

Date: April 6, 2023

To: Glenn Steckman, City Manager

CC: Bryant Hammond, City Clerk

Cheryl Thompson, Administrative Assistant

From: Cole Cushman, Public Works Supervisor

Re: Quarterly Report, Fiscal year 22-23 3rd Quarter

Road Crew

This winter has been a challenge for the road crew, with equipment problems and snow. The crew moved 6594 truck loads of snow totaling more than 112,000 cubic yards this quarter and hauled more snow in March than any single month since December 2011. They have had issues with the after-treatment system on the Volvo loader and had to rent a loader from Q-trucking to keep the blower moving. In addition to moving snow, the road crew did it's annual set up of the Iditarod Arch, dog lot and building the race track for the kid's snow machine race.



The Road crew also gave up the shop for Iron Dog and assisted them with setting up the finish line for the trail class, as well as the ramps for coming off the ice. The road crew is currently trying to rid the city of as much snow as possible before the upcoming breakup and preparing for what will probably be a busy summer of road repairs and improvements

Building Maintenance

Building Maintenance started this quarter working on the Visitor's Center, which needed freshening up, some electrical updates and remodeling the bathroom. They also did a makeover in the Rec Center kitchen, replacing the flooring and installing new appliances. With the assistance of a high school laborer and road crew, they sand blasted, cleaned, primed and painted the handrails for the Iditarod chute



The building maintenance team has been doing a lot of cleanup in the public works building before and since fire. They have also been using the ice breaker attachment for the skid steer with great success, de-icing sidewalks and walkways. The faces of the crew will be changing as Matt Barone will be leaving and Ilya Komorov has left.

Fire

On March 11, while the crews were finishing up from setting up the Iditarod Arch, the public works building caught on fire. Michael Hahn Jr. was doing vehicle maintenance on the ground floor and smelled something burning. He went around to see if one of the pieces of equipment was burning and seeing nothing on the first floor, investigated upstairs. Finding the wood shop ablaze, he sent for help and had a co-worker call 911. His quick recognition of the fire and the swift response of the fire department saved most of the building. All the equipment was brought out of the building safely and the fire department was able to contain the fire to the wood shop area. It was determined later that the fire started at the chop saw, although the exact cause is still unknown. The crews had been in and out of the building and the woodshop throughout the day as part of the setting up of the Arch. The departments that have stuff stored in the building are working through the process of assessing the damage from heat, water or smoke.