

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INGERSOLL

## Regular Meeting of Council PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT JULY Report # PW-113/09

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### MAINTENANCE

The main activity for the month was manhole repairs. 24 manholes, in various locations, were repaired for deficiencies such as cracked castings, settled chambers and loose brick. Staff worked a week of nights to repair manholes at busy intersections.

Basin cleaning operations have been now put on hold due to treatment for mosquito larvae. The sweeper has been switched over and swept the Town once through.

Line painting operations are now complete with the exception of areas that are to be resurfaced this summer. These operations were delayed this season due to the numerous rain days. Staff will be touching up the areas this fall where the taped lines had been applied but are worn down.

Other activities included sign repairs, grass cutting, equipment maintenance and detours for various events and festivals.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

July was a busy month with all the summer maintenance activities in full swing. Considerable time was spent with staff and contractors on these items.

As usual this time of year we are receiving numerous calls from residents regarding everything from tree inquiries to drainage problems. I always attribute this to homeowners being home on vacation and working on home projects. All inquiries have been investigated and scheduled as required.

The annual leaf collection program has historically run from mid October and ended when the first snowfall commenced. There are no definite dates advertised or associated with this program which, over the past few years, have proven problematic. Residents have raked their leaves out to curbside late in the season only to find pickup operations have been terminated due to snow (2009-Southwest corner of Town).

Using the average termination date for the program over the last 5 years as a baseline, I would recommend that November 14<sup>th</sup> be used as the last day of pickup. This would allow 4 full weeks of pickup.

Other duties included staff training, Management and truck body pre-build meetings, along with enjoying one week vacation.

John Phillips  
Director of Public Works