



## MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

### Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Lee Gosnell, Public Works Superintendent  
**Date:** 2020-03-12  
**Report:** 2020-05  
**Subject:** March Public Works Report

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#### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Public Works Superintendent, for information purposes.

#### **Purpose:**

To provide Council with an update on operations carried out during February 2020.

#### **Background:**

1. Operators assisted the utilities department with water line repairs on Todd Place in West Lorne.
2. Lack of snow during the beginning of February allowed crews to finish mowing all phragmites patches that were sprayed last fall and standing brush behind County guiderail.
3. Davey Tree Service worked with municipal staff to trim and remove problem trees, which require a bucket truck for safety purposes.
4. Drags were used on gravel roads when weather allowed helping reduce potholes and wheel rutting.
5. Crews also patched potholes in hardtop roads when weather permitted.
6. Public works and Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority will be working together on a pilot program this spring, which will give West Elgin landowners the chance to receive one (1) free tree. One-hundred fifty (150) red maple and one-hundred fifty (150) red oak have been secured for 2020. Trees will be delivered mid-April, are approx. 4-5 feet tall and come potted. Program details will be advertised over the next few weeks and registration will open on March 23, 2020. Applicants must own property in West Elgin and commit to planting the tree within the municipality. A pick-up day will be held at the public works yard on Saturday April 18 from 8 am to 12 pm. Staff will be on hand to distribute important information on proper planting and care. Registration will close once the 300 trees have been spoken for, but may be expanded in 2021 based on this year's interest. Money for this program will come from public work's 2020 operating budget.
7. Additional work carried out during February include sign repair, equipment maintenance and winter operations.



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