

# Wheatland County

## Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

May 5, 2020

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### April Transportation and Agriculture GM Report

#### Recommendation from Administration

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

#### Report

##### Public Works Crews

- Gravel crew is hauling from the Carseland pit to the Public Works yard.
- Culvert crew is in the Dalum area helping with road washes.
- Construction crew is at Ridgeland pit cleaning up sand piles and making the pit ready for the crusher.
- Surfacing crew is steaming culverts and removing snow fence where they can.

##### The Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

- Graveled parking lot in front of new mailboxes in Carseland.
- Replenished the stockpile at the Gleichen shop, in the process of graveling alleys and filling potholes also trimming boulevard trees from 3rd Ave. to 1st Ave. along Gleichen Street. CIMA carried out flushing on 8th Ave. sewer main for Capital project design, unsuccessful in locating northern most manhole due to length of line and severe sewage backup in the line.
- Office parking lot sweeping, and spring cleanup is complete.
- Flood watch is ongoing; culvert steaming, ditch and catch basin cleaning being carried out to alleviate flooding, snow plowing and snow pile hauling is occurring as needed and the pickup of garbage and spring cleanup has also begun throughout hamlets.
- All hamlet playgrounds have been closed and flagged off due to Covid-19.
- Demob hamlet plow trucks.
- Fuel gensets at Office and PW.
- At several Waste Transfer Sites batteries, fridges, Ecycle and approximately 7500 tires were picked up.
- Chip pits have been pushed up at 3 sites, spring cleanup, gravel, pothole filling and plowing is underway at sites as needed.
- Garbage p/u from ditches by WTS Co-Ordinator as needed.

##### Capital Works

- First draft of the Gleichen Utilities Master Plan has been submitted to the county for review.
- The county has completed their review of the Carseland Stormwater Master Plan draft and has submitted its comments to CIMA.

## **CSMI**

- Online table meetings are being held every two weeks. Wheatland County applied for ACP grant funding on behalf of the CSMI project and have recently been approved for \$200,000 towards planning and implementation. The partners continue to work on the agreements, currently the City of Calgary is completing their internal review. The City of Calgary legal review scheduling will need to be altered due to all capacity is being used for pandemic issues. The timeline for construction in 2020 could be affected by the scheduling change.

## **Facilities**

- Since the COVID-19 outbreak Regency Cleaning Services is deep cleaning daily at Public Works/ ASB and Admin building.
- Asbestos testing at the Gleichen Arena was done on April 17, 2020.
- Chambers A/C change out was awarded to Comfort – Aire started April 14, 2020.
- Public Works furnaces and A/C's awarded to Arpis Mechanical, starting April 21, 2020.
- Innovation Fall Protection work at Public Works is delayed due to Covid-19.
- New man doors installed at Rosebud grader shop and WTS April 16, 2020.
- Hussar grader/fire hall roof repairs were completed April 16-17 2020.
- Public Works pressure washer new holding tank was installed April 20, 2020.

## **Gravel / Roads**

- Contractor has crushed +/- 60,000 tonnes at Goldsmith out of 90,000 tonnes. They will be moving to Ridgeland Pit afterwards to crush 60,000 tonnes.
- Waiting on budget regarding the Tender for the 2020 Sidewalk Program.
- Line Painting contract has been awarded to Line King, they are expected to start after road sweeping.
- Railway Crossing Assessments work has been awarded to WATT consulting, waiting on recommendation on whether the crossings need to be upgraded by the end of May.
- Working with Rocky View County to renew DP for Thurn Pit.

## **Land**

- Working on finalizing sale (under Covid-19 restrictions) for the tender of Burne sand pit, awarded to the high bidder for \$144,400 + GST.
- Reviewed request from DU for a private landowner conservation easement with Dept management – CAO has signed off.
- Received and forwarded to PW staff drainage concerns from an owner on RR 243.
- Looking at options with P&D staff for signing documents while working under Covid conditions.
- Rosebud effluent lagoon – Planning applications for subdivision and development have now received approval; awaiting plan of survey from surveyors for registration and reviewing requirements of both to ensure all conditions of approvals are met.
- Received letter of authorization from WID to use the volumes under the Agreement for municipal water supply for the Rosebud potable water pipeline; method of metering of the volume used under this agreement have been sorted as well.
- Alignment of pipeline for the Rosebud potable waterline reviewed and approved by PW.
- Telus lot in Rosebud – subdivision application is proceeding to Council, and an application for relaxation of setback of the existing structures will also be going forward after SA approval is received.
- Sandum gravel pit – application is in process with P&D staff and discussing what studies and reports are required at re-designation, and which will wait until DP.
- Forwarded inquiry from landowner of borrow pit on TWP 252 to have fencing removed to facilitate farming in 2020.

## **Wheatland Regional Water**

- Phase III water line to Rosebud - We have prequalified a list of contractors and tenders have been sent out.
- Working on agreements for the right-of-way.
- Scheduling work around the staff's shortened hours in order to complete necessary testing, monitoring, and reporting.
- We are currently interviewing for a replacement of a staff member.
- Working on a lead testing and monitoring program for all the distribution systems, Health Canada reduced the MAC and changed the testing point to the consumers tap from the distribution system. AEP has mandated the plan be put in place and Phase I testing be complete by September 2021.

## **Agriculture & Environment Report**

- 150 cases of strychnine sold to 75 producers.
- 112 grain bags rolled for 25 producers, approximately 10 producers with 80 bags on a waiting list.
- Rocky View County is hosting Weed School this June.
- Presentation on weeds for the Strathmore Country Garden Club with 20 in attendance.
- Gopher Control bait stations currently put out in Gleichen, Cluny, Carseland and Waste Transfer sites.
- Watershed & Resiliency Restoration Program (WRRP) Crowfoot and Rosebud: Accepting applications.
- ALUS Wheatland: Accepting applications, 1 project approved, PAC meeting cancelled.
- Wheatland Agricultural Stewardship Program: accepting applications, 2 applications received.
- Safe Water Wells Actions Plan: 4 applications received.
- Environmental Farm Plan: 18 requests, 10 completed.
- Livestock Emergency Public and Resources Session open house with 15 in attendance.
- Classroom Ag Program, Farm Transition Workshop, Working Well workshop, Water Day booth and Emergency Livestock training sessions all cancelled or postponed.
- Received a 1-year extension for Emergency Livestock Training grant.
- Completed research with regards to Council's resolution for staff to determine compliance with water legislation at Eagle Lake RV Park. Information provided to community services.
- Environmental Update publication completed in-house. Document was printed in February and presented to Council in March.
- Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Workshop was held with 76 attendees. Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Funding Program was released 13 applications have been received under the program requesting a total budget allocation of approximately \$12,000.
- Exploring opportunity presented by the Alberta Environment and Parks Wetland Replacement Program that has a current intent to partner with municipalities for the pursuit of wetland restoration and construction opportunities.
- Upcoming work includes chemical treatment of cut brush and roadside/borrow area seeding.

## Report Approval Details

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