

Monthly Report

Operations

April 2023

In addition to their routine maintenance work Operational Services staff worked on and will be working on:

RECREATION & HORTICULTURE

- Recreation staff have started spring cleanup of parks and green spaces.
- Dickey Park washroom has been closed on several occasions during the past month due to vandalism.
- The stadium will be closed the first week of May while the ice is being removed and staff complete facility maintenance.
- Looking ahead to next season, the stadium ice will be available for rentals commencing on August 28.
- Weather permitting staff will have the Robb Complex fields ready for use by April 13.
- Matt Selig is registered to take training courses in early May related to turf management and urban forestry.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

- Pothole patching continues to be a priority. Weather permitting staff are patching potholes on a daily basis, in the past month staff have placed approximately 45 tonnes of recycled asphalt.
- One broken water main was repaired in the past month. (44 Copp Avenue)
- Amherst Water Utility 2022 Municipal Drinking Water Supply Annual Report was submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment for review.
- Quarterly water meter reading started on April 3.
- The mechanic and welder have started working on the summer equipment to ensure the mowers and trailers are ready for use when needed.
- Staff have started repairing lawn damage, picking up broken curb, and replacing broken traffic signs from the winter.
- Weather permitting the street sweeper will be put into service by April 13.

Upcoming / Ongoing projects:

- Traffic paint to be ordered, staff anticipate a start time of mid May for line markings.
- Recreation and Public Works seasonal employees will return to work on May 1.
- Meter repairs and investigation of high or no consumption will be ongoing when quarterly meter reading is complete.
- Upcoming events at the Amherst Stadium include:
 - May 17 – Job Fair
 - May 26 – Amherst Rotary Club Wine, Beer, and Spirits Tasting Event

Task Updates: **No outstanding tasks at this time**