To: Peter Thomas, CAO
From: Dolan Isaac, Public Works Foreman
Date: June 26, 2024
Re: Public Works Department Report for May 27 to June 26, 2024

Projects

- All surplus items were sold after the extension to the closing date and the items have been paid for and picked up from Public Works
- The spruce trees at the Ball Diamonds have been doing well, checked daily for any that will need to be tied back from leaning and with the wet season we have been having, no watering has been needed as per directions of the installer
- On June 20 Rycroft Public Works had a meeting with CN Public Works. They will have CID come clean and groom the ditch in their property in the northeast corner of the Village (from behind Dika's, east to highway 2), clean up rail ties and debris from track side by the ball diamonds, improve drainage on the west side of track at culvert, and cut humps from ditches to allow straight runs to culverts. WSP will give elevation shots to CID for proper ditch slopes (invoiced to CN).
- Paving project:
    1. All subgrade and gravel base work has been completed
    2. The three culverts at the 47 avenue creek crossing have been replaced at the cost of $17,000 instead of $40,000 (Village's only cost was for the culverts, Wapiti absorbed the install cost) due to them collapsing from being in the main haul route (and age).
    3. Curb string line install for concrete gutters was started on June 20, and the pour started on June 26, 2024
    4. 2 manholes on 49 street were dug down due to disintegrating brick and mortar risers, replaced with offset concrete slabs and concreted in place as an extra work item
    5. Replacement of the degraded sidewalk on the north end of Potter Villa will be replaced as an extra work item through Wapiti.
    6. We work weekly with Wapiti and GFL to maintain uninterrupted garbage pick up services.
- CFO moved into the Village full time on June 4. Public Works has been meeting daily during the fiber installation. We monitor for any excess damages caused by hydro vac and drilling equipment. Repairs are made to Village standards - hydraulic oil leaks on new pavement were washed off by CFO. Sidewalk damages in front of the Hall will be repaired by CFO using Wapiti while they are working in the area.
- The Merry pioneers have a need for a rental space to be made of the Change Room on stage right at the Hall. Cost of the renovations materials are $750 + labor and electrical work to have 2 plug ins installed.

Water and sewer

- 2 water meters have been changed out to the Mach 10 meters
- June 25, Aquacor switched over to the 18M and started to refill the 8M from the Spirit River. we will continue to pump from the river when ever we have enough water behind weir throughout the

season. The change of reservoirs has caused some water turbidity issues that will subside in several days

- 3 yards of 1.5” gravel placed and leveled at the dig site in front of Crossroads Motel
- Public Works had the chance to visit the water main replacement that is happening in Spirit River and see the work being done and speak with the contractor.
- Filled an old CC dig site and reseed with grass.
- We dug and repaired a bent CC on 47 street.
- Insituform was on site on June 25 to do the repair patches to the sewer main liner exploratory holes. Public Works handed out flyers of the work being done to the residents in effected area, and exposed manholes where needed for access.

Streets

- Street sweeping was completed May 31, streets will need another cleaning this summer season once construction is all completed. Each sweeping costs the Village approximately $2,000 in materials and labor.
- Water has been found to be holding in the north and south ditches on the east end of 50 avenue. The cause is the fire pond that they drain into is at capacity and causing water leveling backup, the fire pond is within the MD 133 boundaries which we have no control over. We will take some elevation shots along these area and make sure we have nothing compromising drainage firstly.
- The subdivision was graded twice during this report period.
- Resident in the new paving area was concerned about lack of grass at top of landscaping, grass seed had washed down slope and was thick behind curb. Public Works reseeded and raked in new grass seed.
- Public Works monitored the Village during a heavy rain event on June 15
- Alley grooming was started on June 21

Other

- The John Deere mulcher unit has been converted to side discharge only as the mulcher function got very little use during the mowing season.
- 25 locate requests have been completed during this report period.
- Hauled stumps away from boulevard on 49 street and disposed.
- Public Works first hired student left us and due to another opportunity. With no other student candidates, we hired a Senior seasonal worker who started on June 11.
- Public Works filled out the AEP 2024 drought survey for wastewater release
- Inspect, take pictures, give recommendations, clean and mow the 3 tax sale properties taken over by the Village.
- Get 2 local contractors to get quotes for the demolition of the 3 tax sale properties. Waiting on numbers currently.
- Gardner Vegetation was in the Village to spray all the sand at the playgrounds on June 14
- Regarding the concerns of the Ball diamond parking lot holding water, we took pictures during rain event, and the area had drained within 24 hours of rain stopping. 3 yards of gravel was added to a 2 lower spots that were noted and the whole parking lot groomed. One swale was installed to drain water quicker towards the ditch west of the sea can. Public Works and Danny will continue to monitor and fine tune the parking lot as needed.
- Public Works painted 3 handicap parking spots in the front parking at the Hall as per request by Merry pioneers.
- Cracks in the sidewalk in front of church on 50 street were sealed with a concrete crack filler.