



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2022-03-10

Subject: Monthly Operations Update – February 2022

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 operations conducted within the municipality during February 2022.

Background:

Utilities

- NFTC completed fiber installation along Furnival Road from Rodney to Talbot Line and will continue south to Port Glasgow in March.
- Staff assisted OCWA with meter and valve repair at the water chamber located on Talbot Line in Eagle.
- Staff completed plumbing installation at the Scout Hall building in West Lorne
- Water main repair was required after a leak was detected on Centre Street in Rodney. Crews from Utilities, Public Works and OCWA worked to repair a defective coupler.
- Temporary repairs were made to the red flashing beacon on top of the West Lorne standpipe. This was damaged by individual(s) who illegally entered the compound and climbed the standpipe. The contractor is preparing a quote to replace the old light base with LED.
- Staff completed repairs to the starter system on the tractor used for winter sidewalk maintenance in Rodney.
- Locates, meter reads, and other daily duties continued throughout the month.

Public Works

- Winter maintenance continued throughout the month of February. This included removal of snow from the downtown areas of Rodney and West Lorne.
- Operators removed brush in hard-to-reach areas along the roadside and in the parks with a rental tractor/arm mower.
- Crews worked on dead tree removal at various locations throughout the municipality. A contractor was called in to assist with dangerous trees or areas that required the use of a bucket truck.

- Catch basis lids and drain holes were checked during mild periods and cleaned/thawed to prevent flooding issues.
- Sign maintenance, repair and inventory were completed in February.
- Staff were called to assist with a motor vehicle accident on the 'No Winter Maintenance' portion of Gray Line west of Furnival Road. A grader was used to cut the icy hill so a tow truck could access the scene. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported.

Parks and Recreation

- Arena operations started again, and all attendees were required to provide proof of vaccination in the form of a QR code. Staff commented that everything went smoothly, and they had no issue with patrons pushing back against these new requirements.
- The Zamboni required repair work in the form of two new hydraulic cylinders and a check valve. This issue was discovered during the morning inspection and repairs were completed before the first afternoon rental.
- Staff completed painting and finishing touches in the Scout Hall. Tables and chairs were brought from the Complex to set the hall for meetings. All former user groups of the Complex meeting room were contacted to let them know the space is available. Bookings have now started for use of the Scout Hall.
- Winter sidewalk maintenance continued during the month of February.
- The Recreation Supervisor attended a Certified Pool Operator (CPO) course in London.
- Sponsored public skate times for the week of March break (Mar 14 – 20) have been finalized and information has been made available to residents.
- Recreation activities including Shuffleboard, Pickle Ball, cards and walking group returned the Rodney Rec Centre in late February. Additional rentals for use of this space have also started to come in.
- Recreation staff are currently working on a sports literacy program which will be held in conjunction with the Elgin County Libraries. Staff are also exploring ideas to support Mental Health Week (May 2-8) and creating an outdoor activity challenge to be held once weather permits.

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

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