

Staff met to discuss operational issues relating to the Portland Loo (Bill Jackson, Don Morrison, Bill Carere, Bruce Heagle, Tom McDermitt, Mike Hill).

Maintenance

- Toilet occasionally plugs, but no more than at community centres
- Overflow noted to have flowed towards building and not dedicated drain
- Roof designed to hold water and drain to central dedicated drain: can be a problem when blocked by airborne debris; [a "light bulb" strainer would help](#)
- Soap pump and hand wash have failed and been replaced
- Otherwise, problems and costs are minimal
- All comments by passersby when at the washroom have been positive
- Costs charged to dedicated operational work order in Division

Cleaning

- No particular concerns
- Cleaned 3 times a day: 15-20 minutes each time
- Most mess is in the mornings
- Could use a pressure washing now
- Toilet backed up twice, likely due to a partial blockage though it has been designed with a maximum aperture
- Problem with rainfall on toilet and paper; though paper has been covered, there [should be some sort of cover over upper louvers to prevent rain entry](#)
- [Portable urinals](#) are in the Public Works yard and [can be liquidated](#) if they are not to be used in the future
- Otherwise, problems and costs are minimal
- Costs charged to dedicated operational work order in Division

Electrical

- Only LED lights running off battery, but chronic problem keeping batteries charged
- We have had to check every two weeks
- Note that the unit is regularly used while crews are on site
- On May 18, the entire system was converted to 110 and all solar charging equipment removed
- This has an estimated value of \$3,000 and therefore this [equipment should be identified for redeployment or liquidation](#)
- Greg Madden has installed a use counter in one of the Portland Loos and says that this is an inexpensive and accurate means of gauging use. [One will be purchased for installation](#) here.
- Costs charged to original purchase work order

Use

- Door is very heavy
- Sound from toilet is very loud, especially during Sunday market
- Not clear that this is a toilet: [better signage needed on site and at block ends](#)
- Wash station spilling to sidewalk not ideal

Overall, the toilet has worked very well with minimal cost excepting the charging system that has now been corrected.