TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES
TOWNSHIP INSPECTION OCTOBER 18, 2019

Notes of the Township Inspection held on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the municipal office.

Present: Councillors: Crane, Handy, Loan, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Lorna Buob
Leadhand Kelly Johnson

Absent: Mayor Vezina

Acting Mayor Handy called the meeting to order and the Township Inspection began at 8:50 a.m. A vehicle was rented from a rental company in Thunder Bay for the inspection.

As the tour was about to begin a complaint was received from a resident that Connolly Road was very rough, and they would like to see it graded.

The Township Inspection began with a tour of the south west side of the Township, starting at Connolly Road. Mr. Johnson noted that they are trying to get the grading of the roads done and he does have Connolly Road on his priority list. The corner on Connolly Road at the Marks Townline has been brushed by the road employees for better visibility.

The tour continued onto Sitch Road and the Beaver Dam Creek culverts which will be replaced in 2020 through the Investing in Canada Plan – Rural and Northern Infrastructure Stream were pointed out. Guide rails will also be installed at this crossing.

The tour continued throughout the entire Township road system. Mr. Johnson pointed out the road projects which have been completed in 2019. The 1.6 km of Diana Road, 1.6 km of Cliffmclean Road, 1.6 km of Broome Road east of Garbutt Road. Four culverts were also replaced.

The bridges were discussed. Currently Bridge #1 on Blaikie Road is in good condition, however Mr. Johnson noted his concern with the bank erosion on the upper side of the river before the bridge. He also identified the area of Blaikie Road that has flooded when the Whitefish River overflows its banks. The Y intersection at Blaikie and Diana Road was discussed. Council would like to see the west entrance of the intersection more permanently closed and the hole left from the flooding this summer repaired. The deck of Bridge #2 on Smith Road was to be replaced this year. Mr. Johnson has purchased the lumber and is hoping to get it replaced before winter if the weather cooperates. Mr. Johnson will look into having the bearing pad repairs for Bridge #3 on Smith Road completed when the ice has formed on the creek.

Ditching has been completed on various roads throughout the Township.

The helipad was inspected. Some cones are faded but all lights are working. Ornge has recently done an inspection but a report has not been received by the Township. The Clerk-Treasurer will follow up.

A lunch break was taken in Kakabeka Falls from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m.

The tour continued with the inspection of the O'Connor Cemetery. A volunteer workbee was held on June 1, 2019 and the employees have continued to do additional repairs and clean up of the cremated ashes garden at the cemetery. The benches in the center of the gardens have had the boards replaced. The cemetery map cases for the cremated ashes garden and the full cemetery have been repainted. It was noted that the cases should be identified so visitors know that the maps are located inside. The shrubs in the center of each garden were cutback and the beds weeded. The crushed rock was cleaned up and more rock were applied where needed. The current frames were stained, and new plot number plates were installed. The main outer border boards

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were replaced with 8' x 8' boards. A "Cremated Ashes Garden" sign was also installed. The paths in the main section of the cemetery will need to be weeded, possibly this fall or early spring. A port-a-pottie was also budgeted for but has not yet been purchased as we are waiting on availability of a used one from the local companies.

The tour continued on the North side of the Township.

Fleming Road was inspected. It was noted that this is the boundary road between the Townships of Conmee and O'Connor. Fleming Road was used as a part of the unofficial detour route this summer due to the Highway 590 road closure at Cedar Creek. The road held up well and an invoice will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation for the cost of the maintenance of the road during the detour.

The inspection of the Disposal Site was held. The scrap metal needs to be picked up. Tires have just recently been picked up. The current hole will be used throughout the winter. The storage building located at the site was discussed, the Health and Safety supplies are located inside. It was agreed that for the winter months, each of the disposal site caretakers should carry their own eyewash bottle and be responsible for keeping it from freezing.

The speed limit on Cronk Road was reduced to 60 km/hour as of October 1, 2019, as per our resident's request. The Township has borrowed a speed indicator sign from the Municipality of Neebing for one month to verify the speed of the traffic before and after the new posting. The reports to date were discussed. Council would like a note included in the November newsletter with the results of the analysis.

The inspection returned to the Municipal garage and Fire hall. The buildings and yards were inspected. The Fire Department equipment and the Road Department equipment were also looked at.

A possible location for a playground was looked at. If any funding is available for the Township or if the O'Connor Community Club moves forward with purchasing playground equipment, Council liked the idea of putting it in the back North West corner of the Community Centre yard, past the outdoor rink and ball diamond.

The outdoor rink was also looked at. Some boards will need to be changed and this will be done before the skating season.

The O'Connor Community Centre tour was held. There were no concerns at this time. The inspection ended and it was

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

   THAT THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

   TIME BEING: 3:35 P.M.

   Carried

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Mayor Clerk-Treasurer