



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Matt Bos, Director of Public Works
Meeting Date: October 14, 2025
Report Number: 2025-173
Subject: Public Works Update – September 2025

Recommendation

THAT Council receives the Public Works Update Report September 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.

- Ditching with Gradall contractor.
- Mechanical brushing completed.
- Annual bridge washing completed.
- Interviewing and hiring of two new Roads Employees.
- Winter sand and salt stocking completed.
- What is coming up in Public Works.

Financial Implications

None

Report

Background

Ongoing monthly requirement of the Director of Public Works.

Discussion

Ditching with Gradall contractor.

Throughout the month of September and early October in-house staff worked with a Gradall contractor for 15 days to complete approximately 2700 meters of ditching and restored positive drainage in a number of other rural and urban locations by removing high shoulders and redirecting water off the platform of the road in these pre-identified locations.

Mechanical brushing completed.

During the month of September in-house staff operated a rented piece of equipment that does mechanical brushing of right of ways. The machine operated for 12 days. 7 of those days were roadside and 5 of those days were on the rail trail.

Annual bridge washing completed.

Early in September crews completed the outstanding undercarriage washing of bridges.

Interviewing and hiring of two new Roads Employees.

In late August Public Works posted for two Roads Employee positions. One full time position and one contract position to cover an upcoming maternity leave. During the posting we received 40 resumes. After interviews two job offers were made and accepted. The full-time position is starting October 6th and the contract position is starting November 10th.

Winter sand and salt stocking completed.

Dalton Lowe Construction stocked approximately 1600 tons of sand blended with 5% salt in our storage building at the North shop. Also, 80 tons of salt was stocked at our Town shop storage building for sidewalk and parking lot winter operations.

What is coming up in Public Works.

In the month of October crews will complete storm pond maintenance at the Taylor Drive pond and wet and dry ponds in Mayberry. Crews will also be installing a new cross culvert in an identified “problem” area during spring thaw on Concession 21/22 North of Sideroad 2/3. Along with those activities crews will be starting to winterize certain equipment and get ready for winter operations.

Financial Impact

None

Consultations

None

Attachments

None

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