

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

December 1, 2020

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November Transportation and Agriculture GM Report

Recommendation from Administration

That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture, November 2020 report.

Report

Public Works

Surfacing/Bridges/Culverts

- Snow fence installations are underway when crew is not performing snowplowing operations.
- Bridge size culvert installation at canal on RR 240 south of TWP 252 completed.
- 1 culvert replaced on RR 220 and 1 repaired on RR 265.

Gravel

- Gravelling has ended for the year with a total of 607 miles of road being graveled and 107,130.8t being spread.
- Currently stockpiling at Burke SP from Goldsmith Pit. 12500t of 18000t completed to date.
- Will be moving to Chizik Pit last week of November and will begin hauling to Lunds SP.

Graders/Mulching/Signs

- Divisional graders are now performing plowing operations along with regular road maintenance.
- Mulching Crew has shut down for winter. A total of 31 miles was completed this season.
- Sewage hauling from Rosebud to Cluny lagoon has resumed.
- Approx. 76 sign installs and repairs were completed in October.

Construction

- Completed construction of display bed for antique graders at Main Office.
- Stripping is underway at Christensen Pit in preparation for gravel crushing this winter.
- Helped Surface Crew to install bridge size culvert on RR 240.

Shop

- T/A inspections are now underway for CAT equipment. (graders and scrapers)
- Testing heated LED headlights on one plow truck with the goal of improving nighttime visibility for operators and make for safer plow operations.
- MRF is to begin installing GPS units in vehicles around mid November.

The Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

- Carseland hamlet has been plowed and sanded, at the WTS the new fence is complete, ramp set-up report has been submitted and a new heavy drop off area has been approved.
- In Gleichen the drainage ditches have been cleared of rocks and debris, sewer work has been completed by Gray's at 9th and the area has been seeded. Trees at cemetery have been pruned and a ratepayer's fence was repaired.

- In Muirfield there is now a heavy hauler for the effluent run, locates have been submitted for the installation of No Dumping signs in 3 areas. Current consulting with Muirfield HOA regarding snow removal from Phase One (private) roadway along with general maintenance.
- In Speargrass the ditch running west of the water plant has been pruned and landscaped.
- Arena area in Cheadle has been cleaned up, plowing and sanding has commenced in all hamlets and a report is being prepared for the water tracking procedures. At the WTS's plowing has commenced at all the sites and a report is being prepared on traffic counts and ratepayer's homestead locations.

Facilities

- Chair cleaning was completed Oct 24th.
- Still finishing some minor warranty work on the renovations at the Gleichen arena.
- Completed cladding on three exhaust stacks on the fire suppression building.
- The cracked heat exchangers for unit heaters will be replaced the week of Nov 16th.

Gravel / Roads

- Rosebud lagoon project has commenced, striping the topsoil for the road and lagoon portion of the project has begun and the force main portion just west of Rosebud.
- A CCC form was submitted for RR 250, the road has been constructed per approved drawings on the signed development agreement.
- Coordinating with the construction foreman to begin the reclamation of subsoils and topsoil at Chase Pit.
- RFP and RFPQ for engineering services has been posted and will close on December 1st.
- Traffic Counter has been placed on Gleichen Access Road.

Land

- Road Closure Bylaw 2020-40 has received final reading and will now be provided to the Applicant for registration upon payment for the area of closed road being acquired, Bylaw 2020-39 has been submitted for 1st
- Muirfield encroachment agreement has been registered at Land Titles.
- Submitted payment forms for disturbance and crop loss on RR 245.
- Submitted an RFD for an access easement for a private driveway across County land near Hussar.
- Speargrass RV storage lease site extension was approved, and the Agreement is circulating for signatures.

Agriculture & Environment Report

- Seed Cleaning Plant Inspections completed on November 13th, with all plants scoring 99%.
- Mulch applied for erosion control to borrow area on RR270 that needed some leveling.
- 52 grain bags rolled since October 21st with a total of 319 to date.
- Completed weed map update for Alberta Agriculture
- Draft ER/ERE Management policy has been written describing County responsibilities in managing ER and ERE lands. Policy is complementary to P&D's ER and ERE Dedication Policy which we assisted in writing. Due to complicated interpretation of legislation in this area, draft policies will be sent to the charitable Environmental Law Centre for review during November.
- Working Well Workshop being held virtually – November 26th 6:30 pm) <https://bit.ly/2HAJl5y>
- Marginal Lands and Hidden Opportunities Webinar (Thursday December 10th 1:00 -3:00) <https://marginallands.eventbrite.ca>
- The Wheatland Agricultural Stewardship Program – 4 projects approved & 4 completed; Safe Water Wells Action Program – 9 applications with 7 projects approved; Rosebud Watershed Resiliency Restoration Program – 2 projects approved & completed; Crowfoot Creek Resiliency Restoration Program – 3 projects completed; ALUS – 5 projects approved 4 completed.
- Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Funding Program is now complete for 2020. Of the 13 applications received, 9 planting projects were completed for a total fund distribution of \$6,330 and 1400 seedlings planted. Work is now underway to update the program for 2021

Report Approval Details

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

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Michael Ziehr

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Brian Henderson