

Staff Report

Report To:	Council Meeting	
From:	Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services	
Date:	2022-04-14	
Subject:	Monthly Operations Update – March 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 carried out during the month of March.

Background:

Utilities

- Crews repaired a watermain leak on John Street in West Lorne between Graham and Mary
- Meters were read in March and ongoing meter repairs were scheduled and completed
- Locate requests are increasing and a major Fibre installation project continues south of Rodney to Port Glasgow
- The high flow system at the Rodney water fill station was repaired and is running again
- Regular maintenance and duties were completed in a timely manner

Public Works

- Plowing and salting operations continued periodically throughout the month
- Crews worked with a local tree contractor to remove dead trees within the ROW
- Gravel roads were dragged as weather permitted to level and repair potholes left from winter operations and spring thaw
- Survey work was undertaken at the municipal landfill to set new grade stakes for identifying height and footprint
- Staff calculated, made, and installed multiple 911 civic address signs
- All county intersections were swept, and curb/gutter should be completed in April
- Crews patched potholes in hard surface roads as weather permitted
- Spring basin cleaning started in West Lorne, with approx. half the basins being done by months' end. Operators will finish in West Lorne and start in Rodney this month
- Crews made repairs to damaged guiderail on Talbot Line

Parks and Recreation

- Arena activities wrapped up on March 27, which was one week longer than originally scheduled to facilitate WLMH playoffs
- Arena ice was removed, and compressors shut down by Drennan Refrigeration
- Staff have completed a thorough cleaning of the arena, which is done at seasons' end
- Recreation staff are now on summer shift and working from the parks shop.
- Winter sidewalk maintenance continued as required for intermittent snowfall
- Staff completed cleaning, set up and tear down for programming and events at the Rodney Recreation Centre
- Indoor programming continued at the Rec Centre during March which included pickle ball, card playing, walking group and shuffleboard
- New programming which is currently being developed includes
 - Sports literacy in conjunction with Elgin County Libraries
 - o Outdoor activity challenge
 - Support for Mental Health week in early May
 - o Return to outdoor walking program / nature walks
 - Development of a youth fitness program to be held outdoors through the summer
- Work at the Scout Hall in West Lorne was completed, and rentals have started. Booking can be done through the West Elgin municipal office.

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

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