



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2021-09-09

Subject: Monthly Operations Update – August 2021

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

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

Background:

Parks and Recreation

- Continued steady grass cutting and watering flowers due to the hot summer days
- Maintenance and addition of A gravel to the Miller Park walking trail.
- Renovations started in the Scout Hall on Chestnut Street. One of the small bathrooms has been removed to make room for a kitchenette and fridge.
- Annual fire inspection of kitchen hoods/fire suppression system was completed in the Rodney Recreation Centre and the West Lorne Arena.
- Park and recreation operator Michael Aers completed his Certified Pool Operator training course.
- The third and fourth sessions of swimming lessons were successfully held in August. Pool activities were well received by patrons and staff would like to thank the guards and service clubs/business who helped make the Saturday free swims a welcome addition to the programming schedule.
- Soccer is running well, and their year-end 'Cup Day' is scheduled for mid-September
- Nature walks started in Miller Park and moved to Joe's Bush in September. These are held Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11 am and have been well received by those in attendance.
- Vaccine clinics will be held at the Rodney Recreation Centre on September 9 and October 1

Public Works

- Staff completed vegetation control and berm removal on gravel shoulders by using a disk retriever to mulch the weeds and remove the gravel berm. This was followed up with grading the shoulders along all county roads.
- Roadside mowing continued in August along with hand trimming around guiderail and signs
- Spot spraying for phragmites was completed along all roads in West Elgin
- Mobile Services completed sweeping of all curb and gutter in Rodney and West Lorne.

- Work continued on the Rodney reconstruction project. Sidewalk and driveway installation was completed along Furnival Road north of Queens Line and lawn restoration was started. Crews replaced the large municipal drain which crosses Queens Line west of Padfield Lane and started sewer installation on Queens Line. This section of road will be closed to traffic for approx. 3-4 weeks while work continues.
- Erosion control work was carried out on McMurchy Line and surveying for a future drainage project was also completed.
- One of our public works operators, Doug Tribe, left West Elgin in August to pursue an opportunity in Sault St. Marie. Staff would like to thank Doug for his contributions to West Elgin and wish him well in his future endeavors. Staff are currently in the recruitment process to fill this operator position.

Utilities

- A new water service was installed on Pioneer Line (new home build).
- August was another heavy month for locates, with many construction and utility projects underway in West Elgin.
- Staff spent time assisting VanBree Drainage with utility concerns on the Rodney reconstruction project.
- Minor maintenance projects were completed in the Rodney Library and West Lorne complex. It has been determined that the shingled roof on the Complex is leaking and needs to be replaced. A local contractor has tarped the roof as a temporary measure while staff obtain quotes for the needed repairs.
- Joe Machado Contracting completed installation of the new roof above the West Elgin municipal office in advance of the interior renovations follow this fall.

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

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