open and family swims. Covid-19 screening and additional cleaning have become routine and guards are working hard to keep turnaround time to a minimum, thus allowing more time in the pool for everyone. A total of six hanging basket signs were delivered and installed in Rodney between the bank and Shannon's restaurant. Two more signs were ordered and should be ready for installation shortly. The parks department also received a new Kubota mower as per the 2020 capital budget. The cost of this unit was covered 100% by the disposal of their old Toro mower, which came with winter equipment (cab, blade & blower). This equipment was no longer needed after the purchase of a Trackless sidewalk machine in 2018.

Public Works – Crews worked at the marina in early June to finish removing clay from the west end. Some of this material was used to cap the concrete, which had been placed below the PGTP. The balance was hauled away and 'B' gravel was brought in from our municipal pit to create the new parking area. This will be allowed to pack and settle before being capped with 'A' gravel later this year. The marina also experienced flooding last month due to the blockage of 16 mile creek at the lake. Staff worked in conjunction with LTVCA to open the creek mouth and provide emergency flood relief. Plans are now underway to provide a permanent overflow pipe, which will hopefully eliminate this issue in the future. A nasty storm rolled through West Elgin on the evening of June 10, causing a large amount of wind damage. Downed trees and power lines kept crews busy though out the night and clean-up operations continued for many days. Tractors were busy mowing along the roadside in June as well as grading for dust control application. All roads not receiving

maintenance gravel have been graded and sprayed with dust suppressant. Roads that are receiving gravel (which started in early July) were spot sprayed due to the hot, dry conditions. Additional work carried out by public works in June included, excavation for water line repair, bridge washing, guiderail repair, culvert installation and hand mowing.

Utilities – Staff assisted in preparing the libraries for opening to curbside pickup. Work at the West Lorne complex, including a fresh coat of paint in the main hallway and meeting room was completed. Quotes were received and reviewed for lighting upgrades at the Complex and Capson Electric was awarded the job. Lights have been ordered and the work is scheduled to be completed shortly. Utilities staff handled multiple water line repairs last month, while still keeping up on located requests, which were heavy in June due to the storm cleanup and restoration. A new cabinet was constructed in the Rodney water tower to protect valuable radio equipment and preparation for the cast water main replacement in Rodney was completed. Cope Construction of Sarnia will complete this work in early July.

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