

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INGERSOLL
Regular Meeting of Council
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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MAINTENANCE

The month of March has been kind to staff with only 3 winter events during this period. This is a stark contrast from 14 events in 2008 and 11 events in 2007.

Tabor Bros. have completed all trims, cables and removals for the 2009 tree tender. It was unfortunate that 9 trees designated for trims had to be removed after being inspected from the bucket truck. Stumps will be ground down and topsoil replaced after the Large Article Collection.

March 12th was the first day of operation for the street sweeper and the trackless with broom. This is a full three weeks earlier than in 2008.

All sand barrels have been collected and stored and snow fence taken down. Due to heavy winds over the winter we will need to replace some large sections of fence.

Heavy rainfall during the third week of March caused minor flooding and shoulder washouts. The aggressive basin cleaning program over the last 10 years shines during these periods.

Other activities included sign repairs and inspections, culvert inspections, brushing, cold patching and shoulder maintenance.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Staff interviewed five students for one summer position with the Public Works Dept. Rob Butt was the successful candidate and he will join Laura White and Mathew Minnow who are both returning from last year.

Ads promoting the annual large article pickup have been placed in the local papers, on the Town and County web sites, in the Waste Management calendar and in the Mayor's newsletter.

The writer has begun inspections for the summer asphalt, concrete and construction season. Inspections of sidewalks, manholes, catch basins and road surfaces are carried out to determine maintenance priorities.

Other duties included Health & Safety, By-Law Review, Road Superintendents and Shared Services meetings along with student interviews.

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