

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES - TOWNSHIP INSPECTION MAY 8, 2009

Notes of the township inspection held on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 9 a.m. starting at the municipal building.

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

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The township inspection started with discussion regarding the proposed new municipal office and Council chambers. The location of the building and the Hydro relocation were looked at. Councillor Racicot will draw up the relocate documents as required by Hydro One, however the work will not be completed unless funding through the Infrastructure Stimulus fund is approved. The design drawing of the building was also discussed and it was suggested that the current drawings be mirrored to switch the sides of the building opposite to what they currently are prior to the architectural drawings being drawn up due to service room location and window location.

The road tour of the township inspection began. Mr. Johnson explained to Council the road projects that he would like to see done this year. These projects would be funded through the Federal Gas Tax monies, the Infrastructure Stimulus fund, if approved, the balance of the disaster relief funding from the June 6, 2008 flood and the balance through the Township budget.

Two miles of Connolly road is scheduled to be resurfaced through the Federal Gas Tax monies. Ditching is also required on this road. The Clerk-Treasurer will check into whether or not ditching would qualify under this funding as well.

The Sitch road arch culvert was looked at. The new rock that was installed last year is holding up. There was no spring runoff flood concerns this year.

The Council stopped at each bridge and looked at the recommendations and concerns addressed in the bridge evaluation conducted by JML Engineering in 2008. Applications have been submitted to the Infrastructure Stimulus fund and the Communities Component of the Building Canada fund for repairs to three of the bridges. The Harstone road bridge will be replaced this year through the disaster relief funding. The Smith road bridge by the intersection of Garbutt road will not have any repairs done to it this year.

It was noted that Wheal road and Smart road need gravel and will be done through the gravel portion of the budget, either this year or next depending on final budget and time.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that he would like to brush Diana road this year. He would like to go for quotes on the whole job rather than get an hourly rate. It was suggested that quotes be requested, however the job may not be awarded until after budget approval, if funding is available.

Several roads are in need of ditching and brushing.

The township cemetery was inspected. The minor repairs as noted in the fall inspection have not been done as yet. The potentilla shrubs will be trimmed up. The material for the doors over the cemetery maps has been purchased. The number plates for the cremated ashes garden will be ordered and replaced in the summer.

A stop was made at Councillor Racicot's home. He showed Council five tarps that he has found that can be used for O'Connor Day. They are 20' x 30' in size and will need to be joined together if used to cover the outdoor kitchen and concession area. It was suggested that a cost to have this done be looked into from some of the local companies.

Lunch was had at the Kakabeka Falls Hotel.

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An inspection of the disposal site was held. Electricity has been installed at the site. A new hole will need to be dug this year. There are currently several bags blowing around the site. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact some students to come in for cleanup. The recycle bin was looked at. Mr. Johnson informed Council that Recool Canada has called to inform us that the yellow bin currently has damage to the levers and the doors and will need repairs as garbage was blowing from the bin on their last trip to their lot. Mr. Johnson will look at it when it returns to the site. The moving of the old recycle bin was discussed. It was decided to use this building for the storage of the WEEE products, such as computers, televisions, electronic items so that it remains dry for recycling. It will also be set up for a good will area.

The helipad was inspected. The pad could use some more gravel and it needs one new cone. Ornge will be inspecting all of their helipads this year and will be looking at O'Connor's sometime during the summer. Mr. Johnson reported that an estimated cost to asphalt the pad would be \$14,000 to \$16,000. It was also suggested that it could possibly be chip sealed for less.

The fire hall and fire trucks were inspected. The new water pump for the back of the tanker truck was looked at. The air tank for filling their breathing apparatus was discussed. Council would like to know what options are available for refilling if a new compressor was not purchased. Could the tanks be refilled elsewhere, could a compressor be leased or the current one rebuilt. It was recommended that a crank jack be installed on the fire trailer.

The garage, yard and road department equipment were looked at. The new aboveground fuel tanks have been installed and are in operation. Barriers still need to be installed in front of the tanks. It was decided that the old tin shed could be moved over to the recreation area and used for storage of the snow blower, etc. It will need to have minor renovations and a door installed. A base will also have to be put down, either crushed rock or asphalt. The three windows and insulation were discussed for the garage. The windows will be replaced with more energy efficient ones and insulation will be blown into the walls with funding through the Federal Gas Tax funding this year.

The municipal office and hall were inspected. A handrail will have to be installed at the stairs going into the storage room. The urinal in the men's washroom is currently out of order. Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to speak to the janitor to see what is wrong with it and if it can be fixed.

The eaves on the rink shack will need to be closed off as soon as possible to keep the birds out. The material has been purchased and Councillor Vezina will do the work.

The township inspection adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer