

Date: July 9, 2025  
To: Lee Smith, City Manager  
CC: Angie Nguyen, Administrative Assistant  
From: Cole Cushman, Public Works Supervisor  
Re: Quarterly Report, Fiscal year 24-25, 4th Quarter

### **Road Crew**

April is a busy month for the road crew as we deal with the remnants of snow and try to get through break up. This year, we managed with only a handful of problem areas. The crew had some maintenance issues with the equipment but have managed to keep making headway with our assorted projects. The crew has had a focus on getting the monofill covered this quarter. A big part of the trash from last summer had been left uncovered due to equipment issues. The road crew also raised a big portion of AML's yard at the upper industrial pad. With the growing traffic, particularly with haul trucks, the AML offices had to be relocated. It will probably require adding a stop sign to the east end of Okleasik St. The road crew did U-Call We-Haul again this June and hauled off 60 truckloads of trash from the city with another 118 loads brought out by residents. 13 vehicles were also disposed of.

### **Building Maintenance**

Building Maintenance has had a few issues to fix and a couple projects to work on this quarter. At the Foster building, we had to replace a motor in an air handler, repair the front door latch assembly, and repair one of the boilers. In the Rec. Center, we've started work to replace the single HRV for the locker rooms with two new units and had to replace the heating unit in the men's sauna. The sauna project was dragged out a bit as the new heater had different power and control requirements. At the Pool, we had to repair the new Miox machine. Building Maintenance is in the process of replacing the hot water heater at XYZ with a much bigger on-demand water heater. We have gotten started with the repairs on 504 Warrens. We've gotten underway with the T-Ball field. Building Maintenance also replaced broken windows at the Icy View Firehall, VFW Apartment, Visitor Center and on the Port's Security Shack. Our summer laborers finished painting the bus stops in time for Midnight Sun, and have repaired the driftwood fence at the Cemetery. They also painted the T-Ball dugouts and Field house.

### **Landfill/Monofill**

The lack of snow this past winter meant a lot of trash was blown out of the landfill. As soon as it was possible, the summer laborers and landfill operator went out on the Tundra to get it picked up. We've had some trouble with landfill loader and have had to down it a few times this quarter. We currently have one of the road crew loaders on site to maintain. We are working to replace the culvert between the second and third cell and will be putting a filter rock "burrito" over the end. We were able to get

the winter trash moved up top and get it covered. We are also working to repair the bulls which seem to fall apart every year.

### **3D Housing**

The crews have been pitching in to assist the 3D Housing crew. We excavated the base of 37 truck loads of muck and bad fill. We brought back 58 loads of our “road repair material”, and 11 loads of some bigger rock. And the crews have worked about 160 hours total on this project. The crew had to rent an excavator from Q-Trucking and a skid steer from JB Rentals to get this done.

### **Moving Forward**

Every summer is a race to prepare for the next winter. We have repairs to make on both snow blowers, one loader, one dozer and one truck. Assuming nothing else breaks in the meantime. The road crew is looking to improve our ability to thaw the culvert between Crowley and the low dock. This has been our nemesis for the past few years. We have some other areas to improve drainage, including Division & 4<sup>th</sup>, East 1<sup>st</sup> near Mettler, and Carstens & 1<sup>st</sup>.