

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INGERSOLL

Regular Meeting of Council PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AUGUST Report # PW-126/09

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MAINTENANCE

The main activity for this month was "STORM REPAIRS". High winds and heavy rainfall on Sunday, August 9th created jobs for the entire month.

On the Sunday night of the storm there were 23 trees strewn over the roadways. By 4:30 a.m. Monday morning, all streets were open with the exception of Jura Lane that remained close due to hydro wires down in the trees.

The number of trees damaged as of August 28th as a result of the storm is as follows:

- 23 - Trees or large branches over the roadway requiring removal Aug. 9th (18 of which were private).
- 32 - Public (Town) trees that had branches hanging in them that required contractors to remove.
- 49 - Public (Town) trees had to be removed which were either adjacent to roadways or on Town owned lots.

Costs arising from the storm aren't in at this time but the budget for tree trimming and removal will be exceeded.

Other activities this month included sweeping streets of branches and debris, shoulder washouts, sidewalk wash downs, railing repairs and sign repairs, all being storm related.

ADMINISTRATIVE

As can be expected, much of the administrative time was spent dealing with storm damage issues. All street trees were inspected to determine repair priorities and condition. This took considerable time as ownership of some trees had to be determined. Along with these inspections, staff took 126 telephone enquiries that required on-site visits with residents to address tree concerns.

I would like to thank all office staff who responded to the many phone calls, engineering staff for taking the time to check property lines and lot ownership and to our public works staff for all the hours of work required for the cleanup.

Other duties included preparing Sidewalk Plowing tender, Winter Salted Sand quotations, and attendance at Management, By-Law Review, Shared Services and Waste Management meetings along with supplying Health & Safety training to Fusion Centre staff.

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