



GRAND VALLEY

## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Matt Bos, Director of Public Works  
**Meeting Date:** April 8, 2025  
**Report Number:** 2025-060  
**Subject:** Public Works update report – April 2025

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### Recommendation

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

### 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 accomplished or on going in Public Works.

- Continuous winter event response.
- North Shop renovation.
- Flooding update.
- Ice storm update.
- What is coming up in Public Works.

#### Financial Implications

None

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## Report

### Background

Ongoing monthly requirement of the Director of Public Works.

### Discussion

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

In the month of March Public Works responded to winter events on 15 out of 31 days.

#### **North Shop renovation.**

In the 2025 capital budget Public Works was approved to go ahead with some much-needed renovations and repairs at the North Shop. On March 31st the first item was checked off the list with the installation of one new overhead door replacing an existing failing door. Also, a contractor has been chosen to complete the renovations at the south side of the building. B.T. Builders will be starting the work in the coming weeks.

#### **Flooding update.**

On March 16<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:30 am the Grand River started to breach the banks of Water Street with Public Works witnessing the water rising and pooling on the road. Public Works protected the hazard by implementing road closures and continued to constantly reassess to safely detour traffic away from the flooding. By 9 am the water had reached the Town's sewage pumping station and many basements on Main Street South of the bridge. As the situation developed an Emergency Control group formed and the Director of Public Works reported to them regularly with conditions and needs. As the water receded around 10 am on March 17<sup>th</sup> the affected roads were left with slick mud on them. Grand Valley Public Works staff, with the assistance of East Garafraxa staff was able to scrape up the majority of the mud and haul it away. On March 18<sup>th</sup> the Town's 2025 street sweeper contractor was on site to clean up the residual mud and the Public Work's crew worked through the affected park lands to clean up debris left behind by the flooding.

#### **March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Ice storm update.**

On the weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> an ice storm swept through Dufferin County and surrounding areas. Public Works crews responded with sanding, salting, and ice blading on three different occasions during a 36-hour period. Once the roads were deemed viable crews then turned their attention to downed trees and branches. These efforts continued through to April 1<sup>st</sup> utilizing in-house equipment such as a backhoe, chainsaws, and woodchipper.

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

Public Works is slowly shifting into Spring operations. Street sweeping is set to commence April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Town's maintenance gravel contract has been awarded to Robinson Haulage of Killworthy and those operations are to take place during the month of May. The Town's micro surfacing contract has been awarded to Duncor of Barrie and micro surfacing will take place at some point during the Summer of 2025.

**Financial Impact**

None

**Consultations**

None

**Attachments**

None

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