



**GRAND VALLEY**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Matt Bos, Director of Public Works  
**Meeting Date:** January 14, 2025  
**Report Number:** **2025-003**  
**Subject:** Public Works Update Report – January,2025

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### **Recommendation**

**THAT** Council receives the Public Works Update Report January, 2025 for information purposes.

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### **Executive Summary**

#### **Purpose**

To provide council with information on the activities and projects from the Public Works Department.

#### **Key Findings**

A brief description of the activities and projects accomplished or on going in Public Works.

- Continuous winter event response.
- Sewer service blockage on Amaranth Street West.
- Pressure washer ordered- 2025 Capital.
- What is coming up in Public Works.

## **Financial Implications**

None

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## **Report**

### **Background**

Ongoing monthly requirements of the Director of Public Works.

### **Discussion**

#### **Continuous winter response.**

In the month of December Public Works responded 23 days to winter events. Fortunately, we have not experienced any major mechanical failures which makes maintaining our level of service obtainable each day. On three occasions, we have had to rotate crews' availability on weekends to reset their hours of service to stay in compliance with the Highway Traffic Act. Crews have mostly been able to stay healthy with only a few sick days needed and spirits remain high.

#### **Sewer service blockage on Amaranth Street West.**

On the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Town became aware of a sewer service failure at a home on Amaranth Street West. The blockage was discovered by a plumber that the homeowner hired when they began to have drainage problems in the home. Public Works then confirmed the blockage and took steps towards rectifying the issue in a timely fashion. By Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, Allto Construction was on site at 7am with all the equipment needed and locates from all applicable utilities in hand. It took 16 hours to complete the job. A major defect was discovered in the original Town owned infrastructure which was causing the problem. The defect was rectified while the excavation was open, and the resident had drainage restored before midnight.

#### **Pressure washer ordered-2025 Capital.**

A new pressure washer has been ordered for Public Works. It should be delivered the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>. The unit is a Dynablast brand, and it is coming from Bryans

Pumps in Alliston. Bryans Pumps has been serving Simcoe and Dufferin County's for many years and offers excellent service and support for the equipment that they sell.

**What is coming up in Public Works.**

Public Works has been very busy with snow but when we finally get a break and equipment is cleaned and maintained for the next event, we will be tackling some tree cutting in Town and at the new ballpark on Concession 2/3. Public Works will be having the sand storage building at the North shop filled up at the end of January. And the Public Works Director is actively working with contractors to obtain quotes for the renovations at the North shop that were approved in the 2025 capital budget. Also, micro surfacing and gravel tenders will be going out this month.

**Financial Impact**

None

**Consultations**

None

**Attachments**

None

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