



## MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

### Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting

**From:** Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

**Date:** 2020-09-10

**Subject:** August 2020 – 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 during the month of August.

#### **Background:**

Parks and Recreation – Moisture and warm weather brought the grass back to life in August and kept staff busy mowing and trimming whenever conditions allowed. Work continued on the new playground equipment at Miller Park and landscaping could be completed once the majority of installation had taken place. Installers are waiting for a couple remaining pieces and the structure should be ready in early September. HD Painting of St Thomas completed the ceiling/wall painting at the arena and staff are putting a fresh coat of paint on doors, trim and bleachers. The netting has been re-installed and the facility should be ready for ice beginning in September. London Paving completed crack sealing and surface treatment at the tennis courts in West Lorne and staff added new line markings. This temporary repair should extend the life of the playing surface until money can be budgeted for a full replacement. The West Elgin pool continued to be well attended during August, with only a couple of days missed due to unsettled weather. Auquafit classes remained very popular and the water has stayed crystal clear thanks to the new vacuum and filtration system, along with excellent staff oversight. The pool will be closing on Saturday September 5 and a report is being prepared for Council on the summers swimming statistics and highlights. Staff have been working diligently on re-opening guidelines for municipal facilities including the Arena, West Lorne Complex and Rodney Recreation Center. These will be the foundation for a safe return to use of all municipal buildings and should be ready for use in early September.

Public Works – Maintenance gravel operations continued throughout August and was 95 percent complete by months end. Huron Construction of Chatham completed milling and paving on Munroe Street in West Lorne and Ridout Street in Rodney. Asphalt millings were stockpiled locally for use on future projects and the utilities department took the opportunity to repair/replace a few water valves before the new asphalt was laid. Municipal wide curbside collection started on Monday August 3 and the first few weeks have gone well. The contractor has been very attentive to concerns brought forward and the few small issues that have arisen were dealt with promptly. Staff will now begin analyzing data for tonnage and landfill use. This information will help shape future waste reduction strategies, which can lower operating costs and further extend landfill life. Elgin

County completed single surface treatment to a portion of Dunborough Road (Crinan to Carroll) as well as McDougall/Stalker Line (Furnival to Graham). Municipal crews repaired wheel rutting and edge line failure using hot mix asphalt in advance of the County's capital work. This will produce a better-finished product and be easier to maintain in the future. Staff were able to secure an updated permit from LTVCA for erosion control work to the far east pier below the PGTP. Spence Construction completed the placement of concrete for this purpose in late August. Additional work included tree removal, patching, mowing, drain replacement and sign repair.

Utilities – Cope Construction finished the water main installation in Rodney (behind Library) and A-Xcavating has completed the majority of remedial work on the Chestnut Street water main project. The only remaining item is grass seeding along Wood Street and in Miller Park, which will be completed in September due to lower temperatures. Sanitary sewers were flushed in Todd Place during August in advance of the capital contract for water main replacement. Residents have been provided notice the contractor will be starting in early September. Utilities staff installed the necessary equipment to provide municipal internet services to the West Lorne Complex. This feature will support the new keyless access program which is being installed at the Complex and Rodney Recreation Center in early September. Operators pre-marked all utilities ahead of milling operations on Munroe/Ridout Streets and repaired/replaced/adjusted all water valves ahead of paving operations. Additional duties carried out include locates, water service installation and numerous customer requests.

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

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