



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2022-10-20

Subject: Monthly Operations Update – September 2022

Recommendation:

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

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on operations conducted withing the municipality during the month of September

Background:

Public Works

- Crew completed a large tree removal on Queen Street in Rodney in conjunction with Hydro One.
- Roadside mowing is winding down for the season and should wrap up in early October.
- Staff completed rehabilitation operations at Kearns Pit in advance of the fall inspection and compliance assessment reports.
- Municipal crews, in conjunction with Spence Construction, replace a large culvert under Fleming Line between Blacks Road and Furnival Road.
- Road improvements near 26400 Carroll Line were completed, including reshaping of roadside ditches to allow for proper shoulders, new entrance pipes to facilitate proper drainage and addition of granular material to the driving surface.
- Marsh Line resurfacing (Kerr Rd to Graham Rd) was completed in September. Municipal staff finished the preparation, which included new drainage, addition of granular material and compaction, in advance of Duncor applying the new surface treatment.
- Vandenberg Construction started capital work on Blacks Road during the last week of September. Blacks Road between McLean Line and Hoskins Line will be closed until December to facilitate the replacement of Bridge 6 at McDougall Line and Culvert 6 at Kintyre Line.
- Operators assisted utilities staff with a sewer repair on Elm Street in West Lorne
- Catch basin adjustments were completed on Fourth Street in Rodney to accommodate driveway upgrades.

Parks and Recreation

- Staff assisted Hollandia Pools with closure and winterization of the Rodney pool during the first week of September.

- Arena operations started at the beginning of the month with compressor start up and ice making. Skating began on September 19, with most seasonal users starting right away, and the balance of groups will begin in October. On a positive note, ice rental is up this year over last, and public skating sessions for the whole season have now been sponsored by local community groups and businesses.
- Staff worked in conjunction with the Rodney Fair Board to help put this years' fall fair. This included preparing the Rec Centre and grounds, organizing required items such as lights and bleachers, and placement of a garbage bin for trash.
- Hanging baskets were taken down in late September and flowers/soil removed. Baskets will be delivered to Ross Nursery in Chatham for re-use next year, as this provides savings. Flower type and colour has been chosen for 2023 and hanging baskets have been order for all decorative lights in downtown Rodney and West Lorne.
- Regular cleaning of washrooms in Miler Park and the Marina continues throughout the month.

Utilities

- Staff dealt with a plugged sewer lateral on Elm Street in West Lorne. This turned into a major undertaking as the cleanout, which should be at property line, could not be found. Public works staff assisted by excavating in the front yard to investigate the issue. It was determined that a proper cleanout had not been installed when the home was built. The blockage was removed, and a new cleanout was placed at property line before backfilling was completed.
- Locates continue to be steady with the nice fall weather.
- Meter reading was completed in September and repair work, including meter changes, and re-read issues, continued.
- Staff also dealt with a minor service leak in West Lorne and completed multiple turn-offs/turn-ons as requested.

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

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