

Monthly Report

Operations

February 21, 2017

During the month of January two snow events required plowing of streets. The weather didn't get cold enough to create a lot of frost in the streets, resulting in fewer potholes than is typically the case. The Streets and Utility crew has assisted with lighting, benches and the ramp for the downtown ice surface.

Water meter reads were done this month. Two water main breaks required repairs: 5 Donald Avenue and 5 Ratchford Street. These mains are both cast iron pipe which is the typical type of pipe to break with ground shift from frost in the streets. One new water lateral was installed for a new home at 1166 Tyndal Road. The Water crew has also been helpful with some of the construction and installation of a temporary water service for the new downtown ice surface.

The Sewer crew has been doing their typical bi-weekly sampling of the Treatment Plant and the regular cleaning of the Terrace Lift Station.

The mechanic has kept up with the challenge of maintaining our equipment during a busy snow season. He has also completed some upgrades to our asphalt recycling trailer to enable the crew to do their patching more efficiently and safely. He also helped with the recent upgrades to one of our larger trailer mounted generators with the replacement of the fuel tank with a double lined unit. The existing tank was over 25 years old. The mechanic also was instrumental in recovering our Police and Fire Department radio systems during the power failure during the ice storm. These systems have battery backup but no dedicated generators.

During the month of January two building permits were issued with a total value of \$1,450,000. This includes the new Nissan dealership being constructed on Robert Angus Drive.

One new Dangerous/Unsightly Premises file was opened during January with four closed, bringing the current number of on-going files to six.

Planning staff continue to administer development proposals for grouped townhouse dwellings, a conversion of a motel to apartment units, MPS amendments for a commercial assessment phase-in tool, and other commercial developments. Planning and development services continue to be provided to the Town of Oxford. Staff also continue to collaborate with the Recreation Department by supporting the trail society, developing a shared-use OHV trail, as well as the implementation of the Recreation Master Plan. The North Tyndal Wellfield Groundwater Management and Protection Strategy review is now complete, and will be presented to the North Tyndal Wellfield Advisory Council in the near future.