



WHEATLAND COUNTY

Where There's Room to Grow

Request for Decision

January 14, 2019

Resolution No. _____

Date Prepared January 3, 2020

Subject

Decision-making topic title

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

Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture, December 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

Gravel Crew is moving to Ridgeland and will be stockpiling at Chancellor, the shack will be brought in for inspection. Culvert and Surfacing Crew are installing bridge size structures at the canal crossings at Twp.230, Surfacing Crew has also been cutting trees between pipe installs. The Construction Crew will strip and reclaim at Goldsmith then move to the Ridgeland pit.

The Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

Snow pile hauling was done throughout Carseland, plowing and sanding are ongoing in the other hamlets. Because of complications the water break at the Carseland WTP will have to be completed in the spring. Snow clearing, setup and tear down was done for the Christmas train event in Gleichen. Railing tie-ins have been completed by welder around transtor bins at Carseland, Hussar, Cluny, Rosebud and Standard WTS. Rite Way Fencing repaired the fence at Hussar and the ramp was constructed at Standard. Waste Management will be taking over the cardboard and paper recycling and GFL will be taking over transtor bin hauling for Drumheller Landfill in the new year.

Capital Works

- Design and tender documents for Rosebud Lagoon are being completed by CIMA and will be submitted to the County in January 2020.
- CIMA is currently working on the Gleichen infrastructure study with the first draft to be submitted in January 2020.

CSMI

Volume control target discussions have concluded, and targets have been finalized. The City of Chestermere has formally withdrawn from the cooperative stating the project, in its current state, does not provide enough value for the capital and ongoing operating expenses required. CIMA is preparing a proposal and cost to review the engineering design of the CSMI project.

Facilities

- Security access button for Public Works completed.
- Janitorial Cleaning Contract awarded to Regency Cleaning Services for 2020–2022.
- Cluny Fire Hall emergency lighting installed.
- Cleaning and waxing of floors being completed over the holiday break at Admin, ASB, Public Works.
- Waiting on pricing for new water filtration system for our well system at the main Admin buildings.

Gravel / Roads

- The contractor, Sage Management, completed crushing operations at the Thurn Pit.
- A total of 6 proposals were received for the RFP for Aggregate Crushing Services, contract will be awarded to Sage Management.
- We will be crushing 90,000 tonnes at our Goldsmith Pit and 60,000 tonnes at Ridgeland Pit in 2020.
- Ongoing communication with Alberta Environment on the registration for the Chase Pit.

Wheatland Regional Water

- Flushed and tested the water line that was repaired at the Carseland pump house.
- Painting and minor structural repairs are being done at the Speargrass WTP
- Work on phase III WRC expansion to Rosebud is continuing.
- In the process of implementing Neptune 360 meter reading software which is a cloud based software.

Agriculture & Environment Report (2019 Operational stats)

- 3782 km of roadside mowing completed.
- 480 acres of spraying for weed control on 824 km of right of way.
- 5470 km of roadside inspected for weeds along with 193 private land inspections including 4 times each in the Villages of Standard, Rockyford and Hussar
- 26 weed complaints and/or inquires responded too.
- 22.5 km of roadside seeding and 50 acres of borrow areas
- 60 bales of eco-tack and 61 bales of straw applied for erosion control
- Surveys completed include 103 clubroot, 14 blackleg and Sclerotinia, 45 grasshopper locations and 2 Bertha Armyworm locations
- 224 plastic grain bags recycled for a total of 51.7 tonne.
- Seed cleaning plant inspections complete with all 3 plants receiving scores of 99%.

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