

Date: April 9, 2025

To: Dan Grimmer, Acting City Manager

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From: Cole Cushman, Public Works Supervisor

Re: Quarterly Report, Fiscal year 24-25, 3rd Quarter

Road Crew

It's been a challenging quarter for the road crew with numerous equipment issues. A U-joint failure on the new slowblower caused a replacement of the forward driveshaft. The older snow blower had a failure in the primary chaincase which had to be rebuilt, along with a cracked frame. At one point, the chute came completely off, requiring some inventive repair. The V-plow for the older 160M grader had a hydraulic ram failure. Fortunately, the low amount of snow allowed us to keep busy in the shop. We still hauled off 7162 truckloads of snow this quarter for an approximate 122,000 cubic yards. The crew pitched in as usual to let Iron Dog use the shop. The crew had to rally a bit at Iditarod with the new arch being done in the nick of time. Hopefully the new stand and arch will work for another 25+ years.



Building Maintenance

The building maintenance crew has been keeping a close eye on the new City Hall ventilation system. It seems to be working fine and we haven't had very many too hot/too cold complaints. The crew refinished the wood floor of the Foster building before Iditarod. The crew also installed the new oven

at XYZ, replacing the non-working pizza oven. We've been pushing the use of the Maintain X work order system and are getting better at using it. Through this quarter, Building Maintenance has completed 68 work orders, with 69 created.

Landfill/Monofill

Like the Road Crew, we had equipment issues at the landfill this quarter. One of the pins holding the boom to the frame broke and necessitated the partial removal of the boom to replace the bearings. We also had to fix the burn box on the used oil furnace which had cracked. The box was essentially rebuilt using thicker steel and better reinforcing. The low amount of snow has made wind blown litter an issue to deal with after breakup.

Moving Forward

The crews all have projects to move forward with as winter ends. The road crew will be helping the port out with ground repairs on the AML yard on the upper industrial pad, in addition to the normal road repairs and dust control. Building Maintenance has some fencing projects, including the T-ball field and painting projects.