



# WHEATLAND COUNTY

Where There's Room to Grow



## Request for Decision

December 3, 2019

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Prepared November 21, 2019

### Subject

Decision-making topic title

General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture Report for activities that occurred in November 2019.

### Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

**That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture, November 2019 report.**

### RECOMMENDATION

Report/Document:

Attached

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Available

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None

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### Key Issue(s) / Concepts Defined

Define the topic, reference background material and state question to be answered

#### Public Works Crews

Once the Gravel Crew has completed RR245 they will return to Chizik's to continue stockpiling at Taubert's. The Surfacing Crew and Culvert Crew are replacing a culvert on TWP244 once complete they'll move to bridge size structures on TWP230, there are 2 canal crossings that are scheduled to be replaced. The Surfacing Crew has also finished snow fencing and have put sand up in the salt shed. Mulching crew is shut down for the season and the remainder of the Construction Crew will be bringing equipment back and getting ready to move to the gravel pits to strip and reclaim. Grader divisions are blading roads as needed.

#### The Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

In Carseland Consite has completed all work on Railway Ave and at the outdoor rink, garbage and recycling bins have been delivered. In Gleichen the culvert and ditch had to be repaired at 225 Gleichen Street, 2 benches were installed at the cemetery and 1 load of railway ties was hauled to landfill. Cluny Hall had 80 feet of sidewalk hauled to Carseland stockpile, after demolition was complete services were capped and all that remains is to top soil and seed the site next spring. Repairs to gates and front fence lines are underway at Wheatland West, Carseland & Hussar. There was another break-in at Rockyford, hand tools and old batteries were taken and there was damage to the fence and shed door. Snow fence setup is complete in Cluny and Gleichen and black knot was trimmed from trees in Speargrass and Gleichen. Ramp construction for roll off bins is underway, and the new rolling gate has been installed in Standard. Plowing

and sanding is complete at all sites and the plugs and lighting repairs are finished, all operators have had their TDG training.

### **Capital Works**

- Carseland Capital Project is complete and the two year warranty period has started; will be applying a final asphalt lift in two years after warranty period expires.
- Design and tender documents with estimate for Gleichen Arena repairs and Rosebud Lagoon are being completed by CIMA and will be submitted to the County in December.
- Survey work and visual inspections have been completed on the Gleichen infrastructure study.

### **CSMI**

Development / Table meetings are currently being held weekly as the group attempts to address outstanding concerns before finalizing cooperative agreements. At the forefront is a discussion and pending decision on the current volume control target. A proposed extension to the current agreement will be coming forward for council decision in the coming weeks.

### **Facilities**

- Completed the sound baffle installation (positive feedback), unit heater repairs and the boiler at Speargrass.
- Because of the break in the door and frame will be replaced at the Carseland Fire Hall.

### **Gravel / Roads**

- RFP for Aggregate Crushing Services is on the Alberta Purchasing website.
- Crushing for 2019 should be complete at the end of November, there's been approximately 53,000 tonnes crushed at the Thurn pit.
- Coordinating the reclamation at Larsen Pit and Wintering Hills, coordinating cleaning and stripping at Ridgeland Pit and stripping at Lake Fish Pit.
- Coordinating with Public Works the stripping of a new area and removal of an abandoned pipe at the Goldsmith Pit.

### **Land**

- Assisting with a water license file, and working with P&D staff on an application for re-designation of lands for an effluent lagoon land purchase.
- Compiling a re-designation for the Sandum gravel pit.
- Working with surveyors regarding new road closure files.
- Working on a request from a ratepayer regarding a land sale/exchange.
- The caveat for ROW in Speargrass has been sent to LTO.
- Waiting for survey plan for the acquisition of the bridge 13847 on TWP 270 and also on the land disturbance so that owners can receive payment.

### **Wheatland Regional Water**

The fourth quarter quality control testing and the sewer main and lift station flushing is complete. Discharge of the Carseland lagoon should be complete by November 22.

## **Agriculture & Environment Report**

- Fall seeding and fiber mulching completed on TWP 252, RR 224, TWP 263 & RR 225.
- 37 Straw bales shredded and crimped on RR245 new construction large borrow areas.
- Seed Cleaning Plant inspections and licensing held on November 21st.
- Have taken over organization of Livestock Emergency Preparedness training. First training session for Fire Fighters held November 23rd & 24th.
- Thurn Grazing Lease to be awarded to current tenant based on policy 9.5.2 Leasing of County Property.
- Planning & Development department is spearheading changes to the LUB regarding soil movement recommendation. We will assist wherever possible.
- Purchased design files for the Environmental Update publication so that work can be completed in-house.
- Planning a workshop in February to kick-off the Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling funding program.
- Also planning to host a Farmer Pesticide Certificate Training Course in late February.
- Carbon Sequestration and Soil Health Workshop – October 16th, Irricana (19 attended)
- Winter Feed and Water Workshop – November 13th, Carseland (26 attended)
- Crowfoot Creek WRRP Program ending December 2019

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