

May 2022 Public Works Report

Roads

- The Roads crew replaced two failing culverts on Chippewa Trail on 5/2 and 5/3.
- Pete took the grader out for the first run of 2022 on 5/4 and graded the downtown gravel roads, and with County permission, Evan hauled gravel as needed to help build up and repair the worst of the worst spots. Later in the month all gravel roads were graded, and gravel spread in the needed stretches of North Shore Road and Snowplace Lane.
- 20 tons of flake Magnesium Chloride was delivered to the Town Shop straight from a mine in Alberta, Canada, and unloaded by the crew. The Town crew will apply this effective dust abatement product to the gravel road network via grading, watering with the Town tanker attachment, and spreading with the 2020 Westernstar's sand spreader in early June.
- The Roads crew replaced two failing culverts on North Shore Road on 5/17. Two in one day, nice job Pete and Evan!

Parks

- All the Parks public water systems were flushed, and all public restrooms opened by mid-May.
- I am excited to have some new Parks crew and a new Camp Host this season, we are off to a fantastic start to what is sure to be an eventful year.
- Big Bay Town Park had a very busy opening weekend (thanks to MI Marathon, which was a big success), and an even busier Memorial Day weekend.
- The Rec Center remodel is now behind schedule due to material availability, travel logistics, and other factors, but work is progressing and our new target opening date is the July 4th weekend.

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- Thank you to Mr. Dick Hardie for many years of dedication and loyalty to the island's entire Park system, as well as the MRF and the Roads. The crew today knows you have 'the history' and appreciate all the extra information you have passed down from experience, including uses for a putty knife. Best wishes in your retirement!
- Thank you to Mr. Joe Abhold for signing on to the MRF (and staying) at exactly the right time. You were the Recycling Specialist and experienced driver that the Town needed at that moment, and the MRF transformation couldn't have taken place without your invaluable help and expertise. Best wishes in your next driving adventure!

Be safe and be nice,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director