

January 2025 Public Works Report

January has brought us less than average snowfall this year which has given us more time to make much needed repairs to our fleet and equipment.

The Roads Crew has plowed a total of 9 days this month and sanded County H, Town roads, and lots as needed. Our part-time plow drivers Karen Thomas and Tyler Andreas have been a huge help this season filling in as needed for snow events.

Our mechanic has been extremely busy in the shop maintaining and repairing our fleet and equipment.

Roads

- Plowing: Roads Crew has plowed 9 days in January and spread approximately 40 yards of our 10% salt to sand mix.

Ice Road / Approach

- Knocked down ice ridge on Griggs and Obrien's approach in the 120 excavator.
- Flooded Bayfield and Island approaches in conjunction with Nelson Construction.
- Evan and Evan set up Christmas trees from Bayfield to the Island.

Parks

- Roads Crew has kept trail heads and parks parking areas open to the public as usual.
- The Fire Department has done some flooding at the skating rink, but this is weather dependent.
- Parks positions have been posted for the 2025 season, and we have already received some applications.

Equipment / Fleet

- 01 GMC 3500 steering and suspension parts replacement.
- 04 Chevy 2500 exhaust manifolds replaced, steering and suspension part replaced.
- 05 Sterling 5-yard Dump Truck fuel tank replaced. The inside of the original fuel tank was painted and began flaking off clogging the fuel system. We had removed the tank a year ago, cut it open and removed what paint we could but were unable to remove all of it.
- 120 excavator belt tensioner and idler pulley replaced.
- Replaced batteries in several pieces of equipment.
- Roll-Off truck, also known as Woodstock, repaired HVAC components.
- Replaced bulk diesel tank pump.

Facilities

- Flooding in the basement of the library due to a frozen sewer line. Ray and Evan were able to thaw it out and add insulation where needed to the basement.
- ESB maintenance to furnace and other systems is constant.
- Town Hall flooring repairs.
- Big Bay Town Park office is monitored regularly.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director.