



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Matt Bos, Director of Public Works
Meeting Date: May 13, 2025
Report Number: 2025-084
Subject: Public Works update report – April 2025

Recommendation

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

Executive Summary

Purpose

To provide the 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.

- Wrapping up winter event response.
- Maintenance Gravel.
- Street sweeping.
- Courses attended.
- Gateway sign update.
- What is coming up in Public Works.

Financial Implications

None

Report

Background

Ongoing monthly requirement of the Director of Public Works.

Discussion

Wrapping up winter event response.

During the month of April, Public Works staff responded to winter road conditions for three days. As the winter weather has come to an end and weather patterns are transitioning to Spring conditions, Public Works has begun dressing down the equipment for Spring/Summer operations. Road restrictions (“half load”) were lifted as of May 5.

Maintenance gravel.

On April 14th maintenance gravel work started. Collectively, with in-house staff and equipment and the assistance of trucking and gravel supplied by Robinson Haulage, Public Works has successfully installed 18,000 tons of gravel in thirteen days. Over the course of the next three weeks, Public Works will continue grading where required to get ready for the calcium application that is scheduled to start June 2nd.

Street sweeping.

On April 14th street sweeping started. Winter sand left on the roads was much heavier this year due to the long relentless winter resulting in the street sweeping project requiring nine days to be completed. The Public Works Director is pleased with the contractor’s performance and quality of work and has received positive feedback from residents.

Courses attended.

In April Public Works had three employees attend professional training courses. The Director attended a five-day Storm Water Management Course and two Roads Employees attended a three-day Bridge and Culvert Management Course.

Gateway sign update.

At the June 25, 2024 Council meeting, CAO Townsend presented a report to Council titled [Gateway Signage and other signage ideas](#). Following discussion, Council approved the

purchase and installation of four gateway signs for the Town, with locations to be determined – ([Council Resolution 2024-06-35](#)) .

Public Works took delivery of the signs mid-winter and are now ready to plan the installation. Consideration of location for these signs included factors of road ownership, road sightlines, topography and existing utilities. The proposed locations are as follows.

- Water Street in front of the Fire Station.
- Main Street North, beside the Anglican Cemetery, replacing the existing weathered Grand Valley sign.
 - The sign at County Road 25 and Concession 4-5 would be removed from private property. Discussion with the garden club will need to take place regarding the flower bed that they maintain at that location.
- Concession 2/3 in the vicinity of the new ballpark.
- Amaranth Street East at the top of the hill, east of the campground.

What is coming up in Public Works.

Public Works have fully shifted into Spring/Summer operations.

Public Works spring/summer workplan includes:

- additional gravel road grading to prepare for calcium application.
- continuing with sign maintenance/replacement resulting from winter operations damage.
- installation of traffic calming devices, speed cushions and bollards on Leeson and Taylor Streets; and
- road line painting commencing the week of May 12th.

Financial Impact

None

Consultations

None

Attachments

None

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