

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

June 2, 2020

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May GM Transportation and Agriculture Report

Recommendation from Administration

That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture May 2020 Report.

Report

Public Works Crews

- Gravel Crew is hauling out of the Christensen pit, started gravelling roads May 19th and will stockpile at Lyalta if the rain affects gravelling.
- Road Construction Crew is finishing work on RR 245.
- Culvert Crew is cleaning up and rip-rapping the ends of the pipe push that was completed in December will also work on other spots from the spring melt.
- Surfacing Crew has started applying Calcium Chloride.
- Mulching Crew is doing work on a couple of dirt trails and are ready to start their season.

The Hamlet and Utilities / WTS

- 2 graves were levelled and top soiled at the Rosebud Cemetery.
- Cluny alleyways were graveled, and snow fences were removed.
- Gravelling of Gleichen Cemetery road, RR 225B and alleyways that required gravel have been completed.
- Gator bags were placed on trees that were planted last fall, tree wells were repaired, watering is occurring weekly and snow fence removal is complete.
- Landscaping repairs have been completed around Gleichen Community hall.
- Gleichen lagoon access road was washed out (has been repaired) because the sanitary manhole backed up and overflowed at the lagoon it was cleaned out and flushed with a vac truck, contractors will flush line.
- Gravelling at Wheatland West Fire Hall has been completed
- Garbage cans throughout the County continue to be emptied weekly.
- Spring cleanup has been completed, along with top soiling and seeding of damaged and uneven areas throughout all hamlets and mowing has begun.
- Parks Operator is only performing grass trimming of high traffic areas, playgrounds, and cemeteries within hamlets, due to no Summer Students.

Facilities

- Annual fire alarm deficiencies will be completed in May.
- Gleichen Arena start date was May 4, 2020.
- Chambers A/C change out awarded to Comfort – Aire. Completed.
- Public Works furnaces and A/C's awarded to Arpis Mechanical. Completed.
- Public Works fall protection awarded to Innovation Fall Protection. Completed.
- New water meters are being installed at the Gleichen grader shop, Fire Hall, and Rosebud Fire Hall
- New safety barriers being installed at Admin and Public Works for frontline staff.

- New hot water recirculation pump installed for mechanic's washrooms and lunchroom.
- Working on quotes for new fire pump and new fire suppression for vault and server room.

Gravel / Roads

- Crushing at Goldsmith is 90% complete, Sage will finish crushing by the end of the week and tentatively start moving equipment next week to setup at Ridgeland and crush 60,000 tonnes.
- Line painting contractor is awaiting on street sweeping before they can start.
- Traffic counter has been placed on TWP Rd 244.
- Will coordinate with Wood to survey new gravel pile at Goldsmith and will get an updated survey plan for Christensen Pit as a Five-Year Report is due by the end of the summer.
- Ongoing approach inspections.

Land

- Burne sand pit was awarded to the high bidder, once the CAO and Reeve have signed the documents the transfer will be finalized.
- Rosebud Telus lot is going forward for re-designation and require a variance for the existing Telus structure(s). Rosebud community groups would like to plant trees on the area being acquired from Telus, they were advised that until the subdivision and transfer of land have been registered Telus remains the legal owner.
- The application for the Sandum gravel pit is going forward to MPC for re-designation, reports formerly requested may be deferred until DP is applied for.
- UROW required for WRC pipeline for the Rosebud potable waterline document has been amended to a form acceptable to Land Titles and received a copy of the signed funding agreement.
- Assisted ATCO Gas Land Agent with a request to modify the relaxation agreement to accommodate revised signing arrangements during Covid distancing.
- Rosebud Lagoon: subdivision and re-designation approvals have been granted; final plan of subdivision is being prepared by WOOD; effluent line pipeline UROW– working with WOOD to prepare the UROW survey plan and IOPs required for UROW agreements for the effluent discharge line across the private lands; review Lynx crossing agreement for effluent lines.
- Thurn Pit grazing lease – The County is in the process of getting lease signed by the tenant – this lease is not typical as it's a pasture management test project for the AG department.
- Road closure bylaw public hearing was approved by Council – now waiting on all the agencies to reply and for Telus to prepare and submit the UROW.
- Ratepayers file - trying to get partial mortgage discharges for registrations that carried forward upon registration of plans.
- Gleichen encroachment – a garage that is encroaching into the undeveloped adjacent road allowance, submitted for discussion at the file review meeting.
- Lease at Carseland transfer site (south side) – adjacent owner asked about haying 5-6 acres adjacent to his field, will prepare RFD to council to ask for direction on leasing the parcel.
- DU wetland restoration project – discussing with DU a proposed project near Rosebud

Wheatland Regional Water

- Second quarter testing is complete for all system, samples have been sent.
- Sewer main flushing is being done in Rockyford.
- The wastewater spill at Gleichen was caused by flushable wipes, it was reported and the 7-day letter was submitted, we have embarked on an information campaign to warn customers of the damage these wipes can do to a system.
- Working on the Lead management plan with the help of an instructor at SAIT, she is putting together the preamble, the background rational, and the public communication plan.
- Once funding begins the Palliser GIS database system will be implemented, we have a tentative agreement from all the partners.

- We are working on the Cluny and Gleichen pivots so that we can spray effluent.
- We are preparing for assuming the water operations in Muirfield, Rockyview Utility Corporation is supposed to finish their contract at the end of July which is when Wheatland will take over water operations.
- Discussion of trucking Muirfield's wastewater to a Wheatland County facility (Carseland) there has been considerable discussion trying to determine the excess treatment capacity available for Muirfield and how it will be trucked and monitored.
- With reduced labor availability this year and a growing list of activities a formalized priority list for the operator duties has been completed to give some structure to formalize the importance of each task that the operators perform.

Agriculture & Environment Report

- 200 cases of strychnine sold to 124 producers, currently out of stock and awaiting a shipment with no ETA.
- 219 grain bags rolled for 41 producers.
- 30 baits stations set up in Gleichen, Carseland and the Waste transfer stations for gopher control.
- Weed inspections have started on County owned land and Villages.
- Seeding on RR 245 nearing completion.
- Brush cut stump treatments nearing completion.
- Thurn pit watering system installed for the season.
- Tree planter rented to 2 ratepayers.
- 6 ALUS projects and 3 Crowfoot Creek WRRP projects in the works and 4 landowners interested in Rosebud River WRRP funding.
- 2022 Provincial ASB tour planning underway with survey released to Ag Service Board members and staff.
- Completed draft of Agricultural Land Trust Resolution for Fall RMA Conference and sent to the Alberta Farmland Trust group for feedback.
- Applied for and received annual Class B Water Well Drilling License to support operations, beginning work on seasonal Temporary Diversion Licenses for dust control.
- Working with General Policy Committee to update County-wide general policies and Corporate and Financial Services Policies.
- Working on 2019 grant report due to Alberta Agriculture in June.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Brian Henderson