

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES
TOWNSHIP INSPECTION OCTOBER 10, 2008

Notes of the township inspection held on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 1 p.m. starting at the municipal building.

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

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

The township inspection started with the inspection of the municipal office, hall and grounds. The door that was installed between the hall and the old cloakroom was discussed. It was decided that a deadbolt should be installed on this door. The handicap accessible ramp surface was replaced this year with 2 x 6's. The soffit and fascia will need to be changed on the back of the building. The outdoor rink surface was repainted this week. Due to the weather conditions an adequate job was done. The painter will come back in the spring to see how it is. He did agree to lower the price.

The township road inspection started at 1:35 p.m.

The road repairs completed as a result of the flood were looked at. The culvert replacements and the gravel resurfacing of roads were discussed. The rock replacement at the arch culvert over Pitch Creek on Sitch road was looked at. As per the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's request, the upstream of this creek was also cleaned up. It was noted that a new path of water has made its way to the culvert after the flood.

Rock from Finlay Macdonald's field was used at several creeks and bridges for stabilization. As well some of the excess large rock from the Sitch road, Pitch creek project was also used.

The township changed two culverts on Allan road, a boundary road with Marks Township, under the flood monies.

There are still some roads that require gravel patchwork to be done due to the flood after the 2008 road projects are completed. There is also a culvert on the south part of Sitch road that needs to be replaced.

Council would like the Clerk-Treasurer to contact the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority with regard to bank erosion on the Whitefish River, upstream of the bridge on Blaikie road, and by the intersection of Chambers and Kershaw roads. The reflector will have to be replaced on Chambers road.

The gravel resurfacing projects were looked at. Cronk road project is complete and they are currently working on Smith road. The culvert replacement on Garbutt road is complete and some ditching is done.

The temporary repairs to the Harstone road bridge over Cedar Creek were looked at. As per the ODRAP funding this bridge will be replaced in 2009. The work will commence after June 16 when the Ministry allows work to be done in the creek. In the mean time the required studies and designing can take place.

The cemetery was looked at. The pillars that were damaged from the single vehicle accident were looked at. The pillars will not be replaced, however they will be turned so that the damage faces in. The Clerk-Treasurer will contact the neighbour to get copies of some pictures of the accident. It was noted that a poplar tree is growing in the center of a plot. The owner will be contacted to see if we can cut it down. New number plates are required on some of the cremated ashes garden plots. The potentilla shrubs and the cedar bushes will need to be trimmed. The maps will also have to be brought in for updating. The port-a-potty will require a cleaning.

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The road improvements that the Gravel Doctor has completed on Strom road were looked at. The ditch rock on Strom road that was replaced by Bay City Contractors after the flood was discussed.

Mr. Johnson will be getting the traffic counter from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority as per Council request and setting it on Strom road at the no winter maintenance beyond this point sign.

An inspection of the disposal site was held. The new electricity installation at the site was discussed. Hydro One will be installing one pole and a transformer on the outside of the gate and the Township will have one pole on the inside with an outlet, a light and a meter base. This will allow for the installation of electric fence to be used to keep the bears out of the garbage. Funding for this project is through the Bearwise program. Hydro One will be contacted to see if they can install the meter on the main pole. If not they will require a key to read the meter. The burn pile is getting large and the fire department will be burning it soon. Kak Contracting will be in to extend the current hole and cover the area that is full. Overall the site was fairly clean. It was suggested that maybe when we hire to have the weeds on the sides of the roads cut, the successor could also do a trip through the disposal site.

The helipad was inspected. The cost to maintain the pad is minimal and we do have to spend the funding provided. It was suggested that we look into paving the surface.

The garage, yard and road department equipment were looked at. The back tires on truck #9 will need to be replaced, possibly this year. The grader will be the next piece of equipment to be replaced. The underground fuel tanks have been dug out and the road department is awaiting the soil test results to see if the hole can be filled in. The old shed will be taken apart and the materials salvaged. New above ground tanks will be installed. Mr. Johnson will look into whether it is better to rent or purchase these tanks outright.

The fire hall and fire trucks were inspected.

A copy of the Notice of Objector Response to Jacquie Cottingham and her response back to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Rock Solid Holdings was read. This information will not change any information that the Council are submitting in their letter.

The township inspection adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer