



**GRAND VALLEY**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Matt Bos, Director of Public Works  
**Meeting Date:** December 10, 2024  
**Report Number:** **2024-123**  
**Subject:** Public Works update

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### **Recommendation**

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

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### **Executive Summary**

#### **Purpose**

To provide Council with a monthly update Public Works highlights.

#### **Key Findings**

Accomplishments of the last month are as follows:

- Opening of Bridge 10.
- Sale of two tandem plow trucks, unit 42&45.
- Minor storm water pond maintenance.
- Christmas lights hung and Public Works participation with the Santa Claus parade.
- Public Works response to some of the year's first winter weather events.

#### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications to this report.

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## Report

### Background

An ongoing requirement of the Director of Public Works to update Council on the operational highlights, successes and challenges of the passed month.

### Discussion

Below is a brief overview of Public Works accomplishments during the month of November.

**Opening of Bridge 10.-** Bridge 10 was opened for vehicle traffic on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Director of Public Works worked closely with Burnside's to ensure details were addressed in the final stages of the project's completion. Hugo MB, the bridge contractor, will return in the Spring to complete final grading of the shoulders and ditch banks before seeding to restore the growth of vegetation. Overall, the experience was positive for Town staff working through this project.

**Sale of two tandem plow trucks, Units 42 & 45.-** On November 26<sup>th</sup> bidding closed on the Gov Deals website for two units that had been up for auction for fourteen (14) days. Collectively both sales yielded \$33,000.00. The auction is now closed and both units have been picked up and are now in possession of their owners.

**Minor storm water pond maintenance-** Public Works staff put on the rubber boots and tried checking off a couple minor recommended maintenance items that have been lingering on our annual storm water pond inspection reports that are completed by Burnside's. Crews focus was on inlets and outlets cleaning out vegetation in these areas and picking up litter and debris all around the ponds. This winter Public Works plans to remove some Willow trees from the storm ponds while they are still a manageable size.

**Hanging of Town Christmas Lights and Public Works participation with the Santa Claus parade.** -On November 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Orangeville Hydro was in Grand Valley hanging Christmas lights and replacing many ground fault interrupter receptacles high

on poles throughout the downtown. Orangeville Hydro also assisted staff with wrapping the tree at the Elizabeth Taylor pavilion with new strings of lights.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> three (3) members of the Public Works Department along with three (3) members of the Grand Valley and District Fire Department provided road closures and traffic protection for the Santa Claus parade. These services were provided without any complications.

**Public Works response to 2024 first winter weather events.** -Public Works has been successful so far this season with our responses to winter weather events. Our department is heading into the winter well prepared. Our equipment is all working well with no breakdowns or failures to report. Staff are all healthy and anticipating a busy winter. Staff is now on a 4am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday schedule and on a call-in basis for Weekends. We also have seven day a week patrols being conducted as part of our winter control program

**Financial Impact**

None

**Consultations**

None.

**Attachments**

None.

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