



# WHEATLAND COUNTY

Where There's Room to Grow



## Request for Decision

March 3, 2020

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

Date Prepared February 21, 2020

### Subject

Decision-making topic title

General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture Report for activities that occurred in February 2020.

### Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

**That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture, February 2020 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

- The Gravel Crew is currently hauling from Thurn's to Carbon corner stockpiling
- Surfacing Crew has been cutting trees and brush when not plowing and sanding roads.
- Grader Crew is clearing intersections and plowing snow as required.
- Culvert Crew is unloading the new culvert supply and plowing and cleaning parking lots as required.
- Construction Crew is reclaiming and stripping a new section at Fish Lake gravel pit.

#### The Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

- Street clearing, snow pile hauling is completed throughout hamlets the snow was also cleared at Carseland for the new mailbox installs, sanding is ongoing.
- Removed tires and burning barrel ash from several WTS, battery and lightbulb pick up. has been completed at all sites.
- Fortis has installed the yard light at the Rosebud WTS.
- Monthly outdoor rink inspections completed.
- Cody attended AWWOA Construction Inspection course.
- Trained with Gravel Crew for hauling with end dumps and Cody attended the construction inspection course.

## **Facilities**

- Quarterly mechanical maintenance, annual fire extinguisher/first aid kits and AED inspections are ongoing, fire alarm inspection is complete.
- New LED lights installed in pole shed.
- Working on estimates for new fire pump, new a/c for Chambers and a new overhead door for Standard grader shop.
- Cleaning contract with Regency Cleaning Services has been signed and a start date of March 1, 2020.
- Gleichen Arena Upgrades project was awarded to Chandos Construction.

## **Gravel / Roads**

- Received estimate budget from consultant for 2020 Gleichen 8th Ave Capital Works Project. Will be reviewing and issuing work order in the next week.
- Estimate that Crushing at Goldsmith for 90,000 tonnes by end of February.
- Reclamation at Wintering Hills Pit has started, will be ongoing work depending on crews availability.
- Ridgeland Pit is ready for crusher for 60,000 tonnes. Will have a dozer on site cleaning reject piles and overall cleaning of pit.
- Fish Lake Pit stripping has started and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Will be crushing 60,000 tonnes in the summer.
- Traffic Counters will be going on RR 254, west of Strathmore.
- Will be coordinating to move electronic speed sign to Rosebud Area north of town on HWY 841. Waiting on approval from Alberta Transportation.
- Five Year Report for Thurn Pit is due at end of February. Waiting on drawings from consultant.
- Working on Line Painting Tender, due to weather; a few areas remained to be inspected to determine if stop bars and pedestrian crosswalks will be required for 2020 tender.
- Will be working with GIS department to determine if we have the equipment available to obtain GPS Coordinates and update drawings.

## **Land**

- RR 243 road widening acquisition plan is ready to be registered. Landowner payments will be issued after registration.
- Road closures – several files at various stages.
- Collecting and analyzing data in preparation of approaching private owners for land acquisitions for municipal purposes (not roads). Have approached some owners - awaiting responses.
- Land disturbance and crop loss payments in process for 2019 road construction - still waiting on crop data from a few owners.
- Land Sale Tender for portion of 36-23-22-4 has been placed in papers - closing March 12.
- Rosebud effluent land purchase has received re-designation - now at subdivision with Planning.
- Re-designation and subdivision applications for the purchase of land in Rosebud to accommodate gazebo are with Planning.

## Agriculture & Environment Report

- 2020 Mowing/spraying schedule and the seeding map is done.
- 2020 forage seed pricing sent out to 6 vendors (BrettYoung Seeds Ltd/Sunshine Seeds/Nutrien, Core Ag/Richardson and UFA).
- Grain bags storing location moved to SE portion of yard so any rate payers who drop off bags don't have to enter main yard area.
- ASB seasonal staff all contacted and they are all planning on returning for 2020 season.
- CTV to do interview with Cleanfarms's Davin Johnson on Feb 19th on Plastic grain bag and bale twine recycling program in county yard. (59.5 grain bags rolled -24 farm visits since Jan 1st/20).
- Finding it a challenge to source parts from old equipment as most have been sent to recyclers, 2 out of 3 Ag equipment wreckers don't stock old equipment.
- Clubroot map on Google Earth (2019 samples).
- Two sessions left for the Livestock training for first responders, open house on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for the Livestock Emergency Public and Resources Session. Attended the Calgary and Area Governmental Weed Committee Meeting and will be attending the Gardener Presentation about Weeds, also contacted Classroom Ag Program. Courses and training are continuing.
- Attendance at recent events: Ranching Opportunities (160), Jim Gerrish Workshop (48), Ladies Livestock Lessons (70)
- Received signed contract from AEP WRRP Program for funding riparian protection projects for the Rosebud River Watershed
- Water License received for Dalum Fire Hall Water Well on February 12, 2020.

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