

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 the happenings of the Infrastructure Services Department for the months of July and August

Operations

July and August were busy months for the IS staff. The continuous grading of gravel roads to accommodate the many contractors and equipment kept the operators busy.

The start of the sidewalk rehabilitation along Mission Road from the Big Bird Hotel to the Outdoors Man kept the other half of the crew busy. Students were busy cutting grass at municipal buildings, cemeteries and town.

Water & Sewer

The Water Department began July with regular maintenance being performed on the Water Plant and its system while also catching up on some outstanding water meter issues.

August was all about training employees on all aspects of the water plant and its working system. A short term operator position was opened to meet the requirements of the Municipality's water operating system while a long term solution is being carefully thought out.

Capital 2021

School Zone Project – Wow, what a start. With being unable to acquire materials for the sewer replacement and the short duration of time required to finish before the start of school season, this portion of the project was moved to 2022. The roads are being prepped for asphalt replacement and surface grinding while another crew came in and completed the old, new sidewalk replacements along with the entire curb and gutter

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portion as well. It was a bit trying at times to get through the construction zones but with a little patience it all worked out.

Connecting Line Project - the project was completed with just the warranty period left.

There seems to be a on going problem with the PXO lights working intermittent or simply not at all. This is baffling the contractor as the majority of parts have been replaced and specialty personnel have been contacted to diagnose the problem. Let's hope for a solution as soon as possible to keep everyone safe.

Sidewalk Replacement Project – this project is to replace the sidewalks along Mission Road to the current building code standards. The sections in phase 1 are from the Big Bird on Magpie Road to the Outdoors Man on Klondike Street with the second half to be from Churchill Avenue to Chris Simon Drive. Phase 2 will be to assess and replace other sections that need to be replaced according to the recent assessment performed this year. This project will be done completely in house with IS staff.

Woodland Cemetery Expansion – Tulloch Engineering will be taking over the Cemetery expansion project to provide the Municipality with a survey of the area and a draft of the proposed plot arrangement. This project will be divided into phases for the coming years with a cost estimate and completion time line. I am hoping that we will have a draft design of the new site recommendations to share with Council and the Cemetery Committee in the coming months.

Landfill

The next step for the landfill expansion was an open house that was held at the Community Centre in August that provided a view of past and present steps taken in the process of expansion. The Environmental Screening Process was completed with an Environmental Screening Report being available for public review for the next 60 days starting September 7.

The site preparation is slated to start in the spring of 2022 with the majority of work to new construction to be performed in the Fall. Fingers crossed that there will be no delays with moving forward as the current site is getting close with the current fill limits.

Infrastructure Services Forecasted Schedule

September will be the wrap up of the sidewalk project until next year and hopefully the last of the grass cutting. The gravel roads will be graded to accommodate the fall / winter seasons and the stock piling of winter sand will commence. Any other small projects will be wrapped up as weather gets unpredictable as Fall sets in.

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