

June 2022 Public Works Report

Roads and Dock

- Throughout the month, the Roads crew picked and chose various days based on grading opportunities, weather, and traffic to successfully apply seventeen tons of flake magnesium chloride to the island gravel road network. We were able to cover seven miles of North Shore Road in one afternoon/evening immediately following a gentle but strong enough rainfall for adhesion. I believe the product is working very well regarding dust abatement.
- The passenger shelter was installed between the sawtooth ferry landings on the south side of the Town dock. The location was decided by MIFL management, Town staff, electrical needs, and building inspector approval. The door will remain off for the summer but will be remounted this fall, in addition a ceiling mounted heater will be installed. The Town crew will eventually be adding polycarbonate panels for protection from the Lake.
- Pete spent the better part of a week in the TV145 tractor and had all the main ditches mowed in time for the July 4th weekend. County H had a double pass in some areas and the guardrails were also cleaned up in time for a very high traffic weekend. Watch out for deer, bears, turtles, and cranes on the move.

Parks

- The Rec Center remodel has suffered some very frustrating delays, but thanks to Island Septic, we still have restroom options for public use. Ray and the Parks crew have done a tremendous job keeping the Town's share of the project on schedule, and the finished result will be worth the wait. In the meantime, some additional work on the Rec Center playground was accomplished.
- Big Bay Town Park is full as expected, but the month of June saw some positive changes in daily operations, such as less sandy mess in the shower building, now that the foot wash at the pit toilets is operational once again, after well pump replacement. Those little things make a huge difference in the 'behind the scenes' of the janitorial world.
- Two new memorial benches were installed in Russell Park, behind the new Gateway Sculpture. It is nice to have a central green space remain in the center of downtown for all to enjoy.

Misc. /Admin.

- I would like to commend the entire Roads, Parks, and MRF crews for a great job this past month. We all had very full schedules with the quick spring season, return of large Island events, and internal staff changes. Everybody pulled their weight and did a great job getting all departments ready for what is sure to be a few very busy months ahead.
- Welcome Dave Cook of Bayfield to the MRF – Dave will be driving the Town's roll-off truck 'Woodstock', and brings many years of driving, equipment operating, and experience in city government to the Town. We are all glad to have him on the team, and you'll be sure to see him working at the MRF, driving a Town truck, or hauling on the ferry.

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