

Monthly Report

Operations

April 2024

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

RECREATION & HORTICULTURE

- Dickey Park washroom is open daily 8:00am to 5:00pm.
- Staff are working towards having all parks cleaned up and washrooms ready for opening by the May long weekend or sooner weather permitting.
- Outdoor rink has been disassembled and stored.
- The stadium will be closed for ice removal and facility maintenance following the end of the Rambler season.
- The flag poles at the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Centre were damaged by the wind, staff have ordered the required parts and repairs should be completed by the end of April.
- Staff have been calling NS Power regarding the flood lights in the stadium parking lot and were assured they will be back to fix the issue. Their system showed they had already resolved our issue, which was not the case.
- Staff will be working on getting the Robbs complex fields ready for use when field conditions permit, currently too wet to allow any equipment on the fields.
- Staff will be installing safe sharps containers in all of our public washrooms.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets and sidewalks were salted 11 times during the month.
- Pothole patching continues to be a priority. Weather permitting staff are patching potholes on a daily basis, and in the past month staff have placed approximately 30 tonnes of recycled asphalt.
- Water utility staff are constructing the new swab launchers for the wellfield and plan to have the installation completed by the end of April.
- The street sweeper has been taken out of storage and will be put into service when temperatures are favorable.
- The mechanic and welder are removing and storing snow removal equipment and have started working on the summer equipment to ensure the mowers and trailers are ready for use when needed.
- Amherst Water Utility 2023 municipal drinking water supply annual report was submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment for review.
- Traffic paint has been ordered; staff anticipate a start time of mid May for line markings.
- Quarterly water meter reads started on April 2, 2024.

UPCOMING

- Recreation and Public Works seasonal employees will return to work on April 29.
- Meter repairs and investigation of high or no consumption will be ongoing when quarterly meter reading is complete.
- Upcoming events at the stadium include;
 - May 4: Judo Nova Scotia Championships.
 - May 9: Circus
 - May 16: Job Fair
 - May 26: Wrestling Event
 - May 31: Rotary Wine, Beer, and Spirits Tasting event

Task Updates:

Task: 20231218 - Water Utility Dump Truck Purchase

Update: A purchase order has been given to Nova Truck Centres and the truck has been ordered. Delivery of the new truck is expected in December 2024.

Status: In Progress

Task: WWTP Grey Water Energy Extraction Report

Update: Jay Crossman has prepared a draft report with respect to grey water energy extraction. Director of Operations will review and finalize the report and present the findings to council at a future COW meeting.

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