



GRAND VALLEY

## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Matt Bos, Director of Public Works  
**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2025  
**Report Number:** 2026-009  
**Subject:** Public Works Update – December 2025

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### Recommendation

**THAT** Council receives the Public Works Update Report December 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.

- Winter operations.
- Two-way radio upgrade.
- Ice storm response.
- 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**

#### **Winter operations**

In the month of December Public Works staff responded to, apart from December 25, winter road conditions on twenty-nine days.

#### **Two-way radio upgrade.**

Prior to the holiday season, the Public Works Director completed a two-way radio channel project with Hartman Communications that commenced in early 2025 . Completion of the project has enabled Grand Valley Public Works to have its own two-way radio channel. The project which was approved as part of the 2025 operating budget, included installation of a new antenna and repeater on the Town's communication tower and the programming of existing radios for the new channel. The project was delayed as the new channel required Industry Canada approval through a North American wide approval process. In addition to Public Works, By-Law Enforcement has been outfitted with a radio which will provide additional means of communication and access to Public Works staff when performing winter parking enforcement and other operations of that nature.

#### **Ice storm response.**

On Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> a freezing rainstorm swept through our region leaving approximately 20mm of ice in its wake. Public Works was able to track the storm 24 hours in advance, enabling staff to plan to take some proactive measures in advance of the storms arrival. By mid-morning on December 28<sup>th</sup> Public Works had deployed all necessary resources to salt, sand, and ice blade the roads to maintain traction on the roads for the duration of the storm.

Immediately following the freezing rain event, staff managed approximately 48 hours of snow and moderate to high winds. During this time, the crew remained healthy and happy and did not sustain any major mechanical failures to report through the event. We are pleased to report that at no point during this event was the Town's level of service compromised nor was there a time that our level of service was forecasted to be compromised.

The freezing rain event has resulted in many broken tree branches throughout Town. As this type of storm clean-up is not a level of service provided by Public Works, the Director is seeking Council's direction on the level of service Public Works will provide during the spring clean-up and to be included in the Town's 2026 operating budget.

**What is coming up in Public Works**

In January, Public Works will be preparing and posting tenders for Council approved 2026 capital projects including: maintenance gravel, urban road resurfacing, curb and sidewalk projects. Inbetween winter operations, crews will focus first on equipment maintenance and then catch up on moving snow storage piles and other roads activities throughout the Town.

**Financial Impact**

None

**Consultations**

None

**Attachments**

None

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