

The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa Staff Monthly Report

Office of Infrastructure Services

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Preamble

The following report is based on items concerning the Municipality of Wawa that have been directed by the Infrastructure Services Department. This information is for the month of March, 2021.

Operations

March saw a flurry of weather patterns including high winds, accumulative snow, maximal amounts of rainfall and sunshine with above normal temperatures.

IS crews were busy keeping up with the changing weather. The steam genny was busy in several locations around the Municipality thawing catch basins to relieve spring run off. With the warm weather half load restrictions were imposed on the gravel roads until such time that the roads tighten up to allow the travelling of larger equipment without damage. That being said, Nextbridge have asked IS for a two-week extension on the Harbour and Tremblay Flats Road to allow them to finish erecting the last 4 hydro towers on the reserve portion of the powerline project. To keep the roads maintained, Nextbridge have agreed to pay costs for equipment, materials and man hours during the extension period plus additional gravel in summer months. Both the street sweeper and sidewalk broom made their first attempt at clearing the accumulated winter sand from the downtown core with much more to come as the weather warms and ice recedes.

Water & Sewer

The Water Department and GFL were called upon three times in the month to St. Joseph French Emersion School with blockages in the sanitary line. Problems with the sanitary line are being addressed in the School Zone Project.

The new SCADA system for the water plant has been successfully installed with a few more tweaks to the programming to finish the project.



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Request for Quotations will be sent to chemical suppliers for review of products and pricing for the 2021 budgeting year.

Cemetery

Hydro One contacted IS with a vegetation management proposal for the cemetery located on Tremblay Flats Road. A separate memorandum will be addressing this issue.

The road to the Woodland Cemetery held up this year with the addition of material s to the road raising the surface above the water level.

In the fall of 2020 a notice was made public regarding the materials on plots to be removed. Another notice will be sent out regarding the opening of the cemetery and for those who wish to check on loved ones before Public Works employees begin the spring cleaning of the grounds.

Capital 2021

School Zone Project – after initial visit with Council Tulloch Engineering made some changes and presented to the public at a consultation held at the MMCC. The presentation was well attended by the public with lots of questions and feedback. The week following was contacting the schools involved and listening to their questions and concerns. The final outcome and recommendation will be presented to Council at the April meeting for final approval so the tendering process can commence.

The Connecting Link Project is patiently awaiting the warmer weather to complete the line painting and the introduction of pedestrian crossings.

Landfill

The warmer weather is uncovering articles forgotten about from the fall bringing a few more residents to the landfill getting an early start on the spring cleaning.

A single load of scrap steel was removed from the landfill this month with approximately 14 tons being accounted for. AIM is the scrap steel dealer that the Municipality occasionally has come in to take materials when the price and quantity allows removal.

Infrastructure Services Forecasted Schedule

April hopefully brings warmer weather allowing winter equipment to be taken off and serviced before storing for season, checking cemeteries for ground maintenance to be completed and the continuation of street and sidewalk sweeping.