



What a winter we are having!

From the bitter cold to the downright balmy weather, the roads in the Town of Calmar have been a lot of work!! And that may be the understatement of the year!

Check out what this week alone has been like for our amazing Public Works team; oh, and did I mention that the team consists of only 5 members? That's right, 5, they really are amazing!

Monday, February 24, 2025

7:00am – Public Works team gets started on the snow removal that was planned for this week.

8:30am – Public works was alerted about a sanitary main backup on HWY 795. Part of the team moved from snow removal to work on the sanitary-main blockage.

9:45am – The sanitary blockage is cleared and the main is flowing again.

- A call came in from a resident who has a frozen pipe. Part of the team went to provide frozen water services to the resident. The team was able to help the resident and get the water flowing again.

10:00am – Public Works were advised that water was surfacing in front of a home on 45 Avenue. The valve was located quickly, and worked diligently to isolate the water main. This turned out to be a substantial leak, due to issues with frozen valve casings. Only one team member was left to handle the snow grading until the water issues were fixed.

12:50pm – The water main was isolated, and notices had been handed out to affected residents. A contractor was secured for the final repair and the Emergency Locate Center was notified of the issue.

1:30pm – The contractor and our team began work on the first dig at the water main break. The last team member was removed from snow removal to help with the water main dig as this was a very large job.

**With the large amount of water in the leak, the possibility of additional issues was high. A decision was made to open the Program Center for affected residents to use as a place to go while the work was being done. A second notice was hand delivered to affected residents to advise them of the opportunity to go to the Program Center.

- Another call came in from a resident who has a frozen pipe. Part of the team went to provide frozen water services to this resident as well. The issue was resolved, and water was flowing again.

9:00pm – The water main break was repaired! To check the line and make sure everything was working properly, the team pressured the main and just like they thought, they discovered a second leak. This leak took a little time to find.

10:30pm – The leak was found, and the second dig to repair the second leak began. (The team had now been working for over 15 hours.)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

6:30am - The leak was repaired, and water was restored!

**It was determined that both leaks were due to old water service saddles that have pulled off of the main line; likely from the many frost shifts we had this winter.

The Plan for the Rest of the Week!

1. Clean-up at both water main breaks sites.
2. Water run-off mitigation – focusing on frozen catch basins around town to open areas where the drainage is struggling.
3. The grader is down for maintenance today, but when it is back up and running, snow plowing in the back alleys should begin.
4. Camera work will be done on the sanitary main line to determine the cause of the backup.

We want to thank our Public Works team for their hard work over long hours! Your ability to get the job done under pressure is outstanding! The Town of Calmar appreciates each one of you and the knowledge and skill that you bring to work every day!

To our residents and businesses: When you see one of the Public Works team out working, stop by and let them know how much you appreciate everything they do to keep us all living the great life in this wonderful community!

Meet me in
Downtown
Calmar!



Spring is almost here!
Call your friends! Call your family!
Meet them in Calmar this weekend.
Come and check out everything that Calmar
has to offer!
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