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Office of the City Manager

MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: Sarah Purdy, City Manager *SP*

DATE: July 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Update 16/28

SURPLUS CITY PARCELS – Please find attached a copy of the Surplus Parcel List of properties that the City currently offers for auction sale. Staff is recommending reduction in price for property numbers 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 22, and 25. You will see the recommended reduced minimum bid highlighted in green. A recommended minimum bid has been suggested for property 32 and this is in red. Please review these recommendations and if you have any questions, please contact me. I will be requesting consensus from Council at the August 8, 2016 Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES –

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Update

- One of the two primary sludge settling tanks was taken down, cleaned and will be fully evaluated. All maintenance and repairs will be completed and the unit will be brought back on-line. This is the first in many small steps to evaluate, maintain and repair the plant.
- The larger of our two digesters is being taken down. We are pressing sludge directly from this digester. Our secondary digester is almost empty in case we need additional capacity. We will thoroughly clean and evaluate the digester when empty.
- We are working closely with DANC to determine our staffing needs. With the uncertainty of knowing the future rating of our plant, we are trying to formulate how best to move forward. We are trying to address the information voids that have been created in the past by cross training our entire staff.
- We have postponed any hiring for a 4A until we better know how we should proceed.
- As was mentioned by Carrie Tuttle at the June Council Meeting it is imperative that the City perform a full evaluation of the WWTP and how it impacts our Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). GHD Engineering is managing our LTCP and they have been asked to provide the City with a proposal. It is our recommendation that we expedite this process once the proposal is received. The preliminary engineering report will be necessary for us to reevaluate our grant application for the third round and so that we can update / modify our bonding resolution.
- We are taking a serious look at the sewer budget so that we can position ourselves properly at the WWTP and so that we can evaluate our collection system.
- Please see attached memo from Carrie Tuttle, DANC, Director of Engineering

Water Filtration Plant Update

- Intake Pump Update – we received a new motor for pump #1. It has been installed, but the wiring needs to be completed. We are still working to repair drive #2. Parts have been received and the contractor has been scheduled for the first week in August to perform the installation. We will be resuming cleaning of the filters as soon as the second drive is back on line.

Equipment

- Sweeper has been down for a few days due to a coolant leak. Creative thinking and assistance from Reagan's has it back up and working while we wait for the replacement part on backorder.

Road Cuts

- Local hot mix is limited with Hanson supporting airport project, but we continue to move forward when asphalt is available.
- Parade route has been completed.

Paving / Milling / Streets

- Our second round of paving will include 5 blocks of traditional paving and 9 blocks of micro surfacing (similar to slurry). We are doing half of Elizabeth St in micro surfacing and half traditional so that we can see how the two applications compare head to head. We are completing 37 blocks this year which is an indication of the forward thinking and dedication of our City staff.
- We will be crack sealing Elizabeth St & Jersey Ave next week in anticipation of micro surfacing the week of August 22nd. Second round of milling is scheduled for August 8th.
- We are trying to identify and address sign issues. Replacing worn and missing signs.

Sidewalks

- Unit 7 continues to work every day on sidewalk projects.
- The concrete work list will be resumed once Chips and complaints are completed.

Unit "6"

- Has been digging every day.
- Working on manhole and drop repairs.
- Performing water and sewer services as they arise.

Brush Pickup

- Fourth Ward and parade route was successfully completed on Monday.

Paterson St

- Punch List work is moving forward slowly.
- NYS DOT drainage near Burger King was discussed at length two weeks ago at a meeting in Watertown. The DOT will incorporate the necessary changes to the drainage in the Paterson Street project.

Solar Array

- The electrical work resumed this week. Panels are being interconnected.
- Partial energization is scheduled for no later than September 30th, with full energization taking place by November 30th.
- We continue to move forward with the Tri-County Energy Consortium. The consortium is in the process of looking at wind power as well as solar, which could get us to our goal of 100% green energy sooner than originally projected.

Storm Drops / Cleaning Sewer Mains

- Spring flushing of mains has been completed.
- Crew is working on cleaning drops.

Mowing / Trimming

- We have started our summer trimming and mowing.
- We continue to respond to numerous weed ordinances.

MISC.

- EAB – Attended the monthly meeting last Wednesday. Here are the high points of the meeting...
 - We know that without proper funding that our primary role will be that of educators. We will be approaching the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators (SLC BOL) so that they can recognize our group as a County authorized organization. We will be creating an action plan and approaching the County for funding.
 - SLC BOL presentation is attached.
 - Paul Hetzler, who attended the Wellesley Island EAB training session, sent this preliminary report: “I wanted to let you know that a major piece (of the agenda on Wednesday) will be my report on the trip to Ontario Friday. Everyone who went, Mark Whitmore included, was astounded at the extent of infestation. Basically every inch of shoreline from west of Mallorytown to east of Prescott is teeming with infested ash. For some reason there are a few miles of lighter infestation from east of Prescott, stretching almost to Cornwall. “One important observation is that it was easy to see thinning ash crowns on many islands from the shoreline. This led all of us to conclude that the best way to find EAB in SLC is from the water.”
 - We had several members attend the ReLeaf Conference in Saratoga. This is what they took away from the meeting...
 - No specific funding opportunities for uninfested areas.
 - More opportunities for assistance with recovery from the infestation, than for prevention.
 - We were able to make specific contact with Statewide EAB Taskforce.
- DPW Roof project started last Wednesday. The contractor is estimating that it will take a couple of weeks to complete the project.
- Summer help started the painting of hydrants to identify flow rates.

Tap Water Taste Test Contest – Please find attached a certificate and a letter from the NYS Department of Health for the City’s participation in this contest.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE – Please find attached a memo from Matt Curatolo regarding the Sandbar Classic Fishing Derby.

ASSESSMENT UPDATES –

Revaluation – In the revaluation area there were nearly \$669,000 in reductions issued to property owners through stipulations with the assessor or grievances filed with the Board of Assessment Review. All of the assessment determination letters were mailed out on July 21st. The first tax cycle that the new assessments will be used is on the September school taxes.

Final Roll - The Assessment Dept. is in the final steps of completing the Final Assessment Roll for 2016. The Tentative and Final Rolls are printed in our office and then provided to the city website administrator to be placed on the city website. This is a New York State requirement.

To find the current *tentative* roll go to www.ogdensburg.org, click the “View Assessment Roll” tab on the left side of the homepage (see below). Use the cross reference pages (in order by name alphabetically) in the beginning of the document to find the parcel/tax map number and continue to scroll down the document to the assessment roll to find the tax map number (in order numerically). To view older Assessment Rolls, from the Home page click on Government > Departments > Assessments. Options by year are on the left.

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Sat, Jul. 23 - Sat, Jul. 30
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City of Ogdensburg – Surplus Property

Parcel List

	Tax Map No.	St. No.	Street	Lot Size	Type of Property	Status	Minimum Bid *Includes Fees
1	48.072-7-40	520	Barre St.	88' x 100'	Vacant Lot. – Zoned SFR	Auction	\$ 8,000 \$10,750
2	48.080-5-5.1	909, 915	La Fayette St	102' x 138'	Vacant Lot – Chambers	SOLD	\$ 13,250
3	48.079-3-16.1	427	Morris St	94' x 100'	Vacant Lot. – Zoned SFR	Auction	\$ 9,000 \$13,250
4	59.022-4-5	611	Rensselaer Ave.	40' x 138'	House – Ogdensburg Growth Fund This property is for sale by the OGF	SOLD	\$
5	59.022-8-7	505	New York Ave.	59' x 145'	Vacant Lot – Taylor	SOLD	\$ 8,250
6	48.071-4-5	801	Washington St	33' x 84'	Half of a house only, with 2 apartments Zoned SFR, has restrictions.	SOLD	\$ 5,750
7	48.078-9-5	212	Ford St	112' x 113	Former Newberrys / Desperados Bldg. City will need to see a proposed plan. Zoned RB	Auction	\$ 751
8	48.072-8-34		Plover Hill Ave	124' x 80'	Vacant Lot – Zoned SFR	Auction	\$ 3,750 \$4,750
9	59.029-1-19.1	902, 904	Ogden St	.30 ac	Vacant Lot	Auction	\$ 4,500 \$5,950
10	48.064-8-9.1	1505,1509	Ford St	80' x 126'	Vacant Lot - There are 2 buried homes on this lot. Zoned SFR	Auction	\$ 2,000 \$2,750
11	59.023-3-39	729-737	State St.	97' x 73'	Vacant Lot - Corner of LaFayette and State St. Zoned: R/B Residential / Business	Auction	\$ 3,750
12	48.078-4-30		Lake St.	.25 ac.	Vacant Lot	Auction	\$ 11,450
13	59.030-3-5	418	Oak St.	40' x 80'	Vacant Lot – Bushey	SOLD	\$1,300
14	48.072-2-10	1313	Ford St.	30' x 90'	Vacant Lot – Ashley	SOLD	\$1,111
15	48.064-2-28	1328	Ford St.	25' x 100'	Vacant Lot – Qudsi	SOLD	\$1,200
16	59.023-2-32	111	Lafayette St	30' x 100'	Vacant Lot with garage on site, the property is zoned MDR and is a non-conforming lot* of record at 30'x100'. As a non-conforming lot of record the property can be built upon in accordance with the provisions for the MDR district, but must comply with the setbacks. Without a principle permitted use on the property the only other means of using the parcel for something else without combining it to an adjacent lot is to seek a variance.	Auction *See OMC Section 221-55. Non-conforming Lots,uses and structures	\$ 2,500 \$4,950
17	48.058-5-7		Hayward St	132' x 125'	Vacant Lot – Zoned SFR	Auction	\$5750

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18	48.065-2-4	426	Champlain St	34' x 120'	Vacant Lot – Zoned MDR	Auction	\$2,000 \$3,100
19	59.023-12-2	905	Mechanic St	49' x 101'	Vacant Lot – Brabant	Sale Pending	\$1,950
20	59.029-1-6	116	Woodford Ave	135' x 63'	House needs demo – Green	SOLD	\$1,050
21	59.023-1-5	721	Congress St	40' x 80'	House needs demo - Harper	SOLD	\$1,950
22	59.030-7-4	420	Pine St	41' x 165'	Vacant Lot – Zoned SFR	Auction	\$3,000 \$4,150
23	48.064-3-36	1420	Ford St	27' x 150'	Vacant Lot- Zoned SFR	Sale Pending	\$1,950
24	48.058-5-11		Dearborn St	125' x 132'	Vacant Lot – Zoned SFR	Auction	\$1,250
25	59.029-1-22	217	Harrison Ave	24' x 110'	Vacant Lot	Auction	\$1,000 \$1,950
26	48.078-5-31	12	Mill Street	20' x 80'	Vacant Lot – Zoned RB	Auction	\$2,050
27	48.078-5-34	18-20	Mill Street	40' x 80'	Vacant Lot – Zoned RB	Auction	\$2,050
28	48.078-5-33		Mill Street	40' x 80'	Vacant Lot – Zoned RB	Auction	\$2,050
29	59.030-6-34	1025	New York Ave	55' x 105'	Vacant Lot – Zoned MDR	Auction	\$4,050
30	59.022-4-59	11	Rensselaer Ave	103' x 165'	Vacant Lot - TLS	Sale Pending	\$3,750
31	48.071-5-47	48-52	Paterson St	4.20 Acres	Former Newells Property – Zoned Industrial		\$128,000
32	48.080-4-21.1	1411	Lafayette Street	1.68 Acres	Vacant Lot/Paper Streets – Zoned SFR Water & Sewer on Lafayette, none on Plover Hill		\$16,750
33	59.031-3-16	1106	New York Ave	51' x 57'	House on property - Lesperance	SOLD	\$3,250
34	59.030-9-7	815	Jefferson Ave	40' x 139'	House on property	Sale Pending	\$4,250
35	59.029-1-11		Monroe Ave	330' x 140'	Vacant Lot- Zoned MDR	Sale Pending	\$1,950
36	59.030-4-67	12	Oak Street	40' x 85'	House on property – Zoned MDR	Auction	\$3,950
37	59.022-5-4	8	Spring Street	44' x 102'	House on property - Woodard	SOLD	\$2,750
38	59.031-2-32	1110	South Water St	60' x 74'	House on Property – NormReal LLC	SOLD	\$2,750
39	59.022-4-5	16	Rensselaer Ave	40' x 138'	House on Property - Maxner	Sale Pending	\$3,250



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July 25, 2016

RE: City of Ogdensburg
Water Pollution Control Facilities Management Services
June 2016 Monthly Status Report
SPDES Permit No. NY-0029831

Dear Ms. Purdy:

Services performed for the month of June are detailed below for your review. I hope that you find the information useful and welcome suggestions to make this report more useful for the City going forward.

1) **MANAGEMENT SERVICES:**

- Reviewed the Ogdensburg State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit and instituted changes to streamline compliance including discontinuing daily analysis of BOD₅ and TSS.
- Frequency of pump station inspections are being reviewed and some issues have been identified. The Main Pump Station level controller was setup such that the lag pump could not be called to run and no high level alarms received. This was remedied on 7/8/16. All Pump Station alarms will be scheduled to be checked in on an annual basis.
- USEPA Industrial Pretreatment sampling requirements under review.
- Withdrew from the NYSDOH's ELAP Program and the Ogdensburg Plant has contracted with Life Science Laboratories (LSL) to perform all ELAP required analyses. This will result in cost savings and additional staff time to perform required maintenance.
- Development Authority representatives met with engineers from GHD and discussed status of the Ogdensburg Plant's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). A cursory review of the LTCP indicates that plant conditions have changed which could impact recommendations for long term corrective actions. An update to the document is necessary and recommended to be completed in conjunction with preliminary engineering for an overall WWTP capital improvement project.

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- Met with C2AE and consulted with NYSEFC regarding the City's Water System Grant Application. The application was deemed incomplete and the basis of the scope of the improvements was lacking critical facility components that require replacements. In order to be able to apply for the 3rd Round of Water System Grant funding a Preliminary Engineering Report meeting NYSEFC funding requirements must be completed and the City will have to amend their initial bond resolution to reflect the updated project budget once the preliminary engineering report is completed and total improvement costs are identified.
- Implemented a recycling program to separate trash from recycling. Cost savings will be achieved by disposing of recyclables separated from garbage.

2) WASTEWATER FLOWS / SIU COMPLIANCE:

During this period the WPCF had SPDES permit violations for settleable solids during the period of June 24 to 27. The violations occurred as a result of several process parameters not operating within their required set points. WWTP operations are back in control and procedures are being put in place to ensure equipment and operations are maintained within documented set points.

The average and peak gallons per day handled by the WWTP during the month of June were 2.76 and 20+ MGD, respectively. This extremely high peak flow indicates that wet weather infiltration continues to be a serious issue for the WWTP and creates high risk for SPDES permit violations due to solids being washed-out into the effluent that is discharged into the St. Lawrence River.

SIU Compliance

No Significant Industrial User (SIU) violations occurred during this period.

Current SIU's discharging to the Ogdensburg WWTP:

1. Ansen Corporation
2. Hoosier Magnetics
3. SLC SWDA

3) PERSONNEL

- Ogdensburg's Chief Operator (4A license) retired on July 8, 2016 and one Operator (3A license) has been excused from work through 7/20/2016 for medical reasons. Due to staff shortages DPW staff have been assigned to cover lab duties and to assist with critical maintenance activities.
- Total personnel for June was 3.5 (0.5 Chief Operator, 1.0 Mechanic, 2.0 Attendants plus DPW assistance as needed).

- Overtime continues on weekends to fulfill permit sampling requirements. Once staff are cross trained and operations stabilized, further evaluation of potential shift changes to reduce weekend overtime will be explored.
- Employee cross-training continues to ensure that all WWTP staff can rotate on weekends to complete necessary lab sampling. An issue was identified with the way prior weekend permit-required sampling was being completed, which resulted in weekend operator rounds being performed in less than the required time frame.
- V. Murphy (DANC's Water Quality) Supervisor resigned effective July 8, 2016. J. Overstrom (4A license) and B. Cray (3A license), DANC's Water Quality Supervisors, have been managing day-to-day operations until a full-time replacement can be hired.

4) OPERATIONS

a) SLUDGE PROCESSING:

- A total of 125.10 tons of sludge was sent to the Solid Waste Management Facility in Rodman with average solids of 29%.
- A preliminary investigation into the NYS Part 360 regulations indicates that the digesters have not been operating at the NYSDEC required minimum temperature for a prolonged period of time in order to ensure that the sludge is properly stabilized for landfill disposal. Additional testing is necessary and the NYSDEC has been consulted to determine appropriate interim measures to ensure compliance until the digesters can be fully evaluated. Some options to consider include rehabilitating the digesters, removing some or all of the digesters from services, or completely decommissioning the digesters and considering repurposing the digesters for wet weather flow. It is recommended that the City include an evaluation of the digesters as part of the preliminary engineering for an overall WWTP capital improvement project.

b) MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance activities completed this period are presented below. Unless otherwise noted, the maintenance tasks were completed by WPCF staff.

Completed

- 5 day per week inspections of 6 pump/lift stations
- Installed 2 new primary sludge pumps & sent one out to be rebuilt
- Monthly inspections of 17 CSO's
- Ordered/received VFD for RAS pump

- Removed grinder at SLPC and ordered new one; checking station daily and cleaning racks manual while waiting for new grinder to arrive (4-6 week lead time)
- Both chlorine contact tanks were taken down and cleaned
- Scum (fats, oils & grease) was removed from center of primary tanks by Gleasons (contractor) and sent to the Carthage Plant for processing.

New Repairs/Breakdowns

- Thickener pump #1 seals repacked and online. Thickener pump #2 waiting on parts and will be scheduled for July.
- RAS pump #1 needs rebuild and is scheduled for July.
- Primary settling tanks scum collectors not functioning properly; both tanks will be taken down cleaned, repaired and put back online in July.
- Final settling tanks, 4 flyghts not functioning, either broken or off the sprocket. Tank needs to be drained to determine issue. One tank is scheduled to be taken down in late July for repairs & cleaning.
- Scum line is plugged and therefore, unable to pump to digesters; cleaning of the scum collection pit has started. It appears that pit has not been cleaned in many years and buildup of grease/scum is several feet thick.
- #1 and #3 main pumps need to be rebuilt; Siewert has been authorized to perform a Plant visit in July to assess options for repair/replacement.
- Controls on plate and frame press do not always function and need attention; this is a lower priority given critical equipment that is inoperable at this time.
- Digesters not functioning as designed. Dual fuel boiler not functioning. Additional investigation is necessary.
- Septage manhole locking mechanism no longer functioning. Part ordered by DPW.
- WAS pumps (2) needs packing.
- Plumbing in Raw Sludge Bldg. needs to be replaced/repared. JMS ordered parts and repairs are scheduled the week of July 11th.
- Heater for intake air to downstairs pump room needs to be fixed before winter.
- Elevated hydrogen sulfide concentrations in excess of OSHA permissible exposure level have been detected in Main Pump Room. A permanently installed H₂S gas analyzer with alarm has been recommended to be installed for employee safety. Employees have access to a hand-held device to use in the interim.
- Chlorine gas system has not received annual required maintenance. Obtaining quotes to assess system by outside specialist that works with chlorine gas feed systems.
- Main Street Pump Station does not have VFDs or back-up power. Pumps are cycling every 15 minutes which creates excessive wear. Recommend evaluating station for VFDs as part of engineering assessment.

Ms. Purdy
July 25, 2016

c) **Operations**

- Made several operational process changes to improve the WWTP's performance:
 - Added sodium hypochlorite to address filamentous bacteria which cause a problem with sludge settling.
 - Cleaned chlorine contact tanks of denitrified sludge and debris.
 - Cleaned scum layer on thickener tank which improves WWTP odors and operation.
 - Cleaned scum off primary settling tanks and began cleaning out scum collection pit.
 - Reduced wasting frequency to increase MLSS to 2,500 mg/L and improve biology in aeration tanks.
- Completed DMRQA sampling required by U.S. EPA.
- Tested sludge polymer as settling aid to utilize when final settling tanks are taken offline for cleaning, repair and maintenance. Determined sludge polymer will work well with process and no other chemicals should be necessary for settling aid.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please don't hesitate to contact me at 315/661-3259.

Sincerely,

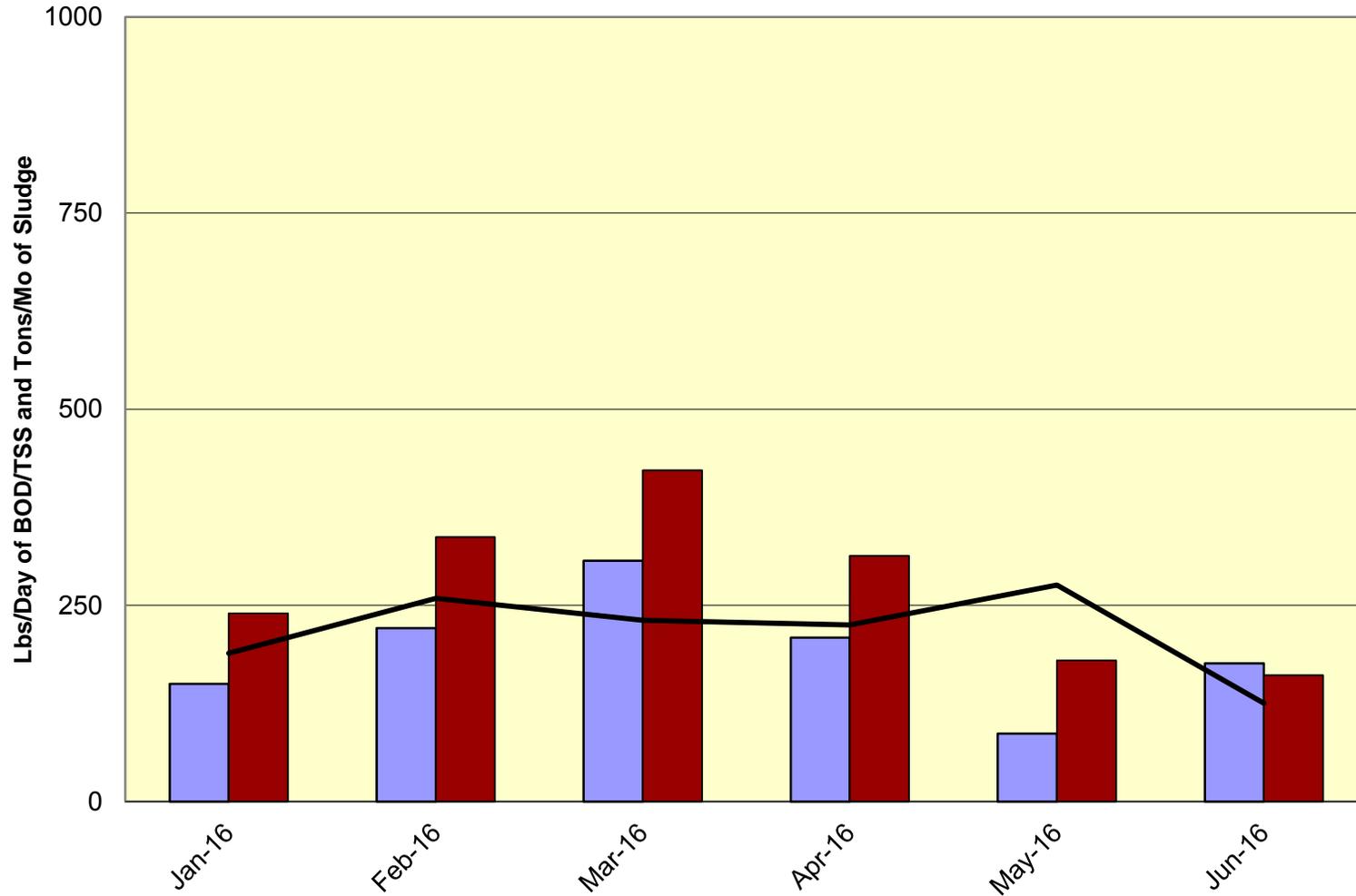
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Attachments: 1) Operational Graphs

cc: Scott Thornhill, Ogdensburg Director of Public Works
Jeff Overstrom, DANC WQ Supervisor
Bart Crary, DANC WQ Supervisor

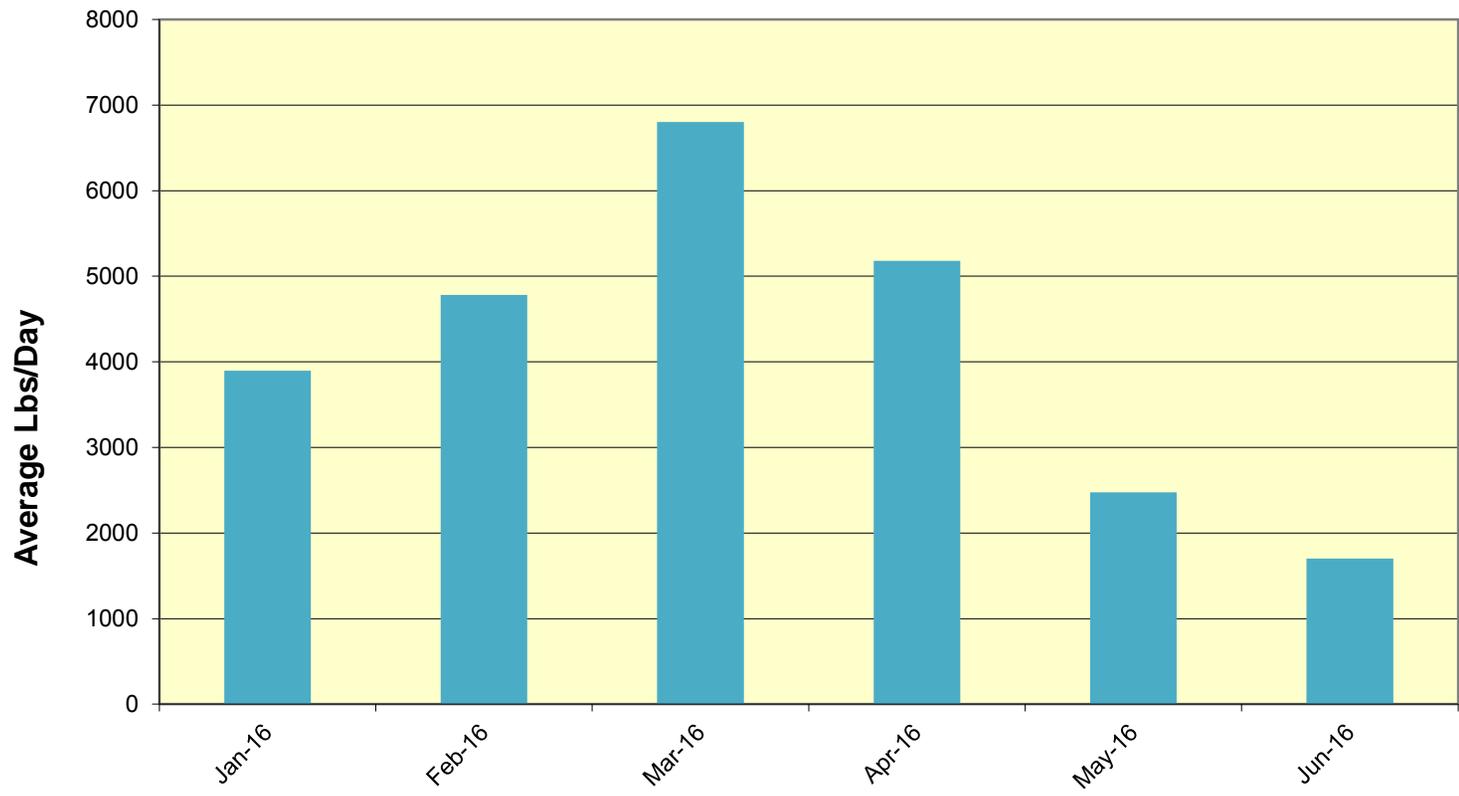
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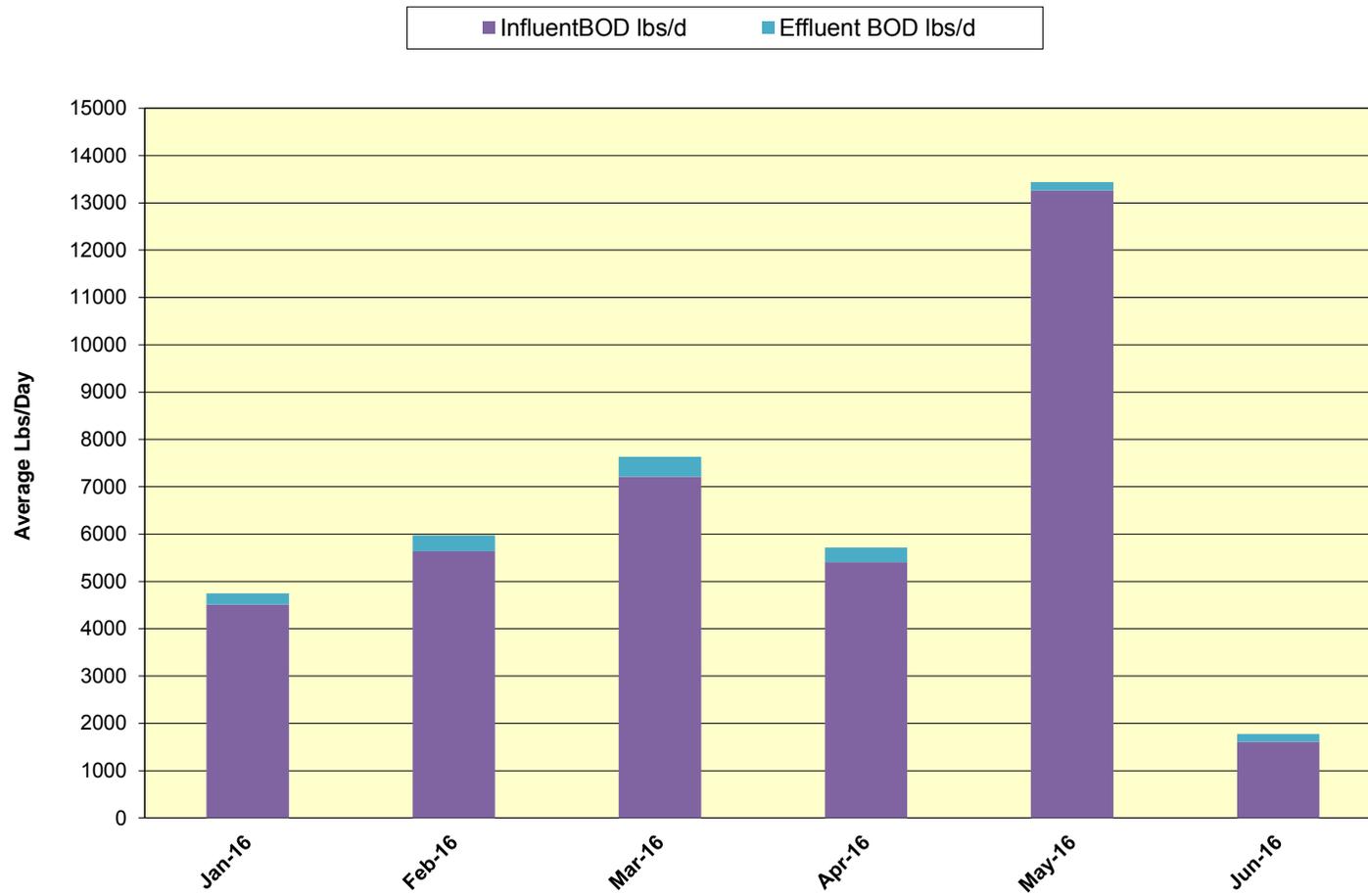


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AVERAGE LBS/DAY OF SUSPENDED SOLIDS (Influent)**

■ Influent TSS

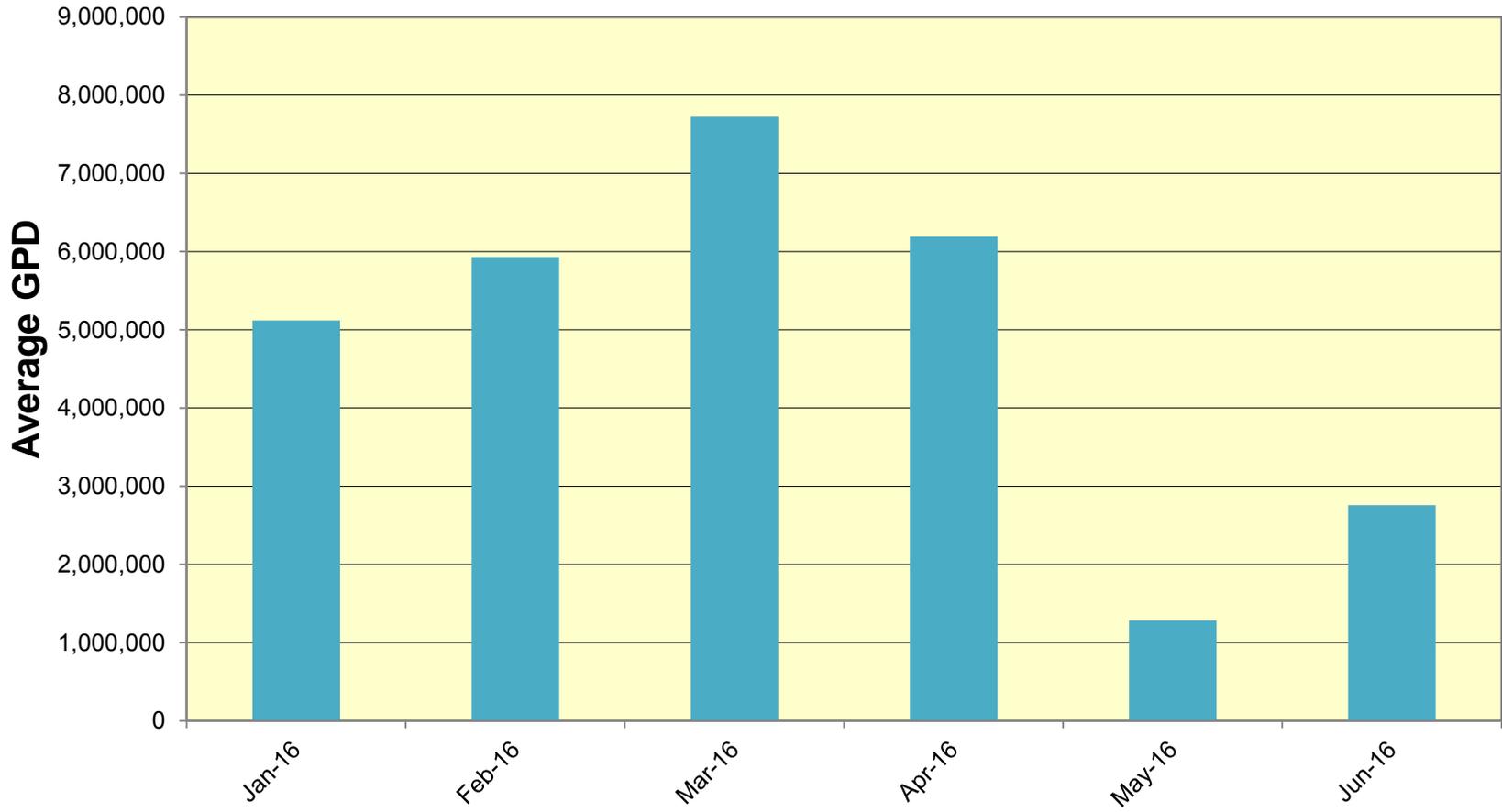


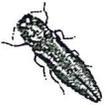
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY
AVERAGE LBS/DAY INFLUENT BOD**



**City of Ogdensburg
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY
AVERAGE DAILY FLOWS IN GALLONS PER DAY**

■ EFFLUENT GPD





St. Lawrence County Emerald Ash Borer Task Force



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Presentation to Board of Legislators Operations Committee July 18, 2016

The St. Lawrence County Emerald Ash Borer Task Force was formed in January 2016 when Paul Hetzler, Horticulture & Natural Resources Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension, invited interested persons to a meeting to discuss the eventual arrival of the EAB in our County, and the costs and liabilities that will be faced by local governments and landowners when this invasive beetle kills all of the ash trees in the County.

The Task Force has met monthly since January, made presentations to several local governments, developed a list of Highly Probable Areas that are likely to see EABs first, put together and delivered educational materials to over 50 campgrounds across the County, etc. A presentation was made to the BOL in May, to acquaint Legislators with the emergence of the problem.

Since that time, six members of the Task Force traveled to Syracuse to meet with staff of the Onondaga County EAB Task Force. Their description of how they began to plan for EAB, and how they are dealing with EAB infestation, was sobering and instructive. On the advice of Mr. Denesha, the SLC Task Force seeks to provide this information to the BOL.

In Onondaga County, the BOL authorized establishment of an EAB Task Force in 2012. A small allocation was put into the County budget to support that TF. The OC Task Force recommended that the County conduct an inventory of ash trees on County-owned property.

The inventory covered 8,000 acres of County-owned land and approx. 800 miles of ROW along County-owned roads. The inventory indicated the presence of over 45,000 ash trees that were likely to cause liability concerns if they became infested/died and ultimately suffered catastrophic collapse.

The management strategy developed for Onondaga County included the plan to cut down 95% of the ash trees on County land over a ten-year period, and to inoculate the remaining trees for a period of 25 years. The projected cost was well over \$10 million.

By comparison, in St. Lawrence County:

- The County owns or manages over 495,000 acres of land.
- Of that total, approximately 1% (4,900 acres) is not specifically named as forestland.
- Among these parcels, 94 acres are classified as Residential; 171 acres as Vacant; 37 acres as Commercial Services; 220 acres as Industrial; 398 acres as Public Service; and 4,060 acres as parks and forests.
- In addition, the County maintains 1,142 miles of ROW (per SLC Highway Dept).



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July 20, 2016

Ogdensburg Mayor and City Council
City of Ogdensburg
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Dear Mayor and Village Board:

Thank you for participation on Friday, July 15, 2016, at the St. Lawrence County Tap Water Taste Contest conducted at the Summer Festival in Potsdam. Enclosed please find a certificate acknowledging this achievement. This certificate may be displayed in a prominent location in the Village.

Thank you for your participation in this event. The competition was a great platform to remind people of the importance of taste and quality in drinking water, as well as the need to protect the valuable water resources in our area and across the state. Good water is such a common place commodity that it is often taken for granted. The Taste Contest offers an opportunity to spotlight the good water we enjoy and the dedicated professionals who provide it for us. We hope that you will be back in 2017 to compete again for supplying the best tasting water in the County. Thanks again for your participation!

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Sheppard, P.E.

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Cc: Chief Operator
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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
Tap Water Taste Contest

JULY 15, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

This certificate is awarded to

City of Ogdensburg

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sarah Purdy, City Manager
FROM: Director
CC: Coralee Barrett,
DATE: 7/25/2016
SUBJECT: Sandbar Classic Fishing Derby

The 6th annual Sandbar Classic Fishing was held Sunday, July 24, at Hosmer's Marina. The department saw 139 register (we had 132 in 2015) for both the youth and adult divisions with people signing up from Ogdensburg, Lisbon, Heuvelton, Dekalb Junction, Canton, Norfolk, Theresa, Philadelphia with even several Florida residents taking part.

Winners in the adult division took home over \$1,600 in cash prizes. Prizes for the youth division were provided by the family of the late Al O'Marah, who worked for the city for many years.

The derby was sponsored by Ampersand Power, which provided funds to purchase hats and T-shirts; Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center who donated hand towels; The Dirty Gringo who provided gift certificates for the youth division; Hosmer's Marina who hosted the event as well as provided gift cards for the adult winners; and Larry's Taxidermy which provided a mount of the winning perch in the youth division.

Funds to promote the derby were provided by a fishing promotion grant through ESD thanks to Sen. Patricia Ritchie.

The department will look to expand the derby yet again in 2017. Photographs of the event can be found on the department's Facebook at "Ogdensburg City Recreation."