



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 1-24-22  
**TO:** City Manager  
**FROM:** Jean Barrett / Public Works / Port  
**SUBJECT:** Department Report

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### STAFF REPORT

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With the inclement weather we have been very busy in all aspects of public works, we continue to have an enormous amount of breakdowns, some from normal wear and tear and some from the age of the equipment.

➤ **Streets**

- Keeping up with snow plowing has kept us busy this month.
- Snow removal has filled in the times between storms, we have once again started to dump off of the dock as we have for as long as I can remember. The idea of a snow dump onshore has been tabled for now due to several reasons: 1) for the last few years the snow was dumped down by the sewer lagoon, near the already eroding bluff. I believe the extra weight and moisture did nothing but cause more problems; 2) We need the equipment and the area to spread it once it is dumped; and 3) we need to have this somewhere convenient and close to town where the roundtrip is minutes and not half an hour.

➤ **Shop**

- As mentioned we have had a lot of breakdowns this month and overall in general this winter. Our one mechanic is doing an amazing job, and everyone at the shop helps out when needed. But we need to find another mechanically inclined person.
  - Our oldest grader, the Cat 160 H has a front end issue. Parts are on order, but it is red tagged until we repair it. This is one of the oldest pieces of equipment we have that we use on a regular basis and it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain it as the age comes into play. I am looking into the possibility of using this machine as a trade in on a newer model.
  - The Case 580 backhoe is awaiting parts.
- We have ordered a crimping tool. The cost for hydraulic hoses will be cheaper in the long run and more convenient as we won't be at the mercy of the local supplier. This was one of the big ticket items we had built into the budget.

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➤ **Buildings and grounds**

- Fingers crossed that the coldest of the winter has passed us by and our boilers all stay operational. We have had some real head scratching breakdowns this year and with the lack of a seasoned maintenance person on staff we have had to hire out almost all of the repair work.
- I have been working on a list of maintenance projects for the summer. If we don't have B&G personnel in place we will do our best to keep things running again next year.
- We have a new boiler in the Quonset hut. It is running smooth and working well. We had to replace the old one as it had started to leak due to a crack in the casing, it was beyond fixable and probably original to the building.

➤ **Water / Waste Water (WWW)**

- All is good in the WWW department. We finally have a surplus of replacement parts. We ordered them in August and with all of the shipping delays from offshore suppliers we received the last of the order just last week.
- We have had one freeze up we are working on. Some of the parts we were waiting on were to fix an issue we had with our City shutoff into a local restaurant. We were lucky enough to have found a thaw wire down the waterline and are at the time of this report attempting to thaw the line.

➤ **Landfill**

- We are doing what we can at the landfill. We are continuing to take trash, and compacting it with the D5 cat and the snow makes a good winter cover.
- The D5 cat is the only working piece of equipment out there right now. We are waiting on parts for the 960 Loader and the wheeled compactor.
- Still unable to make any headway on getting the incinerator up and running. Grading, snow removal, and furnace repair all take precedence over this. Lack of equipment also plays a part in this. Spring and summer are coming soon so the incinerator and water system are a priority so we can start to burn all the household trash once again.
- I am waiting on 3 call backs for estimates on a new shop building. Nothing more to report on that right now.

➤ **Port**

Not much to report here except the revised Port of Dillingham Tariff.

We raised almost everything in the tariff at the last council meeting. The City Clerk and I put our heads together and ironed out some small issues and made sure the numbers all added up and when we got it all done we published it on the City website. I have notified the barge lines of the changes so they can work with their customers. April is just around the corner and we will be busy again. At both the dock and harbor.

That is all from where I sit.

Jean

