

Public Works Department – COVID 19 Response & Impacts

- 32 of the current 33 Public Works employees are working on site, 1 is teleworking
- The Department has provided PPE including masks, gloves and hand sanitizer.
- Adjustments have been made to reduce crew size, staff assignments and vehicle assignments to maintain safe work spaces and provide essential services
- The usual hire of seasonal workers was reduced to maintain safe working conditions; this has slowed certain maintenance activity
- Cleaning protocols for the buildings were reviewed and adjusted to ensure safe workspaces; this included use of fogging machines to apply anti-viral fogging agents to high use spaces; installation of hand sanitizing dispensers in every building and on every floor; changes in disinfection process to ensure high touch areas are frequently cleaned. The reduction in the number of staff in the building has made these changes possible with existing staff. Once the building re-opens the City may need to consider additional cleaning staff to maintain clean and safe spaces
- Installation of equipment and changes made to city facilities to promote and ensure safe work space, including door signs, stanchions that provide one-way traffic in higher flow area, replacement of many door handles with no touch door openers,
- The air handling systems of all City facilities have been reviewed and supplemented with plasma air units to ensure that the air quality in City facilities meets or exceed the County's guidelines. These units provide bipolar ionization which neutralizes particles, bacteria, virus cells, gases, aerosols and volatile organic chemicals in the air duct system.
- In addition, all HVAC equipment has been serviced, filters changed and several new replacement units were added.