

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES  
TOWNSHIP INSPECTION OCTOBER 13, 2017

Notes of the Township Inspection held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the municipal office.

Present: Councillors: Alkins, Loan, Racicot  
Clerk-Treasurer Lorna Buob  
Leadhand Kelly Johnson  
Administrative Assistant Erin Laforest

Absent: Mayor Vezina, Councillor Foekens

Acting Mayor Alkins called the meeting to order and the Township Inspection began at 8:40 a.m. The Agenda was reviewed and it was requested that the culvert installed at the disposal site entrance by the highway contractors be looked at as Council have a concern with the installation.

The Township Inspection began with a tour of the south west side of the Township, starting at Connolly Road. Mr. Johnson pointed out the road projects which have been completed in 2017, including ditching along Connolly Road and several new culverts under the Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF). They are currently finishing the last culvert installation on Connolly and will be moving to Sitch and Wheal road next week.

The old fire truck tank located on Sitch Road on the Byers' property was pointed out and the group was reminded that this is a water source for the Fire Department in the summer months.

It was noted that there is a beaver dam on Pitch Creek at Sitch Road, close to the culverts with no current activity by the beavers. Mr. Johnson will have it opened up when the backhoe is in the area for the culvert installations.

Earl Road has been resurfaced from Sitch Road to Allan Road this year.

Mr. Johnson noted the locations of two new culverts still to be installed on Wheal Road and pointed out each municipality's responsibilities for this road in the Boundary Road Agreement with the Township of Gillies. The Main Street road closure was also looked at. The barricades are still up and the Township of Gillies is currently doing an engineering study to determine what would be required to fix the road issues.

The Blaikie Road Bridge needs potholes filled at the entrance. This is an asphalt surface and Mr. Johnson will look into getting some from a local contractor while they are in the area.

1.6 km of Smith Road from Garbutt Road to Harstone Road was also resurfaced this year. The two bridges on Smith Road were discussed. They are both overall in good shape, Bridge #3, the one by Poohachoffs', has a steel frame but the bearings have shifted and this would be something that will have to be corrected in the near future.

It was noted that a culvert end was sticking out of the ground on Luckens Road, in a corner, in Oliver Paipoonge. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact their Roads Department to make them aware of this hazard.

The O'Connor Cemetery was inspected. The suggestions made by Lorna Krieg with regard to a possible work bee in the spring to fix up the cemetery and the cremated ashes garden were looked at. Council agreed with the majority of the suggestions and had a few more ideas, including fixing up and labeling the map boxes and new plot markers on the cremated ashes garden. Another concern of the unmarked graves in the main portion of the cemetery was discussed. Several years ago the road department made markers for all the unmarked graves, however the paint has come off these markers and there is just a concrete block in the ground at these locations. It was suggested that perhaps we look to see if there is any funding opportunities to do some of this cemetery maintenance and possibly put plaques on these unmarked graves. A new flag will be put up in the cemetery in the near future. It was also noted that there

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are some piles of dry grass that need to be removed in the area of the cremated ashes garden.

A lunch break was taken in Kakabeka Falls from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

The tour continued on the North side of the Township. On Loghrin Road, the stand of jackpine and the underbrush was looked at with regard to the FireSmart program. Council do see the potential area of risk, as has been previously identified with the Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Agreement and would like to insure that it is identified on the FireSmart program mapping.

It was noted that the Mayo Road barricade discussed at the October 10, 2017 Council meeting, has been dealt with and the blockage has been moved off of the Township's road.

The inspection continued in the Disposal Site. It was noted that the scrap metal and the fridges and freezers need to be picked up. The Clerk-Treasurer will follow up with this. Mr. Johnson pointed out the area of the disposal site where new holes can still be dug and noted that we do have to stay within the approved footprint. The Fire Department would like to place a training trailer on the disposal site property. Mr. Johnson is recommending that they put it in the area straight across from the entrance once the upholstery is moved. The circle entrance in the site will be changed for the winter to come straight in. The new culvert installed at the entrance of the site by the highway contractor was looked at. Council has a concern with regard to the rutting and washout of the fresh gravel already. Also it was noted that if the corner was taken too tight with a trailer there is not a lot of room and there is a risk of losing the trailer.

The tour continued and the Broome Road arch culvert was looked at.

The Helipad was inspected. It was noted that the brush that is growing up around the helipad is not on the Township property.

The inspection returned to the Municipal garage and Fire hall at 2:30 p.m. The buildings and yards were inspected. The new Fire Departments side-by-side was looked at. Overall the Fire Hall was very clean and neatly kept. The air bottles in the trucks were looked at with regard to the inspection stamp.

The municipal garage and equipment were also looked at. The garage was also in a neat and tidy condition. It was noted that we should remove the old fryer and O'Connor Day equipment out of this area and if it is no good get rid of it completely. It was recommended that a new green book be purchased once the new 2018 version is available because of all the new changes in regulation.

The O'Connor Community Centre was inspected. The new furnace and renovation in the basement were looked at. No concerns were found.

The municipal office building was also looked at and there were no major concerns with any of the buildings. The inspection ended and it was

1. Moved by B. J. Loan  
Seconded by Bishop Racicot

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**TIME BEING: 3:29 P.M.**

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer