

## TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES - TOWNSHIP INSPECTION MAY 6, 2011

Notes of the Township inspection held on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. starting at the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson  
Councillors: Garbutt, Loan, Racicot, Vezina  
Clerk-Treasurer Buob  
Leadhand K. Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

The road tour of the Township inspection began.

The arch culvert on Sitch road at Pitch creek was inspected. The rocks seemed to have stayed in place after the spring melt this year.

Mr. Johnson showed and explained to Council the Engineers design for the steel guide rail project on Smith road at Tin Pail Creek. Quotes have been requested and will be opened at the May 9, 2011 Council meeting for this project. A couple of deck boards will have to be replaced this year.

Bridge #3 on Smith road at Whitewood Creek was looked at. The road department will be lowering the railing system this year to the proper height. The materials for this job were purchased in 2010.

The entrance at the corner of Smith road and Harstone road was discussed as per a request from a resident in the area. There was concern with regard to vehicles driving into this area and littering. It was agreed that the entrance will remain as is as there is a hydro pole on this old road that may need access.

Federal Gas Tax monies will again be used for road resurfacing this year. This year's projects include 2.8 kms of Harstone road from the corner of Smith road to the Townline of Oliver Paiponge, resurfacing and drainage and Broome road for 1.6 kms from Highway 595 to the Garbutt road resurfacing.

A portion of the Harstone road was brushed in 2010. Mr. Johnson informed Council that the brush will be cleaned up this year. Staff will change the guideposts on the Harstone road, at Whitewood Creek, this year. The posts will be purchased locally.

Bridge #4 on Broome road continues to be the next priority for infrastructure projects. Different options for its replacement and alternate route for the residents beyond the bridge and access to Cedar Falls were discussed.

The locations of the 3-cable railing systems recommended by JML Engineering for Garbutt road, Holomego road and Earl road were inspected. Quotes for these systems will be opened at the upcoming Council meeting to be held on May 9, 2011.

The condition of the Welcome to the Township of O'Connor sign located on Highway 590 was looked at and a possible new location for the sign was also discussed. It was suggested that if a new sign was to be purchased that the Township logo be included on it.

Lunch was had at the Kakabeka Falls Hotel. Mayor Nelson left the inspection.

The Township cemetery was inspected. The well at the cemetery was looked at. The water level is again very low. Different options with regard to the well were discussed. The lid of the well needs replacement. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that Ms. Lorna Krieg has volunteered to trim the bushes in the cremated ashes garden. A new Canada flag is required at the cemetery. The material bin at the site could use some more topsoil for the grave sites.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that he will need to replace a culvert on Sovereign road as it has a rotten bottom and his steamer hose is currently stuck in it.

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Strom road was inspected. There currently is a speed limit sign posted as the trucks leave the gravel pits as well as when they enter Strom road off of Highway 590. No garbage was present in the ditches at the time of inspection, as was mentioned as a concern at the Community Policing Problem Solving Exercise. The no use of compression brakes sign will be installed on Strom road in the near future.

An inspection of the disposal site was held. The brush and trees in the entrance have been trimmed back for better visibility as per Council's request. The hole is full and a new one will have to be dug soon. It was noted that there are again several electronic items that could be picked up for recycling. There are a large number of bags that are blowing around the site that will need to be picked up, now that the snow has melted. The attendant's shed was looked at. It was suggested that when the building is getting cleaned up and ready for use that a window be installed to allow the attendant to see when anyone enters the site.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that he will be installing a culvert in front of 316 Cronk road as the water currently runs over the road in this area.

The municipal buildings, which include the annex building, the fire hall, cold storage building, garage, rink shack and rink area, community centre and office were inspected. The Township equipment was also inspected. The tanker was currently out of the fire hall for its annual safety check.

Councillor Loan left the Inspection, as he had to return to work.

The Fire Department members have rearranged the fire hall. The new setup looks good and will be better for training purposes. The concerns mentioned in the health and safety report with regard to the location of the electrical cords and hoses for the Fire Department were looked at. The setup of the new pumper fire truck was looked at. Council had a concern with the cover over the ladder ends. These concerns will be forwarded to Fire Chief.

A request for quotes is currently out for the eaves of the garage and community centre. The quotes are due in for May 9, 2011 Council meeting. At this time there are no other major repairs required.

The eaves on the rink shack still need to be done. The material was purchased in 2010. Councillor Vezina has lent a tool to bend the fascia and will come and assist Mr. Johnson next week to do the work. The kick boards around the bottom of the rink boards are starting to warp and some need to be resecured. The paint on the asphalt is worn off in several locations.

The interior of the community centre was looked at. The interior walls are in need of repair and paint as well as the main entrance and doors. The basement entrance also has never been finished with plaster or paint. The well cover in the basement should be repaired. The old office roof is still leaking. The continued maintenance has not fixed the problem and this issue will have to be looked into further.

It was noted that the new office fascia has hail damage on the west side from a recent storm. The roof of the new office was also looked at, as during the buildings one year warranty inspection there was still snow on it. It was noted that there were two areas of concern, which will be forwarded to the contractor.

The Township inspection adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer