

# Wheatland County

## Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

April 7, 2020

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## March Transportation and Ag GM Report

### Recommendation from Administration

That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture March 2020 report

### Report

#### Public Works Crews

- The Gravel Crew is at Goldsmith's Pit hauling to Burke's stockpile site, Sage Management has moved to Goldsmith's to start crushing.
- Surfacing Crew is clearing brush and steaming culverts when needed.
- Culvert Crew were at Goldsmith's ripping for the crusher and are also checking ice flows.
- Construction Crew is working at stripping Fish Lake
- We are in the process of repairing equipment and checking gravel trucks.
- Preparing for the spring startup of the crews.

#### Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

- Collapsed upper barrel for storm line on 2nd St. and 2nd Ave in Cluny repaired.
- In Gleichen, surveying and other work for 8th Ave. tender was completed. Tree removal, trimming and grinding was completed by D&D Plant Hire. Poor condition areas had pothole and valve patching done and the water service was disconnected after a leak was discovered
- In preparation for spring melting ditches, catch basins and culverts are being cleared throughout all hamlets.
- Site inspections have been completed at the WTS in Hussar, Rockyford and Standard.
- Contractor completed removal of scrap metal stockpile at Main Shop; Interviews underway for WTS Fill-in Operator position; Plowing, sanding and transtor bin maintenance is ongoing at all sites; Ongoing garbage pickup from ditches by WTS Coordinator as needed.

#### Facilities

- Quarterly mechanical maintenance, annual fire extinguisher/first aid kits and AED inspections are ongoing, and fire alarm inspection is complete.
- New LED lights installed in pole shed.
- Working on estimates for new fire pump. Chambers A/C, Public Works furnaces and fall protection have all been awarded. New overhead door for Standard grader shop.
- Cleaning contract with Regency Cleaning Services has been signed with a start date of March 1, 2020.
- Gleichen Arena Upgrades project was awarded to Chandos Construction.
- Namaka Hall inspection complete. Emergency lighting and fire extinguishers were installed, and the AED is up to code.
- Wheatland West, Gleichen Fire Hall and the Gleichen Grader Shop roof repairs have been completed. Carseland Fire Hall had new steel door and bars on the windows installed.

## **Gravel / Roads**

- Contractor started crushing at Goldsmith Pit - 10 weeks to crush 90,000 tonnes.
- Consultants started working on 2020 Gleichen Capital Project – 8th Ave Main replacement which includes design and tender.
- Consultants started working on 2020 Sidewalk Program – Rosebud which includes design and tender.
- Road Crew is currently stripping at Fish Lake Pit, expected to crush 60,000 tonnes at this site in the summer.
- Working on upgrades for railway crossings within the County.

## **Wheatland Regional Water**

- Annual reports to AEP are complete for all systems
- Working on a lead monitoring program for all water distribution systems
- Work is continuing on the design and land negotiations for the Rosebud phase III water line.
- We are assisting in the design of the Rosebud lagoon by contributing flow data.
- Utilities is preparing for spring and summer operations and maintenance programs.

## **Agriculture & Environment Report**

- Attendance at recent events: Shelterbelt Workshop (76) Emergency Livestock Response open house (15) Farmer Pesticide Training (15)
- The new 5-year Agricultural Service Board Grant application has been released with a funding reduction of \$46,000/ASB in the Province as compared to previous years. Applications must be submitted by April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Pest Management Regulatory Agency has cancelled the registration for strychnine and will be phasing the product out over 3 years. Sales can continue until March of 2022 and farmers will have until March of 2023 to use up any product they have. Strychnine Sales will resume on March 31<sup>st</sup> by calling the Manager of Agriculture & Environment to make arrangements.
- Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) funding for the Rosebud River Watershed will be accepting applications as of April 1st.
- 8 Environmental Farms Plans competed to date.
- Events cancelled or postponed: Emergency Livestock Response Course Training March 14-15 & April 4-5, Working Well Workshop March 26th, Farm Transition Workshop March 30<sup>th</sup>, Agricultural Service Board meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Report Approval Details

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Michael Ziehr

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Brian Henderson