

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES
TOWNSHIP INSPECTION SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Notes of the Township Inspection held on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the municipal office.

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

Absent: Mayor Vezina, Councillor Foekens

Acting Mayor Racicot called the meeting to order and the Township Inspection began at 8:40 a.m. A vehicle was rented from a rental company in Thunder Bay for the inspection.

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 2018 throughout the tour. The first 1.6km of Connolly Road off of Highway 595 was resurfaced this year, as well as Holomego Road East, Loghrin Road and Cardiff Drive. It was noted that this is the first resurfacing Cardiff Drive has received since its original construction.

Mr. Johnson noted the location of the culverts at Beaver Dam Creek on Sitch Road. An application has been submitted to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top up for funding to have these culverts replaced, to have the road widened in this area and guide rails installed at this location.

The Township of Gillies continues to keep the boundary road, Main Street hill, closed.

The location for a new "Welcome to O'Connor" sign on Highway 595 coming out of Hymers was looked at. A location south of the driveway at 947 Highway 595 did have plenty of space. The visibility for this property entrance will be considered for the final decision on the location. A permit will be required from the Ministry of Transportation.

The potholes on the approach to the Blaikie Road Bridge deck, as were noted on the last inspection, have been filled. This is an asphalt surface and it was suggested that the entire approaches be redone in the near future. There are also some guide posts that will need to be changed. A bridge study has been awarded for this year and Council and staff will await the report to determine what else will be required for maintenance on this bridge. Overall it looks to be in good condition.

The proposed road resurfacing projects as per the five year road plan were also reviewed. Cliffmclean Road, Diana Road and Broome Road East are scheduled for resurfacing in 2019.

The Smith Road Bridge, west of Garbutt road was inspected. This bridge has wood decking and it was noted that it will require a new deck in the near future and this will be considered in the 2019 budget. Mr. Johnson continues to monitor the beams on this bridge.

Ditching will begin on Garbutt road North of Smith road next week. Brushing was completed on Broome Road this year. Brushing was also done on Holomego Road East and Whittaker Road, west of Pool Road. It was noted that some gravel was also applied to this portion of Whittaker Road.

The helipad was inspected. It was noted that property surrounding the Helipad has been cleared of all the brush by the contractor completing the roadside clearing. Mr. Johnson also informed Council that he spoke with the Ornge helipad inspector with regard to the Township possibly asphaltting the pad and he noted that they do not recommend this. Due to the heat in the summer months and the runners of the helicopter being hot, they may sink into the asphalt, leaving possible ruts or sticking to the asphalt upon lift off. They would prefer that it be a concrete surface rather than asphalt if something were to be done.

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Mr. Johnson continues to monitor the bearing pads on Bridge #3 on Smith Road. The repairs are scheduled to be completed in 2019.

Beavers have been damming water crossings on Luckens road and the water is high in a couple of areas. Two trees in the area had also fallen and were partially on the road and will have to be removed as soon as possible.

The O'Connor Cemetery was inspected. A work bee is currently scheduled for September 22nd and staff requested confirmation as to the work to be completed on this day. The suggestions made by Lorna Krieg were once again reviewed. Council agreed that at this time the benches in the center of the gardens will be brought back to the shop and have staff replace the boards. The cemetery map cases for the cremated ashes garden and the full cemetery will be repainted. The shrubs in the center of each garden will be cut back and the beds weeded. The main outer border boards will be replaced. It was agreed to try to clean up the boards around the individual gardens and only replace those that have deteriorated. The crushed rock and the geotextile will be replaced next year and the current crushed rock cleaned up and reapplied where possible. Suggested supplies and tools for the work to be completed were discussed. Lorna Krieg has volunteered to provide a lunch for the workers.

A lunch break was taken in Kakabeka Falls from 12:10 noon to 1:20 p.m.

The tour continued on the North side of the Township.

The driveway entrance on Smart Road that was repaired by the Township road crew this year was looked at. The driveway was damaged with a large piece of Township equipment, accidentally breaking up the asphalt.

Fleming Road was inspected. It was noted that this is the boundary road between the Townships of Conmee and O'Connor. In the Boundary Road Agreement the winter maintenance alternates between Townships and this upcoming winter season will be the Township of O'Connor's turn to maintain it. It was noted that there were issues with ice buildup along the road last year. This will be monitored regularly. It was also noted that Fleming Road will be used as a part of the unofficial detour route next summer due to the Highway 590 road closure at Cedar Creek.

The inspection continued on to the Disposal Site. The scrap metal and the fridges and freezers need to be picked up. Some have already been picked up and the contractor will be coming for another load. The Fire Department training trailer has been put in place on the disposal site property. The circle entrance into the site has been changed and the entrance now comes straight in. It was noted that the caretakers building located at the site should be heated for Health and Safety supplies. It was noted that a new hole will not be required to be dug this year as they have just began using the hole dug last year. The old hole will be filled with other materials from around the site and will be capped off prior to winter. The brush pile will also be cleaned up.

During the tour the request to have the Cronk Road speed limit reduced was briefly discussed.

The inspection returned to the Municipal garage, Fire hall and cold storage building at 2:15 p.m. The buildings and yards were inspected. Overall the Fire Hall was very clean and neatly kept. The proposed changes to the washroom in the Fire Hall were looked at. Council did not see any additional work they felt was required from the original proposal presented by the Fire Department members. The requests for quotes will go out as soon as possible to have the work completed prior to year end. The Fire Department equipment was also looked at. The municipal garage and road equipment were also looked at. It was noted that Truck #9 is still currently in for repairs due to the smoking issue which has dragged on for some time now. The garage was also in a neat and tidy condition. Shop B was looked at with regard to its condition. No changes will be made at this time.

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The O'Connor Community Centre and the municipal office building were not looked at due to the time and members having to leave. These buildings will be looked at another time. The inspection ended and it was

1. Moved by B. J. Loan
Seconded by W. Handy

**THAT THE TOWNSHIP INSPECTION ADJOURN TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

TIME BEING: 2:50 P.M.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer