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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## ADMINISTRATION 2018 REPORT

The Peterborough Department of Public Works is comprised of four divisions; Highway, Utilities, Facilities & Grounds, and Recycling. A centralized administrative unit provides support and leadership for each of these divisions. Peterborough's wastewater treatment facility is operated and maintained by the Utilities Division of Public Works. The performance of the wastewater facility has consistently satisfied our US E.P.A issued discharge permit since March of 2012.

The general responsibilities and daily maintenance tasks of the Public Works Department range considerably and directly impact many quality of life factors in our community. Some of these responsibilities include: winter operations, roadway maintenance, care for the public parks and cemeteries, the upkeep of town facilities and the common pathway, water supply and distribution, wastewater treatment and collection, and solid waste and recycling. The administrative unit of Public Works also works on a wide variety of projects related to capital improvement, community efficiency, budget management, community relations, and other public service and infrastructure improvements.

2018-2019 was an exciting year for Peterborough's Public Works Department, with a wide range of projects undertaken and successfully completed. In addition to the many daily functions and smaller scale projects of the department, a range of notable achievements and accomplishments were also realized. A select few of these include:

- Implementation of Peterborough's new Roadway Maintenance Program;
- Converted all streetlights to LED, realizing annual savings of approximately \$17,000;
- Renovation work on the Peterborough Town House, including replacement of the Upper Hall maple decorative floor, and replacement of the building's slate roof;
- Completion of the new Grove St. parking lot and pedestrian bridge to Depot Park;

Our project schedule in 2018 and 2019 is full of many important community enhancing initiatives. Some of these include:

- Main St. Bridge reconstruction project;
- Lead reduction analysis and implementation;
- Wastewater lagoon closure;
- Stormwater separation mapping;

- Replacement of Cheney Lift Station;
- and many more.

The Office of Community Development's GIS/IT Division continues to provide indispensable support to the Public Works Department by supplying a wide range of important information in support of small and large projects. Some of the data and material support they provide includes: location of all infrastructure assets, and production of high-quality detailed maps and reports of existing infrastructure assets (location, status, mileage, and other pertinent information). GIS/IT continues to be a leading force in moving the entire Public Works Department forward in the use of technology, helping to enable the Public Works Department to provide exceptional customer service to the residents of Peterborough.

I'm proud of the tireless efforts that all staff members contributed to achieve our department's goals in 2018. Our employees often work difficult hours and engage in many challenging tasks to preserve our community's quality and enhance everyday life for all. The Department of Public Works owes great thanks to all Town employees for their efforts in making this community a great place to live, work, and play. I would also like to thank our Select Board, Budget Committee, Town Administrator Bartlett, other town departments, and most importantly the residents of Peterborough for all their support. I know I speak for the entire Department when I say that it is a pleasure to work in the service of such a fine community.

Respectfully submitted,

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