



Staff Report PW2021-023

Title of Report: PW2021-023 Department Report
Department: Public Works
Branch: None
Council Date: May 19, 2021

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PW2021-023 for information.

Background:

Public Works Department update

Staff Comments:

Transportation and Public Safety:

1. Staff circulated a TAPS questionnaire to operators regarding Construction and Maintenance Crews and Summer Hours, 10-hour workdays. The results indicate that there was no uptake/interest in 10-hour work days with Mondays or Fridays off. Comments also had concerns of heat fatigue, some very physical work, getting "burnt out". Inter depot COVID separation was also mentioned as a concern and recognized as valid points. Majority like the past summer hours schedule and benefit of Friday afternoon off after winter season. Only 2 operators signed up for Brushing Team and this will be filled and scheduled with those operators for duties on a rotating basis. At this time for the Summer of 2021, the current summer hours practice of Monday to Thursday 9 hour shifts and a 4-hour Friday shift will be followed. Next steps will be to provide a report to be received at a future Personnel Committee meeting for discussion. This information will also contain other Grey County municipalities summer work hours schedules.
2. During excavation for the sanitary sewer main installation by Moorefield Excavating for servicing the Flato-Glenelg development in the Keppel Street Right of Way (ROW) adjacent to the Grey County Dundalk Depot, buried materials from past ownership practices unearthed empty barrels, steel culverts, guiderail sections, tires and other debris. The soil materials were left stockpiled and Township staff-initiated Rubicon Environmental to complete testing and analysis of the soils and an environmental report. The testing analysis indicated no environmental impairment within the soils and meets the applicable Ontario Regulation 511/09 for Industrial/Commercial Land Use with Coarse Textured Soil in Potable Groundwater Condition, Table 2.

Working together with Grey County staff, a plan was implemented with 2 Township roll off containers placed for sorting and removal of steel (9,080 pounds) and approximately 105 tires, with County backhoe and operator, The Hopeville loader and 5 Grey County triaxle dump trucks and 4 Southgate tandem dump trucks, for a total of 110 loads were taken to the Egremont Landfill, 39 County loads and 71 Southgate loads for 1,299 tonnes of soil materials for application of landfill covering.

3. The Sideroad 41 60 km/h speed zone signage was installed as per Southgate By-law 2020-142 December 2, 2020, and PW Staff Report -057 :
That when any highway or portion of highway set out below is marked in compliance with the regulations under the Highway Traffic Act, the maximum rate of speed thereon shall be 60 (sixty) kilometers per hour:
b) Southgate Sideroad 41 from Southgate Road 08 (westerly section) 3.2 kilometers south turning into Sligo Road;
4. The Public Works Foreman was called out by OPP on Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 9pm to close Southgate Road 22 from Grey Road 14 to Southgate Sideroad 13. The Public Works Manager was contacted by OPP on Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 1:20am to clear debris on road. An operator was called in to clean up and clear the road and was reopened at approximately 3:35am.
5. Maintenance gravel and calcium applications will be restarted again the week of May 17, 2021.

Water and Wastewater:

1. Triton Engineering submitted the Foley Drain Assimilative Capacity Study to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in addressing the Dundalk Wastewater Environmental Assessment (EA) process.
2. The Dundalk wastewater treatment facility began discharging effluent on May 2, 2021, after in-house testing of unionized ammonia results were in compliance levels, the plant has been shut down since March 5th.
3. Temporary potable watermain connections were made to residences affected with the new Grey/Glenelg Street watermain upgrade installation on May 11, 2021.

Waste Resources and Diversion Management:

1. Data Call reporting for Blue Box funding was submitted on April 30, 2021.
2. Residents are reminded to have their carts out for collection by 7am on the day of their collection. Routes are growing and a second truck is sometimes being deployed earlier to accommodate operations and 3 collection trucks are mobilizing on Wednesdays typically Route 3, for the Flato development areas cart collections.

Cemetery:

1. Staff have had discussions with Rock Compact Excavating who were awarded the Dundalk Maple Grove Cemetery grave opening and closing at a cost of \$800.00 at the March 3, 2021 Council Meeting.

With the staff change that occurred for Operator/Cemetery Caretaker, for an extended 6-month period, the current caretaker has the skills to operate a rented mini excavator for opening and closing graves. We have now done 2 burials in this manner. Also explained to the contractor was the Fees and Charges will need to be increased to cover these costs which is scheduled for July. The contractor was concerned our work may not be to his standard and did not want to be associated if there were concerns of workmanship.

The contractor sent email correspondence with the following:

Good morning,

This email is in regards to the cemetery burial contract that I Cooper Sturrock of Rock Compact Excavating out of Flesherton tendered a few months back.

I would like to withdraw my tender that I submitted and was awarded, due to the contract I agreed upon unexpectedly changing on the municipality's end. Please make it public knowledge that Rock Compact excavating is no longer in charge of the burials at maple grove cemetery, so that I am not liable in the public's eye if anything is not done to the standards of which it should be. Thank you,

Staff have accepted his withdrawal of services and may have to look for winter retendering for alternative for burials if Caretaker is busy with snow operations.

Rental and delivery and pick up for mini excavator is \$415.00 plus HST.

Financial Implications:

The unexpected soil disposal from the Keppel ROW sanitary main installation will be offset in the Roads Operation budget. The Rubicon Environmental report was completed at a cost of \$15,792.77 including HST and will be charged to Roads Miscellaneous.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

Goal 5 - Upgrading our "Hard Services"

Action 5:

The residents and businesses of Southgate recognize our linear services - roads, bridges, water, and sewer works, for example - to be a fundamental purpose of municipal government. This infrastructure needs to be serviceable and sustainable so that our businesses and communities can thrive and grow.

Concluding Comments:

Staff recommends that Council receive Staff Report PW2021-023 for information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: None