

# Monthly Report

## Operations

### March 2019

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We placed approximately 14 tonnes of recycled asphalt in potholes in February, bringing our total tonnage to 36 tonnes placed in January and February.

The utility crew performed daily checks of walkways and entrances to Town owned buildings, removing snow and ice as needed. The utility crew also removed the remaining Christmas lights from South Albion Street, put up banners for African Heritage month, set up traffic control for the Valentines Run, and repaired or replaced compost bins.

There were 3 snow events in February which required plowing of streets, sidewalks, and parking lots.

- February 13, 2019 – 20 cm
- February 21, 2019 – 10 cm
- February 25, 2019 – 10 cm

Snow was hauled from downtown streets and parking lots on two occasions. Hauling snow from the downtown core during the day has presented some challenges and we are continuously adjusting and improving the process to ensure the safety of our staff and public.

The salt truck was out almost daily as the trend of fluctuating temperatures continued throughout the month.

Sidewalk sanders were out four days in February applying a mix of sand and salt to improve traction on all sidewalks.

There were 5 broken water mains in February:

- Willow Street – 10” cast iron main cracked
- Rupert Street – 6” valve failed
- Upper Nappan – 10” PVC main broken under highway (main runs in a steel casing)
- Agnew Street – 6” hydrant lead cracked
- Foundry Street – 6” cast iron main, hole in main.

The water crew continued with meter repairs that measured zero consumption during the latest reads and also assisted residents in identifying the possible source of high-water consumption during the last quarter.

Water department staff also kept busy during the month constructing a partition wall to create a new office space on the second floor of Town Hall.

The sewer crew have been doing their typical bi-weekly sampling at the Treatment Plant and the regular cleaning of the Terrace Lift Station. They have been cleaning the bar screen at the WWTP on a daily basis since the channel monster failed in the fall.

The sewer crew have also been keeping catch basins and culverts clear of snow and ice to prevent flooding.

Operations staff also did maintenance work at the Police Station, Library, and the Community Credit Union Business Innovations Center. Typical repairs include plumbing, leaks, plugged toilets, broken door closers, and ceiling tile replacement.

There were no major mechanical issues with the equipment during the month which gave the mechanic an opportunity to catch up on oil changes and other preventative maintenance of fleet vehicles.

Upcoming / ongoing projects for March:

- Patching of potholes with recycled hot mix asphalt
- Emptying of dog waste receptacles
- Solid waste collection from on street receptacles
- Week day maintenance at the outdoor rink
- Snow and de-icing operations as needed
- Water department staff to attend training session on the physical and chemical properties of chlorine gas, transportation methods, health effects of acute exposure, proper selection of personal protective equipment, first aid, and medical treatment measures.

Unightly Premises:

A judicial review has been requested related to the order to demolish the buildings located at 196 East Victoria Street. The first court date is set for March 28.

The property owner of 59 Church Street has filed a Planning Appeal of the Order to demolish that property with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. While we have not received official notification from the Board, it is our understanding that there is no basis for an appeal to the Board on Dangerous or Unightly Premises matters.

The demolitions of both 2 Industrial Park Drive and 16 Prince Arthur Street by the Town are currently in the planning / procurement stages. We tentatively anticipate that these demolitions will take place the week of April 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Advisory Committee has ordered the property located at 1 Spring Street to be demolished.