



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet electronically in regular session on January 13, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Disclosure of recording equipment.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of January 13, 2026, as presented.

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3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4.0 MINUTES

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the December 16, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

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5.0 ACCOUNTS

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves payment of the list of accounts as presented.

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6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – November and December 2025

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for November and December.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities – November and December 2025

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for November and December.

7.2.2 Building Department Year End Report

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston summarizing building department activities for 2025.

7.3 CLERK

7.3.1 Use of Delegated Authority 2025

A report has been prepared in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam for the information of Council.

7.3.2 Planning Update – Q3/Q4 2025

A report has been prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston for the information of Council.

7.3.3 Wedding Solemnizations 2025

A report has been prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston for the information of Council.

7.3.4 Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Activities 2025

A report has been prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston for the information of Council.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 2026 ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

The County of Huron Accessibility Advisory Committee has provided the Annual Accessibility Plan for review and adoption. It is the recommendation of staff that the plan be adopted as presented, to maintain compliance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 32 and Ontario Regulation 191/11.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the 2026 Annual Accessibility Plan prepared by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

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8.2 BORROWING BY-LAW 2026

A report has been prepared by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard.

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Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 01-2026, being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

Jamie McCallum

Sharen Zinn

Jodi Snell

Jamie Heffer

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Correspondence - Proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority – MPP Lisa Thompson
- 10.2 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire Department – November 2025
- 10.3 Minutes – Huron OPP Detachment Board – September 29, 2025
- 10.4 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – November 19, 2025
- 10.5 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – November 26, 2025
- 10.6 Minutes – Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – September 10, 2025
- 10.7 Resolution –Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Municipality of South Huron
- 10.8 Resolution –Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Township of Scugog
- 10.9 Resolution –Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Township of Machar
- 10.10 Resolution – OCIF Extension – Town of Smiths Falls
- 10.11 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

At the December 16th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law adopting Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee. By-Law 02-2026 is presented here for consideration.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 02-2026, being a by-law adopt Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee of the Municipality of Morris- Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed. as presented.

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13.0 CLOSED SESSION

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 3-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on January 13, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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15.0 ADJOURNMENT

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at ____ pm.*

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Special Budget Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2026, **9:00 am**
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:30 pm



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on December 16, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

Mayor Jamie Heffer
Deputy Mayor Kevin Freiburger
Councillor Jamie McCallum
Councillor Sharen Zinn
Councillor Jodi Snell

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Malcolm Fletcher	
Rachel Hammermueller	The Wingham Advance Times
Bob Montgomery	The Blyth Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heffer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Heffer noted that the members of the press in attendance would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 261-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of December 16, 2025, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 262-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the December 2, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 263-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves payment of the list of accounts as presented.

Carried.

6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

7.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 EARLY TENDER APPROVAL

A report has been prepared by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard.

Councillor Zinn asked why the budget process begins late in the year, resulting in the need to provide pre-budget approval for projects such as this. Mr. Hallam provided an explanation for the timing of the budget process, and committed to include a discussion regarding the process at the first budget meeting in January.

Motion 264-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to commence the tender process for maintenance gravel and hot mix paving prior to final budget approval, and;

FURTHER THAT the contract with Pollard Distribution Inc. be extended for an additional year to provide Dust Control Services for \$189,472.50 (excluding HST) based on estimated quantities and unit prices.

Carried.

8.2 FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

A report prepared by North Huron Director of Fire and Public Safety Chad Kregar in this regard was provided.

Motion 265-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes an extension of the existing Fire Service Agreement with North Huron under the same terms for a three-month period ending March 31, 2026

Carried.

8.3 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report has been prepared by CAO Trevor Hallam in this regard.

Motion 266-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law to the next meeting of Council to adopt the draft Emergency Management Program Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee December 3.

Jamie McCallum

Attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board December 15.

Sharen Zinn

None.

Jodi Snell

Attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention on December 10.
Attended a meeting of the Wingham Physician Recruitment Committee.

Jamie Heffer

None.

10.0 **CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 10.1 Correspondence – ABCA ERO Submission – Conservation Authority Consolidation
- 10.2 Correspondence – OPP Billing Statements – Solicitor General
- 10.3 Minutes – Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – June 11, 2025
- 10.4 Minutes - Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – December 10, 2025
- 10.5 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – December 3, 2025
- 10.6 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – December 9, 2025
- 10.7 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – November 2025
- 10.8 Resolution – Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Township of North Huron
- 10.9 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 267-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolution of the Township of North Huron calling on the Provincial government to maintain local conservation authorities.

Carried.

Motion 268-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the submission of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities.

Carried.

Motion 269-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities on behalf of the Municipality

Carried.

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL – DOG CATCHER

At the December 2nd meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement for the services of a shared Animal Control Officer. By-Law 58-2025 was provided for consideration.

Motion 270-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 58-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Municipalities of Central Huron and Huron East for the sharing of the services of an Animal Control Officer, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 271-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 7:50 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- a) Section 239 (2) (e) regarding potential litigation;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 272-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received a report regarding potential litigation related to unpaid invoices and provided direction to staff accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 273-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 59-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on December 16, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 274-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:30 pm
Special Budget Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 9:00 am
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Account List for

January 13 2026 - 2025 Payables

General

Bell Canada	Emergency Lines	130.78
Bell Canada	Morris Office	499.91
Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	25.07
Telizon	Long Distance Phone	2.84
Enbridge	Morris Office	214.02
Tuckersmith Communication	Office Internet & Security	203.40
Huron Clean	Office Cleaning	401.64
MicroAge Basics	Office Supplies & IT Support	1,207.72
CIBC VISA	Health & Safety Meeting Lunch	184.05
	Cream	31.54
	Planning Expense	78.65
	WHMIS Training	45.20
	Online Council Meeting	24.28
	Water	<u>69.22</u>
		432.94
Flags Unlimited	Morris-Turnberry Flags	1,090.24
Donnelly Murphy	Legal	452.00
Krantz Law Professional Corp	Legal	593.92
BM Ross & Associates	Site Plan Review	237.30
Minister of Finance	Policing - November	39,342.00
Township of North Huron	Water Billings	3,848.20
Township of North Huron	November Fire Calls	1,821.65
Bluevale Community Committee	December Hall Rentals	390.00
Property Owner	Wildlife Damage Compensation	255.91
Randy Scott	Wildlife Damage Evaluations	418.53
WSIB	WSIB - December 2025	1,867.52
Minister of Finance	EHT - December 2025	1,437.56

Payroll

December 17 2025	Payroll	22,307.77
	Expenses	232.78
December 30 2025	Payroll	22,370.51
	Expenses	48.60
Council Pay	Payroll - December	3,847.60
	Receiver General	393.47

General Total 104,073.88

Building Department

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	167.11
Bluewater Chapter OBOA	Chapter Meeting	73.20
Property Owners	Return Building Permit Deposits	544.32
WSIB	WSIB - December 2025	414.62
Minister of Finance	EHT - December 2025	261.65

Payroll

December 17 2025	Payroll	3,100.36
	Expenses	57.24
December 30 2025	Payroll	4,944.81
	Expenses	-

Building Department Total 9,563.31

Property Standards

Keppelcreek	Property Standards - December	1,487.94
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Property Standards Total 1,487.94

Drainage

Hydro One	Hopper Pump	93.89
Chuck Hull	William-Ross, Elliott, Armstrong, Lamont & Hyslop MD	1,624.24

Drainage Total 1,718.13

Parks & Cemeteries

Parks & Cemeteries Total -

Belgrave Water

Bell Canada	Belgrave Water	177.05
Rogers	Belgrave Water & Humphrey Well	180.78
Hay Communications	Belgrave Water	22.60
Veolia Water	November Operations	6,719.60
Steven Robinson Snowblowing	Belgrave Water	1,175.20
Municipality of Brockton	Waste Water Disposal	1,355.42

Belgrave Water Total 9,630.65

Landfill

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	8.91
PE Inglis Holdings Inc	Portable Unit	152.55
Sittler Grinding Inc	Brush Grinding	17,510.48
Meulensteen Tire & Auto Service	Tractor Repair	1,021.47

Landfill Total 18,693.41

Roads

Hydro One	Streetlights	1,113.68
Bell Canada	Morris Shop	249.95
Bell Canada	Turnberry Shop	130.79
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	109.33
Enbridge	Morris Shop	428.05
Enbridge	Turnberry Shop	75.11
HuronTel Communications	Turnberry Shop Internet	66.56
Comco Fasteners Inc	Shop Supplies	528.05
McDonald Home Hardware	Shop Supplies	7.09
Radar Auto Parts	Shop Supplies & Parts for Vehicles & Equipment	615.61
Steffen's Auto Supply	Shop Supplies & Parts for Graders	241.32
CIBC VISA	Work Boots	332.69
	Licence Plate Renewals	<u>4,492.00</u>
Shamrock Emissions	Emission Testing for 16-05 Tandem	4,824.69
Brandt London	Parts & Repairs for 13-03 & 17-01 Graders	128.00
Neils Repair Service	Maintenance of 19-08 Pickup	4,543.15
Robert's Equipment	Part for 17-01 Grader	112.88
Huron Tractor	Parts for 13-03 Grader	102.49
New-Lift Hydraulics Ltd.	Parts for 13-03 Grader	710.06
Maitland Welding & Machining	Parts for 13-03 Grader	463.43
Altruck International Truck Centres	Parts for 13-03 Grader	1,670.62
Burkholder Heavy Towing Ltd	Parts for 16-05 & 19-06 Tandems	7,000.79
Ausable Bayfield Conservation	Tow Tandem	565.00
Wesley Riley Contracting	2025 Phragmites Control	724.69
Da-Lee	Shouldering Gravel	3,822.85
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry	Pothole Repair	2,262.26
WSIB	Turnberry Shop Water	65.60
Minister of Finance	WSIB - December 2025	3,495.70
	EHT - December 2025	2,206.02

Payroll

December 17 2025	Payroll	41,644.98
	Expenses	-
December 30 2025	Payroll	52,218.72
	Expenses	-

Roads Total 130,127.47

Account Total 275,294.79

Approved By Council:

January 13 2026 - 2025 Payables

Mayor - Jamie Heffer

Treasurer- Sean Brophy

**Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Account List for**

January 13 2026

General

MicroAge Basics	Office Supplies & IT Support	890.39	
CIBC VISA	Graphic Design for Website	149.99	
	2026 ROMA Conference Registration	824.90	
	2026 Paymate Renewal	<u>593.25</u>	1,568.14
Orkin Canada	Pest Control		67.80
USTI Canada Inc.	2026 Keystone Licencing Renewal		11,660.37
OSIM	2026 Website Hosting		1,356.00
Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Assoc	2026 Membership		339.00
Municipal Finance Officers' Assoc	2026 Membership		395.50
Association of Municipalities of Ont	2026 Membership		2,135.77
Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ont	2026 Membership		71.19
Huron Manufacturing Association	2026 Membership		282.50
Public Services Health & Safety Assoc	WHMIS Training		22.60
Property Owners	Wildlife Damage Compensation		255.91
	General Total		<u>19,045.17</u>

Building Department

CIBC VISA	2026 OBOA Membership	421.49	
Bluewater Chapter OBOA	2026 Membership	75.00	
	Building Department Total		<u>496.49</u>

Property Standards

Property Standards Total -

Drainage

Drainage Total -

Parks & Cemeteries

Parks & Cemeteries Total -

Belgrave Water

Belgrave Water Total -

Landfill

Landfill Total -

Roads

Roads Total -

Account Total **19,541.66**

Approved By Council:

January 13 2026

Mayor - Jamie Heffer

Treasurer- Sean Brophy

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor Heffer and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

DATE: December 31st, 2025

SUBJECT: Property Standards/By-Law Enforcement Report for November and December 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Chief Building Officials report on Property Standards & By-Law Enforcement as submitted for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

Property Standards and By-law Enforcement is a crucial component of local governance, ensuring that laws and regulations are respected and followed within a municipality. These regulations, known as bylaws, are created to maintain order, promote public safety, and enhance the quality of life for all residents. By-law enforcement helps address issues like zoning violations, noise complaints, property maintenance, parking, waste disposal, clean yards, animal control and among others.

A By-Law Enforcement Officers role is to; Investigate Complaints and Violations, Issuing Warnings and Citations and Enforcing Compliance.

Complaint

Bluevale – A complaint was received regarding a neighbour blowing snow onto another resident's shrubs.

Outstanding Files and Ongoing Investigations

Bluevale -- I contacted the complainant regarding the damage to several cedar shrubs caused by a neighbor blowing snow onto them. I explained that the damage was a civil matter between him and his neighbor and advised him to consult his lawyer regarding possible solutions and or damages as a result. The complainant understood the explanation but wanted to confirm with the Municipality that no action could be taken before involving his lawyer.

Respectfully submitted,



Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor Heffer and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official
DATE: January 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Building Department Activity Report for November and December 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Building Department Activity Report for November and December 2025, for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Building Departments main objective is to provide the best professional service to administer and enforce the Ontario Building Code. Through the examination of plans, issuance of building permits, and performing inspections, we ensure compliance with building standards of the Ontario Building Code and ensure health and safety, fire protection and structural sufficiency in all buildings in which we live, work and play.

The Chief Building Official provides bi-monthly updates to Council on the operations of the Building Department.

COMMENTS

Permit #	Permit Type	Value of Project	Sq. Feet New Const.	Status
0087 -2025	Alteration/Renovation/Repair	\$ 60,000.00	504	issued
0088 -2025	Agricultural Storage - Addition	\$ 5,000.00	192	issued
0089 -2025	Alteration/Renovation/Repair	\$ 30,000.00	135	issued
0090 -2025	New Residential Dwelling	\$ 450,000.00	4132	issued
0091 -2025	Manure Storage	\$ 120,000.00	7085	issued
0092 -2025	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 10,000.00	3200	issued

Total Value of Construction to date; \$20,525,044.02 with 92 building permits being issued.
(Last year; \$12,078,725.00 with 95 building permits being issued)

Zoning Certificates issued for this year; 30 (Last year 43)

Respectfully submitted,



Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor Heffer and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official
DATE: January 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Year End Report on Construction/Comparison

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Building Department Year End Activity Report for information purposes.

COMMENTS

Permit Type		Number of Permits			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Revoked	0	0	0	1	
Demolition	2	2	2	2	
Farm Related	40	23	31	37	
Com. / Ind. / Inst.	10	10	2	1	
Residential Related	41	27	35	29	
New Residential	9	7	11	8	
Sewage Systems	23	14	14	14	
TOTAL	125	83	95	92	
Permit Type		Permit Fee			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Demolition	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Farm Related	\$ 80,102.83	\$ 69,872.20	\$ 56,631.80	\$ 121,353.00	
Com. / Ind. / Inst.	\$ 21,916.70	\$ 17,778.46	\$ 5,810.00	\$ 3,076.00	
Residential Related	\$ 37,520.38	\$ 10,698.50	\$ 16,143.62	\$ 23,242.05	
New Residential	\$ 34,246.12	\$ 25,263.00	\$ 41,352.70	\$ 31,060.75	
Sewage Systems	\$ 9,890.00	\$ 5,625.00	\$ 6,760.00	\$ 7,840.00	
TOTAL	\$ 183,976.03	\$ 129,537.16	\$ 126,998.12	\$ 186,871.80	
Permit Type		Value of Project			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Demolition	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Farm Related	\$ 8,800,000.00	\$ 9,988,000.00	\$ 4,746,000.00	\$ 14,643,496.00	
Com. / Ind. / Inst.	\$ 1,093,000.00	\$ 1,780,198.50	\$ 433,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	
Residential Related	\$ 4,131,978.50	\$ 788,700.00	\$ 1,173,275.00	\$ 1,640,000.00	
New Residential	\$ 5,479,900.00	\$ 4,292,000.00	\$ 5,540,000.00	\$ 3,900,000.00	
Sewage Systems	\$ 403,000.00	\$ 197,500.00	\$ 201,200.00	\$ 241,548.02	
TOTAL	\$ 19,922,878.50	\$17,065,398.50	\$ 12,098,725.00	\$ 20,525,044.02	

The total square footage of new construction was 377,543 square feet.
Last year was 223,865 square feet.

Respectfully submitted,

[Handwritten signature of Kirk Livingston]

Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk
DATE: January 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Use of Delegated Authority 2025

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

To improve administrative efficiency, Council has previously delegated the authority to issue approvals and execute certain agreements to the Clerk. This report is to provide Council with the details of when the delegate authority was used in 2025.

COMMENTS

A table containing the type of delegated authority used, the details, date, and authorizing by-law is included with this report for the information of Council.

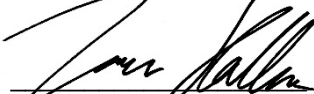
ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Table – Use of Delegated Authority by the Clerk - 2025

OTHERS CONSULTED

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk

USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY THE CLERK OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY - 2025

Type of Delegated Authority	Details	Date	Delegated by
Approval of Undisputed Consents	Reccomendation for approval of Consent C78-2024 - Hendrick (Ahead Acres Inc) - Surplus farm residence severance	March 25, 2025	11-2020
Approval of Undisputed Consents	Reccomendation for approval of Consent C24-2025 - O'Neil (Ruetz) - Surplus farm residence severance	July 29, 2025	11-2020
Approval of Undisputed Consents	Reccomendation for approval of Consent C42-2025 - Weber - Surplus farm residence severance	November 7, 2025	11-2020
Approval of Undisputed Consents	Reccomendation for approval of Consent C54-2025 - Johnston - Recreate original lots following unintentional merge	November 28, 2025	11-2020
Approval of Undisputed Consents	Reccomendation for approval of Consent C55-2025 - Pewtress - Recreate original lots following merge	November 28, 2025	11-2020
Approval of Undisputed Consents	Reccomendation for approval of Consent C60-2025 - Jorritsma (Hoy) - Minor lot enlargement/lot line correction	December 15, 2025	11-2020
Agreement under Section 65 (2) of the <i>Drainage Act</i>	Robertson-Mathers Municipal Drain assessment apportionment agreement executed as a condition of Consent C54-2025	December 17, 2025	35-2019

**MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk
DATE: January 13, 2026
SUBJECT: 2025 Planning Update – 2nd half of 2025

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

This report is being presented for the information of Council. While most planning matters come before Council, some approval authority has been delegated to staff. Staff will present a semi-annual report for the information of Council detailing all planning matters that have been approved by the municipality.

COMMENTS

1. Consents:

C37-2024 2860676 Ontario Inc(Stanley and Jane Kikkert) Plan 432, Park Lot 6, PT Park Lot 7, Turnberry Create new lot	No Appeal – July 24, 2025
C58-2024 Matt Terpstra 41488 Walton Road, SPt Lot 16, Concession 9, Morris Creation of a new lot under the surplus farm residence policies	Conditions Met – October 30, 2025
C24-2025 Ryan O'Neill (Philip Ruetz) 83025 Brussels Line, Plan 312, Lot 8 Pt Lot 7 Addition to a lot	Notice of no appeal – September 4, 2025
C42-2025 Matt Weber 90121 Gilmour Line, Concession 7 NPT Lot 16 Creation of a new lot under the surplus farm residence policies	Notice of no appeal – December 10, 2025
C51 – 2025 Jorritsma (Monoway Farms Limited) 84670 Clyde Line, Concession 6, Pt N Pt Lot 16 Lot enlargement	Notice of Decision & Provisional Consent – January 7, 2026
C54-2025 Elizabeth, Paul, Darren & Kevin Johnston 41809 Jamestown Road, Concession 2 N Part Lots 19 and 20 Re-creation of original lots	Notice of no appeal – January 6, 2026
C55-2025 Bruce & Sylvia Pewtress (Schenk Legal) 39150 Amberley Road, Concession B Pt Lot 26, Pt Lot 27 Re-creation of original lots	Notice of no appeal – January 6, 2026
C60-2025 Jorritsma (Lynn Hoy Enterprises) 40370A Amberley Road, Concession 1, Part Lot 6 Addition to a lot.	Notice of Decision and Provisional Consent – December 16, 2025
C71-2025 Pinehorse Farms Ltd (c/o Lynne and David Magee) 40560 Howick-Turnberry Rd, Concession 9 W Pt Lot 18 E Pt Lot 19 Creation of a new lot under the surplus farm residence policies.	Circulated – December 15, 2025

2. Site Plans:

No new Site Plan applications to date.

3. Minor Variances:

No new Minor Variances to date.

4. Temporary Use:

No new Temporary use by-law applications to date.

5. Zoning By-Law Amendments:

No new Zoning Bylaw Amendments to date.

6. Deeming

DB01-2025 Grant Bylaw passed – November 18, 2025
By-law deems Lots 13, 14, 17, 18 and 19 on Plan 278 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry not to be registered plans of subdivision for the purpose of subsection 4 of section 50 of the Planning Act.

7. Official Plan Amendment

No new Official Plan Amendments to date.

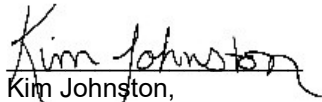
8. Subdivision Plans

Draft Plan of Subdivision Extension – Three Year Period – August 18, 2028
40T22004 Rural Management Inc
(c/o Steven Michie)
Conc B, Part Lot 6 & 7, Plan 410, Lots 17-20, 42-46,
71-75, 90-94 in addition to Maitland St. Green St. and Alice St

OTHERS CONSULTED

Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Johnston,
Deputy Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk
DATE: January 13, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Wedding Solemnizations

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

This report is being presented for the information of Council as an annual report detailing all Wedding Solemnizations performed by the delegated persons that have been approved by the municipality during the year.

The Marriage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.3 states that

1.1 for the purposes of subsection 24 (1) of the Act, the clerk of a local municipality is authorized to solemnize marriages under the authority of a license. O. Reg. 285/04, s.1.

The Marriage Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 states that

228 (4) The clerk may delegate in writing to any person, other than a member of council, any of the clerk's powers and duties under this and any other Act. 2001, c. 25, s.228 (4)

Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry delegated the power bestowed upon him by the Marriage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.3 to the following people to solemnize weddings on behalf of Morris-Turnberry:

1. Bruce Whitmore
2. Rebecca Schlosser
3. Nancy Michie
4. Mary Beth Wilson
5. Margaret Speer
6. Mercedes Turney

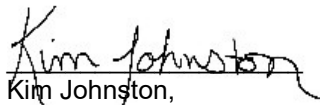
COMMENTS

In 2025, There were 15 wedding solemnizations performed, and 6 marriage licenses were issued.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk

DATE: January 13, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program activities

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) provides financial compensation to eligible livestock, poultry and beekeepers whose animals or apiary equipment are injured, killed, or damaged by predatory wildlife. The program is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) in cooperation with municipal investigators.

Key features of the program:

- **Eligibility:** Owners must report wildlife damage within 48 hours and work with a municipal investigator who confirms predation before a claim is submitted.
- **Compensation:** Assessed based on fair market value and depends on the species type and condition. Standards and criteria are established in provincial guidelines.
- **Documentation:** Producers are expected to provide evidence that predation occurred; photos, witness information, and verification by an investigator are required.

The Municipality's role in the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) is administrative and supportive. Municipal staff act as the local intake point for claims, coordinate site investigations by investigators within required timelines, and forward completed documentation to the Province for review.

The Province retains full authority over claim eligibility, assessment, and compensation amounts, and all approved payments are issued directly by the Province; the Municipality has no financial responsibility under the program.

The County of Huron has a By-Law No. 2015-044 which provides for the control of nuisance coyotes. The bylaw provides for a Licensed trapper or Licensed hunter to hunt a 10km radius of the livestock kill for a time limit of 6 weeks authorized by the Municipality with a maximum of 10 coyotes per kill. The payment to any licensed trapper or licensed hunter, who has met the regulations and satisfied the requirement of the bylaw shall be given \$100.00 per coyote pelt.

COMMENTS

The Municipality has appointed Randy Scott as the Municipal Livestock Evaluator.

2025 Claim Summary

- 11 Compensation claims submitted to OWDCP
- 3 Coyote hunts
- 13 coyotes submitted to the County of Huron for payment

In 2024, there were 5 Compensation claims

In 2023, there were 3 Compensation claims.

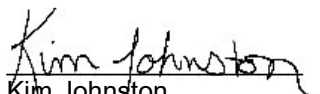
Factors influencing claim activity may include livestock exposure, predator population levels, weather conditions, and reporting practices.

Administration will continue to monitor Livestock and Coyote compensation claims and report trends to Council as required.

OTHERS CONSULTED

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Respectfully submitted,


Kim Johnston,
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Annual Accessibility Plan 2026

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the County of Huron is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Neutral peoples and is connected to the Dish with One Spoon wampum, under which multiple nations agreed to care for the land and its resources by the Great Lakes in peace. We also acknowledge the Upper Canada Treaties signed in regard to this land, which include Treaty #29 and Treaty #45 .

We recognize First Peoples' continued stewardship of the land and water and the historical and ongoing injustices they face in Canada. As a committee dedicated to fostering accessibility and inclusion, we acknowledge our responsibility to engage meaningfully with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, reinforce our efforts toward reconciliation and uphold and value the traditions, rights, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples.

Chair's Address

People with disabilities often face barriers that limit their ability to work, shop, travel, and engage fully in their communities. One of the greatest strengths of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) is our dedicated members, who are passionate about informing, educating, and inspiring our community to make Huron County accessible to all. Our committee is committed to providing comprehensive accessibility training to community members across various sectors in alignment with the [O. Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards](#).

We focus on:

- Customer Service
- General Requirements
- Human Rights
- Employment
- Information & Communication
- Design of Public Spaces

Training is tailored to job responsibilities. Facilities staff focus on Human Rights, General Requirements, and Customer Service, while management completes all modules. All stakeholders receive training on accessibility standards and assistive devices. Through training opportunities and resources, we aim to increase awareness and engagement and foster a deeper understanding of government legislation among various entities, including businesses, organizations, institutions, services, and facilities.

Governance

Our committee has successfully operated virtually since 2021. We appreciate the dedication and passion of all our committee members, who contribute to creating an inclusive society.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment.

Leah Noël (she/her)
HCAAC Chair

Foreword

Accessibility is a cornerstone of an inclusive community, ensuring that every individual can participate fully in their community. Disability affects a growing number of Canadians. From 2017 to 2022, the disability rate increased across all provinces and most territories. There were most considerable increases in mental health-related disabilities (10.4% prevalence, +3.2 points), pain-related disabilities (16.7% prevalence, +2.2 points), and seeing disabilities (7.4% prevalence, +2.2 points; see [Infographic](#)). These trends emphasize the growing need for accessible environments and inclusive practices to accommodate the evolving needs of individuals with disabilities nationwide.

Huron County is dedicated to creating an inclusive and accessible community, ensuring everyone can engage fully in all facets of life. In line with this dedication, we introduce our 2026 Annual Accessibility Plan (AAP), detailing our strategic plan to identify, eliminate, and prevent barriers faced by individuals with disabilities in our County. HCAAC sincerely appreciates the ongoing support and collaboration from the community. Together, we are advancing towards a more inclusive and accessible Huron County.

This plan reflects our dedication to meeting and exceeding the standards set by the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(AODA\), 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11](#).

We encourage you to review this plan and join us in our commitment to championing accessibility. Please feel empowered to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

This report is available online ([click here](#)) and can be provided in various formats upon request. If your inquiry concerns our partner municipality, please contact them directly.

As we progress on this journey, we remain dedicated to accountability, transparency, active engagement, and ongoing improvement and invite all stakeholders to participate.

Together, we can make Huron County a place where everyone belongs.

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Executive Summary

The 2026 Annual Accessibility Plan (AAP) of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) reflects the County of Huron's ongoing commitment to building a more inclusive and accessible community. This plan outlines the achievements from 2025, highlights our strategic goals for 2026, and underscores our dedication to ensuring that Huron County continues to lead in accessibility and inclusivity.

In 2025, HCAAC advanced accessibility across Huron County through several key initiatives. Achievements included the launch of the AccessSLED program, accessibility reviews of more than 15 municipal sites and projects, and the delivery of an awareness session on inclusive volunteer practices during National AccessAbility Week. These efforts, along with the Committee's continued advisory role and community partnerships, strengthened accessibility outcomes and reinforced the County's commitment to inclusion.

In 2026, HCAAC will build on this progress by focusing on both new and standing goals. Priorities include renewing the AccessSLED program, continuing accessibility reviews with an emphasis on Huron County Library locations, recruiting new community members to the Committee, and developing practical accessibility resources such as quick-reference guides. Standing goals will remain central, including enhancing accessibility in public spaces, strengthening collaboration with stakeholders, and promoting accessibility awareness and education.

The 2026 Annual Accessibility Plan reaffirms the importance of accountability and transparency. HCAAC will continue to monitor progress, provide updates to County Council, and engage with the community to ensure accessibility initiatives are sustainable, responsive, and impactful.

HCAAC at a Glance



Figure 1: Huron County Map

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) serves as the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) for Huron County, mandated by the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(AODA\)](#), 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11. HCAAC is dedicated to advising Huron County Council on the implementation of accessibility standards across the County's nine partner municipalities (see [Appendix](#) for HCAAC's objectives and priorities). Comprising primarily of individuals with disabilities, the committee plays a vital role in creating an accessible community by providing input on accessibility plans, site developments, and public spaces. Through education, consultation, and advocacy, the HCAAC ensures that Huron County remains inclusive and accessible for everyone.

- [Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh](#)
- [Bluewater](#)
- [Central Huron](#)
- [Goderich](#)
- [Howick](#)
- [Huron East](#)
- [Morris-Turnberry](#)
- [North Huron](#)
- [South Huron](#)



Strategic Alignment

HCAAC is dedicated to ensuring that the County's operations are accessible and inclusive for all individuals.



Integrated Approach to Inclusion and Accessibility

In alignment with the County of Huron's commitment to inclusion and diversity, HCAAC takes an integrated approach where accessibility is seamlessly woven into the broader framework of inclusion. Rather than being a standalone aspect, accessibility is a fundamental component of our overall Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) strategy.

This approach ensures that all initiatives and programs reflect HCAAC's dedication to creating a community where everyone can fully participate and thrive. By integrating accessibility into the IDEA lens, HCAAC strives to foster an environment where accessibility is not just an add-on but a core element of the County's inclusive practices and policies.



Intersectionality and Disability

Intersectionality highlights how various aspects of identity, such as race, gender, socioeconomic status, and disability, intersect and influence an individual's experiences. Disability is deeply intertwined with these factors, affecting how individuals experience barriers and discrimination. For example, a person's experience with disability can differ significantly based on their gender, race, or socioeconomic background.

By recognizing these intersecting identities, we can better understand and address the unique challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. This perspective guides our approach to creating inclusive environments, ensuring that our accessibility initiatives consider and accommodate the diverse needs of all community members. This approach helps us move beyond a one-size-fits-all model and fosters a more equitable and supportive community for everyone.

Reporting and Accountability

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) is committed to ensuring transparency and accountability in enhancing accessibility across the region. To achieve this, the Committee adheres to a robust framework for monitoring progress, evaluating effectiveness, and reporting outcomes.

- **Regular Monitoring and Evaluation:** HCAAC reviews its initiatives and programs to assess their impact and effectiveness. This involves collecting feedback from stakeholders, analyzing data on accessibility improvements, and evaluating the progress of ongoing projects against established goals and standards.
- **Annual Reporting:** The HCAAC publishes an annual accessibility plan update to provide a comprehensive overview of its activities, achievements, and future goals. This report includes details on compliance with accessibility standards, progress on key projects, and any challenges encountered. It is made available to the public and

shared with the County Council and partner municipalities to ensure accountability, transparency, and trust.

- **Public Engagement:** HCAAC encourages input from the community through various channels, including public meetings and feedback mechanisms. This engagement helps ensure that the Committee's work is aligned with the priorities and perspectives of the community.
- **Accountability Framework:** HCAAC operates within a clear accountability framework, with defined roles and responsibilities for Committee members and subcommittees. Regular meetings are held to review progress, address issues, and adjust strategies and actions as needed.
- **Reporting to County Council:** HCAAC provides regular updates to the County Council, including detailed reports on accessibility initiatives and their outcomes. These updates help ensure that accessibility remains a priority within the County's broader strategic goals and facilitates informed decision-making.

2025 Achievements

AccessSLED Program

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) launched the AccessSLED program in March 2025 to provide funding support for community-based accessibility improvements. In its first year, the program has awarded CAD 15,300 in grants to 16 organizations across the County. Funded projects support a variety of accessibility enhancements in public spaces and community facilities. The program demonstrates strong community engagement and has established a framework for sustainable, ongoing impact.

National AccessAbility Week-Education Initiative

As part of National AccessAbility Week 2025, the HCAAC Education Subcommittee, in collaboration with the County's nine partner municipalities, organized a virtual awareness session on inclusive volunteer practices. Representatives from over 15 community organizations attended the session. The central message emphasized the importance of volunteers being trained in the AODA Customer Service Standard. Participants were provided with training resources and advised of the ongoing support available through their municipalities and HCAAC.

Accessibility Reviews 2025

As of August 2025, the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) has reviewed over 15 municipal sites and projects to assess compliance with accessibility standards and provide recommendations for improvement. These ongoing reviews ensure accessibility considerations are embedded in infrastructure planning and project design across the County.

Accessible Tourism Initiative Update

In alignment with the 2025 goal to promote accessible tourism, Huron County's Tourism team is dedicated to collaborating with the [AccessNow](#) app to improve accessibility information and assistance for visitors and residents, fostering a more inclusive and welcoming tourism environment.

The HCAAC Education Subcommittee has provided guidance and endorsed this approach, enabling the Tourism team to take the lead in implementing this initiative with continued advisory support from HCAAC.

2026 Goals

- **Renewal of AccessSLED Program:** Renew and administer the AccessSLED program to provide continued funding opportunities for community-based accessibility improvements.
- **Continuation of Site Reviews:** Undertake accessibility reviews of municipal sites and projects, with a particular emphasis on Huron County Library locations, to ensure compliance with accessibility standards and best practices.
- **Recruitment of Community Members:** Implement a recruitment process to engage new community members in HCAAC, strengthening representation and incorporating diverse lived experiences.
- **Development of Accessibility Resources:** Create concise accessibility resources, including quick-reference tools and tip sheets (e.g., *10 Considerations for an Accessible Washroom*), to assist municipalities and community partners in enhancing accessibility in facilities and services.

Standing Goals

- **Enhance Accessibility in Public Spaces:** Encourage public entities to request accessibility audits, provide reviews as requested, and share resources to support ongoing improvements throughout the County.
- **Strengthen Collaboration with Community Stakeholders:** Work with community organizations, advocacy groups, and partners to advance accessibility initiatives through joint projects, resource sharing, and regular communication.
- **Promote Accessibility Awareness and Education:** Deliver educational programs and workshops for County and municipal staff, highlight accessibility successes through communication channels and provide training resources.

Closing

As we reflect on the progress and goals set for the coming year, HCAAC remains unwavering in its commitment to fostering an inclusive and accessible community. Guided by the principles of diversity, equity, intersectionality, inclusion, and belonging, we recognize that the achievements of 2025 have established a strong foundation. Our 2026 goals are

designed to build upon this progress, addressing emerging needs and advancing accessibility in impactful ways.

Appendix

Priorities for HCAAC Objectives Mandated by Legislation

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Annual Updates

In compliance with the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(AODA\), 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11](#), and the [O. Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards](#), the County of Huron is required to develop and maintain a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. This plan outlines strategies for identifying, preventing, and removing barriers for people with disabilities over five years.

- **HCAAC Responsibility:** The Accessibility Coordinator will annually review and update (if needed) the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Following County Council approval, the revised plan will be posted on the County's website.
- **Council Responsibility:** The County Council will approve and submit the updated plan to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility. The County Clerk will ensure the plan is shared with the CAO and Senior Management Team for implementation. Local Municipal Councils will also approve and implement the plan.
- **HCAAC Municipal Working Group:** Representatives will present the plan to their Councils for approval and post it on their respective municipality websites.

Timeline Targets: The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan shall be reviewed every five years, and updates shall be posted annually. The County Council shall approve the plan by January 1st of each year, and partner municipalities' Councils shall also approve it by the same date.

Annual Accessibility Plan

The County of Huron is required to create and publish an Annual Accessibility Plan under the [AODA](#). This plan will include the County's goals and achievements from the previous year.

- **HCAAC Responsibility:** The Accessibility Coordinator will develop the Annual Accessibility Plan in consultation with the HCAAC and County staff, presenting it to the committee by December each year.
- **Council Responsibility:** The County Council will approve and submit the plan to the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.
- **HCAAC Municipal Working Group:** Representatives will present the plan to their Councils for approval and post it on their respective municipality websites.

Timeline Targets: The Annual Accessibility Plan shall be approved by the County Council and partner municipalities' Councils by January 1st of each year.

Alignment of Both Plans

The goals outlined in the Annual Accessibility Plan should align with those of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

- **HCAAC Responsibility:** The Annual Accessibility Plan will be posted on the County's website following County Council approval.
- **Council Responsibility:** The County Clerk will ensure the plan is implemented across all departments and shared with local municipalities.
- **HCAAC Municipal Working Group:** The Annual Accessibility Plan will be posted on partner municipalities' websites once approved.

Timeline Targets: The plans will be aligned with the Annual Accessibility Plan and updated with the Multi-Year Plan.

Review of Building Plans for Renovation, Construction, Purchase, Lease, and Exterior Site Plans

[AODA](#) requires timely reviews of building plans to ensure accessibility for renovations, new constructions, and exterior site plans.

- **HCAAC Responsibility:** The Site and Plan Review Subcommittee will review sites and plans to provide feedback.
- **Council Responsibility:** The County Council will ensure that partner municipalities understand their duty to request reviews before purchasing, constructing, or leasing properties.

Municipal Working Group: Representatives will inform their staff and share reviewed site plans with building officials.

Timeline Targets: Reviews will be conducted on an ongoing basis.

Provide Accessibility Information to the County and Partner Municipalities

Provide updates and information on accessibility directives and regulations per [AODA](#).

- **HCAAC Responsibility:** The Accessibility Coordinator will gather feedback on the proposed regulations, work with the Directive and Regulation Review Subcommittee to identify concerns, and ensure compliance.
- **Council Responsibility:** The Accessibility Coordinator will regularly update the County Council on regulatory requirements and the County's preparedness.
- **Municipal Working Group:** Representatives will inform their respective staff and provide feedback on regulatory requirements.

Timeline Targets: Updates and feedback will remain ongoing.

Objectives Driven by HCAAC and Community

Enhancing Community Engagement and Information Sharing

Advance the Committee's vision of promoting accessibility across Huron County by building relationships with all stakeholders, including the County Council, partner municipalities,

entities, and community members. Develop and distribute information on new legislation and offer educational opportunities.

Initiatives:

- Host webinars and presentations on accessibility for local stakeholders.
- Provide regular updates to the County Council.
- Review and recommend improvements for municipal facilities.
- Execute annual National AccessAbility Week programming.

Timeline Targets: Ongoing

HCAAC Awards

Recognize entities and individuals who excel in creating barrier-free access and promoting accessibility in the community.

Initiative: Execute HCAAC awards programming annually.

Community Participation

Encourage local events to incorporate accessibility into their operations.

Initiative: Provide resources to facilitators to encourage adherence to accessibility standards and promote inclusive practices.

Timeline Targets: Coordinate with local events throughout the year

Accessibility Initiatives in Partner Municipalities

Municipality of Bluewater

Accessibility Projects Completed in 2025

- The Municipality of Bluewater installed approximately 100 metres of AODA-compliant sidewalks on Richmond St. North, Hensall.
- The playground structure at the Zurich Lions Park was replaced with a new structure with accessible features to increase inclusivity and promote constructive play.

Ongoing Accessibility Projects

- Bluewater will continue to develop resources, training and continuing education materials for staff to promote awareness and education regarding accessibility.
- Accessible documentsí Staff continue to work to ensure that documents are compliant with AODA standards and have begun using Accessibility on Demand software to complete accessible checks and remediation of municipal by-laws, reports, etc.
- Ongoing sidewalk replacement projects to upgrade to meet AODA compliance include:
- Upgrading the sidewalk on the north side of Zurich Main Street between Frederick St. and John St. North.
- Extending the sidewalk around The Square from Bayfield Main Street to Louisa St. and replacing additional sections of sidewalk around the Square.
- An additional 400m of sidewalk is anticipated to be upgraded to AODA-compliant standards in Dashwood before the end of 2025.

Proposed projects for 2026 and Beyond

- Rehabilitating several sections of sidewalk in Hensall to meet AODA compliance. These include sections on Lorne Ave., Wellington St., and King St. in Hensall.
- Accessible upgrades to spectator areas at Zurich and Hensall Arenas (pending grant funding).

Town of Goderich

Accessibility Projects Completed in 2025

- **Rebuilding Downtown Infrastructure Project** ã Rebuilding of the downtown square has begun after discussions with residents and various groups and organizations, including the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee. Accessible features will be included in the rebuild.
- **Employment** ã All employment advertisements inform applicants of our ability to make accommodations throughout the recruitment process, if required. All of the

requirements in the Employment Standard continue to be maintained by the Town, including those pertaining to the following: recruitment, assessment and selection.

- **Municipal Website** – The website has been updated to comply with all mandated features required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, specifically Ontario Regulation 191/11 standards to be met by large organizations. It conforms to the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, level AA. The Town of Goderich has recently entered into a contract with ReciteMe which will provide an accessible toolbar and analytical tools to assist in maintaining the accessibility standards on the corporate website.
- **Goderich Tourism Website** - The website has been updated to comply with all mandated features required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, specifically Ontario Regulation 191/11 standards to be met by large organizations. It conforms to the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, level AA. The website is monitored to ensure its functionality and content remain accessible and the Town continues to provide accessible formats upon request.
- **Customer Service** – All new hires receive training upon hire or return in AODA Customer Service Standards, and the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- **Information and Communications**
 - Council meetings are livestreamed and recorded. Closed captioning is available.
 - eScribe software is used in the creation of agenda packages. This software meets the WCAG 2.0 Level AA requirements to ensure compliance when producing Council Agendas and reports.
- **Design of Public Spaces**
 - As per standard operational practices, the following is conducted on a regular basis either through legislative or municipal requirements:
 - repair, maintenance, and removal of barriers on municipal trails, sidewalks, and public spaces.
 - Fire Code inspections of private, public, and municipal facilities
 - Building Code inspections of new or renovated facilities
 - Health and safety inspections of all municipal facilities
 - Emergency management measures to promote the safety of the community within times of emergency
- **On-line permitting for planning** – This on-line system is accessible to anyone with any device, browser, and operating system.

Ongoing Accessible Projects

- Regularly reviewing and updating the various websites to ensure compliance with WCAG 2.0, Level AA standards

- Continue to develop resources, training and continuing education materials for staff, volunteers and contractors to promote awareness and education regarding accessibility
- Ongoing training for staff regarding the WCAG 2.0 Level AA requirements in preparation of reports and documents
- Continue to monitor accessibility issues, trends and legislative changes

Township of North Huron

Accessibility Projects Completed in 2025

- Development and adoption of a Removal of Barriers to Accessibility Strategy to assist in the identification of barriers, and to provide the means to remove these barriers to accessibility. The Strategy goes above and beyond the compliance requirements of the AODA and is intended to increase accessibility.
- As part of this Strategy, the HCACC reviewed the Wingham Fire Hall, the North Huron Westcast Community Complex, the Blyth & District Community Centre and the Belgrave Community Centre to identify barriers and propose solutions at these locations.
- Reconstruction of North Huron Municipal Office parking lot. As part of the reconstruction, the following was incorporated in regard to accessibility:
 - clearly marked accessible parking spaces with appropriate line painting and surface treatment.
 - Painted pathways to indicate the accessible path of travel from the new rear accessible parking spaces to the Town Hall elevator.
 - Regrading of the lot to create a more gradual slope for improved accessibility.
 - A dedicated access aisle adjacent to accessible spots.

Ongoing Accessibility Projects

- Continual implementation of the Removal of Barriers to Accessibility Strategy
- Reviews will continue to be conducted across municipal spaces, adding each reviewed location to the Strategy.
- Continuous updates of the municipal website to ensure accessibility.
- The Township of North Huron continues to make accessible documents a priority. All documentation that is provided on the Township's website is in an accessible format and can be provided in another format, upon request.
- Ongoing training for staff continues regarding the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy and providing accessible customer service.

Proposed Projects for 2026 and Beyond

- Facility reviews of the Public Works shops and municipal trails

Municipality of Huron East

Accessibility Projects Completed in 2025

- Completed phase 1 wayfinding signage – community and municipal entrance signs were installed. Directional Signs and Park and Trail Signage will be installed next year.
- Also installed this year was the wheelchair accessible picnic table in downtown Seaforth. We also supported two accessible community improvement projects – two businesses installed automatic door openers.
- Two virtual tours made for Doors Open Seaforth locations that were not accessible: Cardno Hall and third level of Town Hall.
- Vanastra Playground was completed in summer of 2025 and the Vanastra Rec Centre is current undergoing dressing room upgrades

Ongoing Accessibility Projects

- Website Accessibility
- Accessible documents
- Adding Huron East businesses to the Access Now App

Proposed projects for 2026 and Beyond

- Continuing work with Access Now; continue to offer the Accessible Improvement Program to commercial property owners and encourage businesses to make their storefront more accessible; host Job and Volunteer Fair next year in an accessible space (previous years it was held in the upstairs auditorium at Seaforth District Community Centre, which is not accessible).
- Our accessible website is ongoing since we are moving to Govstack in December and fine tuning it in 2026.
- Lastly, if the EASE grant is approved in November then, Seaforth Lawn Bowling Club will receive accessibility upgrades. Upgrades include access ramp to club house and greens, a accessible washroom and a gender-neutral washroom.

Municipality of South Huron

General Requirements

Procurement

- The Municipal Procurement By-law incorporates accessibility criteria into the procurement of goods and services.

Reporting

- Reports are produced annually on the progress and implementation of the multi-year Accessibility Plan, and this information is posted on our website and available in alternate formats, upon request.

- The multi-year Accessibility Plan will be reviewed and updated once every five years.
- The Municipality, as legislated, will file Accessibility Compliance Reports with the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. As a public sector organization, our last compliance reporting deadline was December 31, 2023, and our next reporting deadline is December 31, 2025.
- The Corporate Accessibility Policy has been updated to reflect changes to any of the standards.
- Records will continue to be maintained for training provided on accessibility, including the dates of the training and the number of individuals who attended.

Customer Service

- All new and seasonal staff receive training upon hire or return, a refresher course will be provided every 5 years for full-time staff.
- Staff across the organization have been trained in the functions of the website to conform to the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, level AA.
- The website is monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure its functionality and content remain accessible. The new Municipal website was launched in December 2024 to assist in user accessibility.
- The municipality continues to provide accessible formats and communication support upon request.
- South Huron is a member of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) and staff attend Accessibility working group meetings.

Feedback

- The Municipality of South Huron welcomes input from the public to help identify ways in which we can improve accessibility in facilities, goods and services.
- Members of the public are encouraged to share their comments or suggestions by contacting the Municipal Clerk or complete the Customer Service Feedback form on the municipal website.
- Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request to the Clerk.

Information and Communications

- South Huron records and where possible live streams its Council meetings on the municipal website and municipal YouTube channel. Watching the meetings online or a recording of a meeting is an effective way that we are reaching our residents who are not able to attend our meetings in-person. YouTube provides options for closed captioning of any meetings posted.
- South Huron uses eScribe software in the creation of agenda packages. The

software meets the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA. to ensure compliance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA when producing Council Reports.

- South Huron Council chambers has an audio system, including microphones and speakers.
- Staff continue to attend external and internal training to continue the development of accessible forms and documents and continue to update templates for accessibility on the website.
- All webpages contain a caption within the footer of every page about alternative formats and accessing information.
- Bi-weekly HUB in newspaper, and electronic newsletter states that our information is accessible and to contact municipality about receiving information in alternative formats.

Employment

- All employment advertisements inform applicants of our ability to make accommodations throughout the recruitment process, if required.
- All of the requirements in the Employment Standard continue to be maintained by the Municipality including those pertaining to the following:
 - Recruitment, assessment, and selection;
 - Accessible formats and communication support for employees;
 - Workplace emergency response information;
 - Documented individual accommodation plans;
 - Return to work process;
 - Performance management;
 - Career development and advancement; and
 - Redeployment.
- Human Resources continuously monitors the status of employee training.
- All employees regardless of their employment status (full-time, part-time, contract, seasonal and Council) take the following online training courses annually:
 - Accessibility Training for Employees (AODA). This training covers all 5 standards of the AODA with an emphasis on the Customer Service Standard.
- New employees who have access to editing the corporation's webpage are assigned the following online training course: IASR (Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation): Information and Communications Standards and Employment Standards Training.
- When conducting interviews: On all recruitment postings the following is included in the posting: Accommodation is available upon request for all parts of the recruitment process.

Design of Public Spaces (and Built Environment)

- As per standard operational practices, the following are conducted on a regular basis either through legislative or municipal policy requirements:
 - Repair, maintenance, and removal of barriers on municipal trails, sidewalks, and public spaces.
 - Fire Code inspections of private, public, and municipal facilities.
 - Building Code inspections of new or renovated facilities.
 - Health and safety inspections of all municipal facilities.
 - Emergency management measures to promote the safety of the community within times of emergency.

Overall Goals, Current and Proposed Projects, and Next Steps for Accessibility

The following section outlines accessibility goals, completed and proposed projects and next steps for accessibility in South Huron.

Overall Goals for Accessibility

- Ensure the Municipality of South Huron continues to comply with the AODA, its regulations and all other related pieces of legislation and continue with organizations commitment to accessibility.
- Review Municipality of South Huron's policies and practices to ensure accessibility compliance as part of normal policy review process.
- Strive to ensure that new facilities, programs, and services are designed and created with accessibility features incorporated.
- Continue to develop resources and training materials for staff, volunteers and contractors and promote awareness and education regarding accessibility requirements and obligations throughout the corporation.
- Work with corporate departments to explore new and innovative ways to remove and prevent barriers to access.
- Ongoing training for staff on the Customer Service Standard and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy.
- Continue to work in partnership with Huron County Accessibility Committee on Huron County Accessibility Plan and updates.
- Continue to monitor accessibility issues, trends, and legislative changes.

Accessibility Projects Completed in 2024

- South Huron Recreation Centre (SHRC) – in addition to the renovations completed in 2022 and 2023, the following improvements were made to the facility:
 - Additional signage improvements throughout the facility including blade and braille wall signs.
 - Removal of scrolling screen for dressing room assignment (now

- displayed as stationary)
 - Stephen Arena – in addition to the renovations completed in 2022 and 2023, the following improvements were made to the facility:
 - Additional signage improvements throughout the facility including blade and braille wall signs.
 - Removal of scrolling screen for dressing room assignment (now displayed as stationary)
- “Simplifying Accessibility” Community Accessibility Event – hosted on April 23, 2024, this event included a presentation and question/answer period from Julie Sawchuk B. Sc., B. Ed., RHFAC of Sawchuk Accessible Solutions, Accessibility Tours of the South Huron Recreation Centre and a take-home Accessibility Resource Guide for South Huron organizations and businesses to implement accessible solutions.
- New Accessible Council Report template – implemented in September 2024 to provide enhanced communication, this new report has templated accessibility features to ensure appropriate alternative text, contrast, font style and size, and spacing are achieved within staff reports through the templated settings.
- Municipal Office Entrance Sign – a new entrance sign was installed at the Municipal Office entrance which included large font and appropriate contrast. This sign replaces the existing vinyl on the glass insert of the door, which will be removed to ensure clear two-way visual into the building.

On-going 2024 Accessibility Projects

- Upgrades to Kirkton-Woodham Pool House – through a successful Enabling Accessibility Program grant application, South Huron and Perth South undertook upgrades to the Kirkton-Woodham Pool House based on the results of an accessibility audit, which included retrofitting two washrooms, construction an exterior walkway and installation of an accessible customer service counter. This project is in progress and will be completed in 2025.
- Accessible seating at Municipal Office – two chair styles for seating (stationary chairs with and without arms) will be provided within the facility, prior to the end of 2024.
- Town Hall - Signage improvements to be installed prior to the end of 2024 throughout the facility including installation of blade and braille wall signs.
- Description of accessible features within municipal facilities – staff have begun identifying features within municipal facilities and identifying these on the municipal website. For example, the Arenas page on the municipal website has been updated with text to reflect the accessibility improvements made at both the South Huron Recreation Centre (SHRC) and Stephen

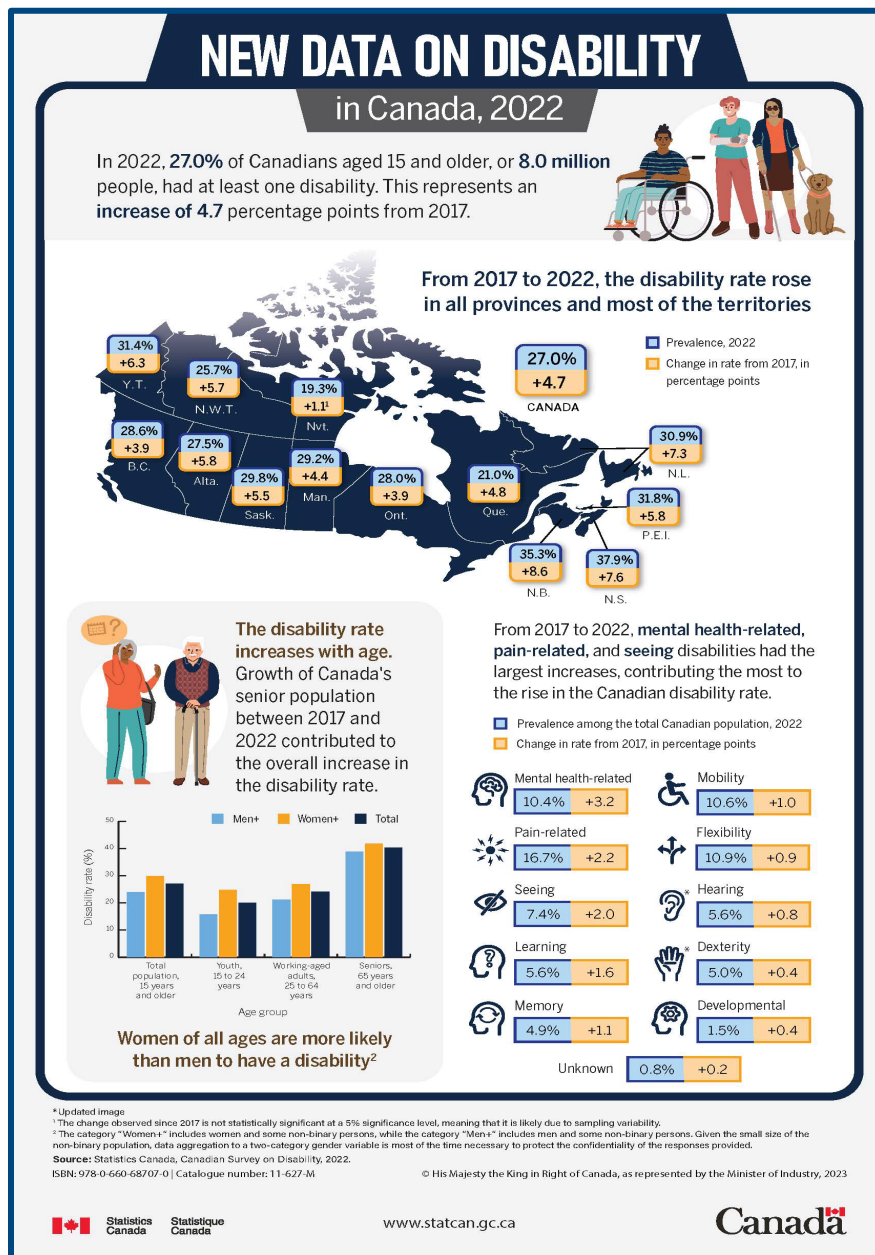
Arena. Accessibility features for all municipal facilities will be updated by staff, including descriptor text, photographs (with appropriate alternative text) to accompany the text. This is in progress and it is anticipated that this will be completed in early 2025, after the migrated municipal website has been launched.

- Customer service seating – exploration of seating options that meet the needs of the community within municipal facilities but ensuring that seating choices do not create further barriers.
- To date, recommendations for seating options for the SHRC Accessible Viewing Platform have been provided by the Site Review Committee (Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee).

Proposed 2025 Accessibility Projects

- Council Chambers accessible podium and microphone system – replacement of existing podium with a height adjustable style podium.
- Community Accessibility Tour – an opportunity exists for South Huron to host a community accessibility tour, showcasing local businesses and organizations who have completed recent accessibility projects. An event in a tour format provides an opportunity for the community to see accessibility features first hand and ask questions they may have. The audience for this event encompasses various community organizations, businesses and their staff, municipal staff and Council, and interested community members.
- Accessible word document templates for municipal staff – creation of accessible word document templates (memos, letters, PowerPoint presentations) for municipal staff to use to ensure accessible font style, font size, spacing, heading styles, colour contrast is suitable for all word documents produced. A similar document will be created and distributed to South Huron Council to utilize.
- Review of replacement options for Dashwood Community Centre playground equipment – in conjunction with adjacent municipality, a comprehensive review of replacement options to ensure AODA, O. Reg 191/11, Canadian Standards Association (CAS) and South Huron Accessibility Policy are adhered to.
- Review of Not Accessible Document List – Review of fillable PDF forms hosted on municipal website deemed not accessible and explore options to build these into website functions.

Infographic



Source: Canada. Statistics Canada. "A Demographic, Employment and Income Profile of Canadians with Disabilities Aged 15 Years and Over, 2017." ISBN: 978-0-660-68707-0. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2023063-eng.pdf?st=gyJ2ulYn> Reproduced and distributed on an "as is" basis with the permission of Statistics Canada.

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk
DATE: January 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Borrowing By-Law 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that Council consider passing by-law 01-2026 to approve the temporary borrowing, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, of up to \$2,000,000.00.

COMMENTS

Section 407(1) of the Municipal Act states that:

“At any time during a fiscal year, a municipality may authorize temporary borrowing, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, of the amounts that the municipality considers necessary to meet the expenses of the municipality for the year...”

Capital projects planned for 2026, as well as general operational expenses, will require cash outlays as the projects are completed. While corresponding revenues are budgeted to be received, the timing of these cash receipts when compared to the initial cash outlays may temporarily put the Municipality in a negative cash position. At the time of writing this report it is not anticipated that temporary borrowing will be necessary due to the balance currently held in reserves, but it is prudent to have it in place should it be needed.

Continuing to have an overdraft limit of \$2,000,000 as has been done in previous years will proactively ensure all municipal expenditures are paid promptly without delay until taxes are collected and other revenues are received.

By-Law 01-2026 has been included here for consideration.

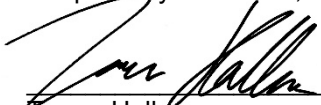
ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft By-law 01-2026

OTHERS CONSULTED

Sean Brophy, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,


Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 1-2026

A by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of the Municipality of Morris- Turnberry.

WHEREAS in accordance with subsection 407(1) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25 (the "Act"), the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry (the "Municipality") considers it necessary to borrow the amount of **\$ 2,000,000.00** to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year;

AND WHEREAS Pursuant to subsection 407(2) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this by-law together with the total of any similar borrowings is not to exceed the limits set forth in that subsection or other relevant sections of the Act and if so required under subsection 407(2), the Municipality shall have obtained the approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality hereby enacts as follows:

1. The Head and the Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Municipality to borrow from time to time from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate **\$ 2,000,000.00** to meet, until taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year pursuant to subsection 407(1) of the Act, and to execute any documents that are required in connection with the borrowing of the above sum, plus interest, at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC, in addition to any reasonable charges of CIBC associated with this borrowing.
2. All sums borrowed pursuant to this by-law, as well as all other sums borrowed pursuant to the Act in this year and in previous years from CIBC for any purpose will, with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Municipality for the current year and for all preceding years as and when this revenue is received.
3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received on account in respect of taxes levied for the current year and preceding years or from any other source which may lawfully be applied for this purpose.
4. The Treasurer is authorized to furnish to CIBC a statement showing the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the Municipality not yet collected and also showing the total of any amounts borrowed that have not been repaid.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 13th day of January 2026

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of January 2026

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Lisa Thompson, MPP
Huron-Bruce

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Email: lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

December 22nd, 2025

The Honourable Todd McCarthy
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Re: Proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority

Dear Minister McCarthy,

After recent discussions I have had with local riding stakeholders and municipalities, I am writing to share concerns regarding particularly the creation of the proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority.

Conservation Authorities are responsible for protecting local communities, managing flood and erosion risks, and supporting healthy watersheds.

As you have shared with me, we must follow the science. It is in that spirit that I share with you that local efforts to ensure public safety, managing flood and erosion risks, and supporting healthy watersheds that drain specifically into Lake Huron, must be considered unique. A locally driven, watershed-based model ensures decisions reflect local conditions and community priorities, and I respectfully share with you that a Conservation Authority dedicated specifically to the shoreline of Lake Huron is necessary.

I am concerned that the proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority would combine Lake Huron watersheds with regions in north-western Ontario that face fundamentally different geographic, environmental, and socio-economic conditions. Watersheds feeding into Lake Huron bear little resemblance to those in the northwest, and applying a single regional governance model risks diluting the focus and expertise required to address local shoreline, floodplain, and agricultural impacts. I have also heard concerns that this consolidation would reduce municipal input and accountability, from a rural affairs perspective.

Conservation Authorities were founded on partnership, local watershed management, and collaboration between municipalities and the province. I encourage the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to continue to realize efficiencies, strengthen capacity and support local solutions that protect our local watersheds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Thompson
MPP Huron-Bruce

Cc: Huron Soil and Crop, Huron County Federation of Agriculture, Bruce County Federation of Agriculture.



RE: Fire Department of North Huron - Fire Chief's Monthly Report

To: CAO Trevor Hallam

From: Chad Kregar, Fire Chief – Fire Department of North Huron

Date: December 19, 2025

Subject: 2025 Monthly Fire Report

Fire Call Summary –November 2025

Total Calls: 9

Number	Date	Response Type	Location
25-172	Nov 3 25	False Alarm - CO	Morris Turnberry
25-173	Nov 6 25	Barn Fire	ACW
25-174	Nov 16 25	Hydo Lines Down	Morris Turnberry
25-175	Nov 17 25	Chimney Fire	Central Huron
25-176	Nov 17 25	Hydro Lines Down	Morris Turnberry
25-177	Nov 20 25	False Alarm	North Huron
25-178	Nov 25 25	MVC	North Huron
25-179	Nov 27 25	MVC	Morris Turnberry
25-180	Nov 28 25	Alarm - CO Present	Morris Turnberry

Note - There were five calls for service in the coverage area provided by North Huron into Morris-Turnberry during this reporting period.

Significant Incidents

In November 2025, the Fire Department of North Huron responded to 9 calls for service, compared to 15 calls in November 2024. While this reflects a decrease in monthly call volume, year-to-date activity remains consistent. For the same reporting period, the department responded to 184 calls in 2025, compared to 188 calls in 2024.

There were no significant incidents to report for November. All calls were routine in nature and were managed effectively. There were no major structure fires, hazardous materials incidents, or large-scale emergencies requiring extended operations. The department continued to respond to all emergencies with efficiency and professionalism.

November Training Report

November training focused on reinforcing operational safety, accountability, and equipment proficiency, while introducing new systems and technology to support safe and effective emergency response.

Accountability and Entry Control

Fire Chief Chad Kregar delivered training on the department's accountability and entry control system, including the implementation of the new ID tag accountability system and the use of the Case Commander accountability system. This training focused on maintaining accurate personnel tracking from the time of dispatch through demobilization, managing entry control points, and ensuring all crews operating within the hazard zone are properly accounted for. Emphasis was placed on accountability officer roles, passport management, crew integrity, and the importance of maintaining situational awareness during dynamic and evolving incidents.

Size-Up and Scene Safety

Fire Chief Chad Kregar also conducted training on incident size-up and scene safety. This session focused on initial scene assessment, identification of life hazards, fire conditions, building construction considerations, and environmental hazards. Members reviewed the importance of establishing command, completing a 360-degree size-up where possible, and continuously reassessing conditions throughout an incident. The training reinforced risk-versus-benefit decision-making and the need to prioritize firefighter and public safety at all emergency scenes.

Equipment Checks and Station Duties

Monthly equipment inspections and station duties were completed by all members. These activities included checks of apparatus, hand tools, power equipment, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment. Station duties also focused on housekeeping, inventory management, and identifying maintenance or repair needs to ensure operational readiness and compliance with department standards.

Radio Communications – Motorola R7

Members received hands-on training on the new Motorola R7 portable radios. Training covered basic operation, channel selection, zone programming, emergency alert activation, and proper radio discipline. Emphasis was placed on clear, concise communications, reducing radio congestion, and ensuring reliable communication between command and crews during emergency operations.

Gas Monitoring and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Training was conducted on the use of four-gas monitors and carbon monoxide alarms. Members reviewed proper startup procedures, alarm set points, response actions to elevated readings, and scene safety considerations when operating in potentially hazardous atmospheres. This training supports firefighter safety and reinforces best practices for identifying and mitigating atmospheric hazards during emergency responses.

November 2025 Budget Update

The department's operating and capital budgets remain on track for the 2025 fiscal year, with no significant variances or concerns to report at this time. All expenses and commitments continue to align with the approved budget, and forecasting remains stable for the remainder of the year.

The 2026 budget process has now officially begun, with staff reviewing current needs, multi-year capital planning, and upcoming provincial certification requirements to ensure accurate and responsible financial preparation.

Overall, the department continues to maintain strong financial control while supporting operational readiness and planned initiatives.

Equipment & Maintenance Updates

There were no equipment or maintenance issues to report for the month of November. All apparatus, equipment, and vehicles were inspected and remained in good working order. No repairs or corrective actions were required during the reporting period.

Fire Chiefs' Update

Huron County Fire Chiefs continue to meet on a monthly basis, maintaining strong collaboration and open communication across all fire departments within the county. These meetings provide an important forum for sharing best practices, coordinating training initiatives, and aligning response strategies to ensure consistent service standards across jurisdictions.

In addition to these meetings, Fire Chief Chad Kregar collaborated regularly with Huron County Emergency Medical Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays, delivering one-hour joint training presentations. These sessions focused on electric vehicle awareness and response training, reinforcing safe operational practices, responder safety, and interagency coordination at incidents involving electric and hybrid vehicles. The training emphasized unified command, shared situational awareness, and effective communication between fire and EMS personnel.

This continued collaboration has strengthened interdepartmental relationships, improved operational coordination, and reinforced a unified approach to emergency response. By working closely together, Huron County Fire Services and EMS continue to enhance training consistency, operational readiness, and the delivery of a professional, coordinated response to the communities we serve.

Closing Remarks

As we continue through the year, I want to acknowledge the ongoing commitment and professionalism demonstrated by the members of the Fire Department of North Huron. Their dedication to training, equipment readiness, and public safety remains the cornerstone of our service to the community.

I am encouraged by the progress we have made in both operational preparedness and departmental growth, and I look forward to building upon this momentum in the months ahead. As always, we remain focused on our mission to protect life, property, and the environment through excellence in fire protection and emergency response.

Huron OPP Detachment Board

Minutes

Monday, September 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Huron OPP Detachment Office

325 Albert Street, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0

Members Present: Jim Dietrich, Chair - Elected Official - South Huron
 Marg Anderson, Vice-Chair - Elected Official – Central Huron
 Greg Lamport, Member - Elected Official - Bluewater
 Trevor Bazinet, Member - Elected Official - Goderich
 John Steffler, Member - Elected Official - Huron East
 Dave Frayne, Member - Provincial Appointee
 Jasmine Clark, Member - Community Representative
 Jared Petteplace, Member - Provincial Appointee

Member Regrets: Anita van Hittersum, Member - Elected Official - North Huron
 Jennette Walker, Member - Community Representative

Others Present Stacey Jeffery, Administrator/Recording Secretary
 Inspector Laura Lee Brown, Huron OPP
 D/Sgt. David Lewis, OPP Huron-Perth Community Street Crime Unit
 Hank Zehr, Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing (SOLGEN)

1. Call to Order

Chair Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Addition of:

- Item 5.2 Introduction to Hank Zehr, Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing, SOLGEN; and
- Item 8.3 Hosting OAPSB Zone 5.

Motion: 28-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: MAnderson

That Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the Agenda, as amended.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

None noted.

4. Approval of Past Minutes

Correction of Inspector Brown's name under 7.1, Traffic Statistics.

It was noted that information related to speed spy devices within Huron County and policy regarding Huron OPP Detachment Board issued apparel to be brought to the December meeting.

Motion: 29-2025

Moved: JSteffler

Seconded: MAnderson

That Huron OPP Detachment Board adopts the minutes of June 23, 2025, as amended.

Disposition: Carried

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1 Introduction to D/Sgt. David Lewis, OPP Huron-Perth Community Street Crime Unit

Motion: 30-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: JPetteplace

That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the educational session, as presented by D/Sgt. David Lewis and Inspector Brown.

Disposition: Carried

D/Sgt. David Lewis left the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

5.2 Introduction to Hank Zehr, Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing (SOLGEN)

Motion: 31-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: JPetteplace

That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the verbal introduction from Hank Zehr, Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing (SOLGEN).

Disposition: Carried

6. Business from Previous Meetings

7. Report

7.1 Inspector's Report

Discussion regarding municipal specific concerns on roadways and activity within communities. Community members encouraged to report to the Huron OPP so information is documented, and appropriate action can be taken.

Discussions occurred regarding drug and alcohol impairment and noted a difference between charges, despite showing the charges combined as Impairment under traffic related charges. It was also noted that mandatory impairment screening for commercial motor vehicle stops is occurring.

Members were informed that all lower-tier municipalities will be receiving correspondence from the Ministry regarding the 2026 billing model.

It was noted that Provincial Offenses Act tickets showing 3 for 2025 within the bar graph were not reflected in the Youth Charges by disposition type breakdown.

Interested board members (up to maximum of 4) were advised of the opportunity for them to attend the training exercise in Central Huron on October 6th.

Members requested that additional statistics directly related to the educational sessions would be beneficial for future meetings.

Motion: 32-2025

Moved: GLamport

Seconded: JSteffler

That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Inspector's Report, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

7.1.1 Intimate Partner Violence Training

7.2 Financial Report

Motion: 33-2025

Moved: GLamport

Seconded: JSteffler

That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Financial Report titled Board Financial Actuals – January 1 to August 31, 2025, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

8. New Business

8.1 Preliminary 2026 Budget Discussions

The following items were identified to bring back to the December meeting for 2026 budget discussions:

- Recognition efforts for Huron OPP;
- Awareness/outreach items;
- OAPSB Conference fees for Inspector; and
- Increase to allow for 6 Board meetings per year.

At this time, it is unknown if there will be mandatory trainings for members of the Board that will be required to be completed in 2026.

8.2 Vulnerable Sector Check Processing Times

With the current backlog, OPP has brought in more resources to assist in processing submission. Inspector Brown to bring an update on vulnerable sector check processing to the December meeting.

8.3 Hosting Zone 5 Meeting

Motion: 34-2025

Moved: MAnderson

Seconded: JClark

That Huron OPP Detachment Board submit to OAPSB Zone 5 their interest in hosting a Zone 5 meeting in Central Huron in 2026.

Disposition: Carried

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 CSWB for Huron Oversight Committee - Invitation to Join as a Voting Member (July 28, 2025)

Motion: 35-2025

Moved: GLamport

Seconded: JSteffler

That Huron OPP Detachment Board authorize Chair Dietrich to participate as a voting member of the Community Safety and Well-Being Oversight Committee.

Disposition: Carried

- 9.2 Municipality of Central Huron - Letter of Support - Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board's Appeal

Motion: 36-2025

Moved: TBazinet

Seconded: GLamport

That Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Municipality of Central Huron's July 25, 2025 correspondence regarding Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General, all participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area, all Municipal Councils, as well as to the Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Huron County.

Disposition: Carried

- 9.3 Inspector General Memo #6: Release of the Inspector General of Policing 2024 Annual Report

Motion: 37-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: MAnderson

That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives correspondence items, as included under Correspondence.

Disposition: Carried

10. Closed Session

11. Next Meeting

December 15, 2025

12. Adjournment

Motion: 38-2025

Moved: JSteffler

Seconded: JClark

That Huron OPP Detachment Board hereby adjourns at 11:42 a.m., to meet again on December 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Jim Dietrich, Chair

Stacey Jeffery, Recording Secretary

Membership Meeting #9-2025

November 19, 2025

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Megan Gibson, Matt Duncan, Anita Van Hittersum, Evan Hickey, Ed Podniewicz, Vanessa Kelly, Sharen Zinn, Vanessa Kelly

Members Absent: Andrew Fournier

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor
Jason Moir, FRCA Parks Superintendent
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecasting Supervisor
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bileya, Midwestern News Media
Irving Payne, Hearing Applicant
Seth Logan, SJL Engineering Inc.
Kris Bedard, KB Shoring Inc.
Brad Bowden, KB Shoring
Annalies Hamers, Gorrie Conservation Area Delegate
Sonya Graham, Gorrie Conservation Area Delegate
Sherri Govier, Wananosh Campground Delegate
Cheryl Govier, Wananosh Campground Delegate
Sherry Snell, Wananosh Campground Delegate
Pam Stewart, Wananosh Campground Delegate

1. Call to Order

Chair, Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

Motion FA #111-25

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #8-2025 held on October 15, 2025, be approved.
(carried)

4. Business out of the Minutes

a) Wawanosh Campground: Report #59-2025

Report #59-2025 was presented and the following motions was made:

Motion FA #112-25

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the Wawanosh Park CA continue camping operations into 2026 and beyond.
(defeated)

Motion FA #113-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Wawansoh Park CA cease campground operations effective end of season 2025.
(carried)

b) Gorrie Conservation Area: Report #65-2025

Report #65-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #114-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT a new agreement for grass cutting to maintain the north side of the Gorrie CA be developed with the Township of Howick
(carried)

c) Review of Comments on Proposed Fee Changes: Report #66-2025

Report #66-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #115-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the 2026 Fee Schedule be approved as presented.
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Direction and or a Decision:

- a) 2026 Authority Funded Projects: Report #67-2025

Report #67-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #116-25

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the authority funded projects outlined in Report #67-2025 be included in the 2026 draft budget and work plan.

(carried)

- b) Outdoor Pavilion-Wawanosh Valley Conservation Area: Report #68-2025

Report #68-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #117-25

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Vanessa Kelly

THAT moving forward with construction and naming of the Wawanosh Nature Centre pavilion is approved;

AND THAT a thank you letter be sent to the Maitland Conservation Foundation.

(carried)

6. Chair and Member Reports

Alvin McLellan asked questions about tree sales to landowners.

Ed McGugan has organized a meeting with Saugeen Valley CA and Ausable Bayfield CA to discuss the proposed Lake Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority.

7. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for October: Report #69-2025
- b) Agreements Signed: Report #70-2025

Motion FA #118-25

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita Van Hittersum

THAT Report #69-2025 to Report #70-2025 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.

(carried)

8. Closed Session: Personnel Matter

Motion FA #119-25

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT the meeting be moved into a closed session at 9:32pm.
(carried)

Motion FA #120-25

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT the meeting be moved into an open session at 9:35pm.
(carried)

Motion FA #121-25

Moved by: Sharen Zinn

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT the members accept Phil Beards offer to defer his retirement due to the proposed changes related to consolidating the conservation authorities.
(carried)

Motion FA #122-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Anita Van Hittersum

THAT a letter be written to MECP for permission to have Ed McGugan remain Chair for a third term.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

Motion FA #123-25

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 9:37pm.
(carried)



Ed McGugan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

Membership Meeting #10-2025

November 26, 2025

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Megan Gibson, Matt Duncan, Anita Van Hittersum, Evan Hickey, Ed Podniewicz, Vanessa Kelly, Sharen Zinn, Vanessa Kelly

Members Absent: Andrew Fournier

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator

Others Present: Cory Bileya, Midwestern News Media

1. Call to Order

Chair, Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

Motion FA #124-25

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #9-2025 held on November 19, 2025, be approved.

(carried)

4. Business Requiring Decision or Direction

- a) Overview of the Province's Plan to Oversee and Consolidate Conservation Authorities

Phil provided the members with an overview of the proposal to consolidate conservation authorities.

The Chair provided an overview of the meeting with the Chair and General Manager of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the General Managers of the Saugeen Valley and Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities.

All are concerned about the impacts of the proposed consolidation and the lack of a business case from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to justify the proposed consolidation.

- b) MVCA Key Messages to send to Member Municipalities, Partners and the Public.
The Members reviewed the messages outlined in the draft information sheet.

Motion FA#125

Moved by: Sharen Zinn

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

That the information sheet be circulated to Member Municipalities, Maitland Conservation Foundation and other partners.
(carried)

- c) Social Media Campaign: The Members agreed that a social media campaign needs to be developed to let the public know about the proposed consolidation.

Motion FA #126

Moved by: Vanessa Kelly

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

That a social media campaign be developed and implemented.
(carried)

5. Adjournment

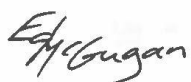
Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

Motion FA #127-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:24pm.
(carried)



Ed McGugan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention: CHIP

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Minutes

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Huron Perth Public Health
Clinton Site
77722B London Rd., ON N0M 1L0
Room 2 (CL2)

In Attendance: Laura Edgar, Andrew Maver, Greg Lamport, Ric McBurney, Wayne Forster, Gloria Wilbee, Craig Soldan, Kristy Kastelic (virtually).

Regrets: Jodi Snell, Wyatt Carey

Minute Taker: OPP

1. Welcome and call to order by Chair

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve: Lamport Seconded: Forster Disposition: Carried

3. Review of Minutes of June Meeting

Correction of typo: change to Wilbee

Motion to approve: Lamport Seconded: Wilbee Disposition: Carried

4. Financial Reports and Updates (HPPH)

Current balance \$5,119.94

Motion to approve: Forster Seconded: Maver Disposition: Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 Off-Road Vehicle Mapping Project

New Business re: ORV Project: Discussed possibility of developing an app (which is easily able to be updated) to make it easy to know the laws for vehicle types in each region

Action: Maver to inquire with coworker who is well versed in app creation.

Motion to approve: Lamport Seconded: Wilbee Disposition: Carried

a) Review latest draft



Edgar to summarize notable changes / consult on outstanding edits, work with Soldan to source OPP photos for resource

b) Determine process for final review / revisions / approvals

Edgar to book ad hoc meeting in early October (for those who can attend) to review final map product.

5.2 Road Safety Collaborations beyond 2026

a) Draft Data Collection Tool(s) & Methods

Edgar shared an initial data collection plan

b) Booking 2026 meetings

Edgar invited input on dates/times for 2026 meetings

5.3 Cannabis Impaired Driving Campaign Update (Regional Road Safety Collaborative)

Edgar gave an update on the Cannabis Impaired Driving campaign developed via Regional Road Safety Committee including how it was promoted locally.

6. Organizational Round Table Updates

6.1 **ACW** - *deferred*

6.2 **Bluewater**

Zurich Bean Fest concerns re: traffic safety/pedestrian safety during car show burnouts in Zurich. Soldan to request previous literature from Sgt. Arnold who addressed this issue years ago. Motion re: letter to organizers. Lamport to draft

Motion to approve: Lamport Seconded: Soldan Disposition: Carried

6.3 **Huron East** - *deferred*

6.4 **Huron Perth Public Health** - *deferred*

6.5 Huron County Public Works

Mayne Corners update (Howick); 4-way stop to be installed. Social media notice to be completed re: Mayne Corners 4-way stop.

6.6 Huron OPP

School patrols increase due to grant funds. (Goderich and Central Huron).

6.7 Ministry of Transportation Ontario - *deferred*

6.8 Morris-Turnberry - *deferred*

6.9 North Huron - *deferred*

7. New Business

7.1 Huron-Perth MVC Data Project

Deferred

8. Correspondence & FYIs – n/a



9. Meeting Summary:

- 1) ORV Map – Ad hoc October meeting to be booked for final approval
- 2) Zurich Beanfest discussion
- 3) Vehicle Type / Bylaw App Discussion & investigation

11 Next meeting: December 10, 2025 in-person at the Health Unit, Clinton

Minute Taker: MTO

Motion to Adjourn: Lamport

Seconded: Forster

Disposition: Carried.

Future meeting dates:

Municipality / Organization - Minutes Taker	Date
OPP	September 10, 2025
MTO	December 10, 2025
Bluewater	March 2026
Huron County Public Works	June 2026
Morris-Turnberry	September 2026
North Huron	December 2026
Huron Perth Public Health	March 2027
Huron East	June 2027



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December 18, 2025

Via email: todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Response to Bill 68- Proposed New Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their December 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

516-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

That South Huron Council endorses the Upper Thames Conservation Authority's draft Municipal Resolution regarding response to Bill 68 - Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities; and

That the draft resolution be updated to name the Municipality of South Huron, and circulated to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Thompson, AMO, ROMA, area indigenous communities, all municipalities in Ontario, Conservation Ontario and all Conservation Authorities in Ontario as follows:

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses; and

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1947) and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1946); and

Whereas local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget); and

Whereas municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers; and

Whereas conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities; and

Whereas Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined; and

Whereas the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

Now Therefore be it Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of South Huron calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands; and

Further That while the Municipality of South Huron supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs; and



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Further That the Municipality of South Huron supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives; and

Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- **the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,**
- **local MPPs,**
- **Association of Municipalities of Ontario,**
- **Rural Ontario Municipal Association,**
- **area Indigenous communities,**
- **all municipalities,**
- **Conservation Authorities, and**
- **Conservation Ontario.**

Result: Carried

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

Municipality of South Huron

kwebster@southhuron.ca

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Encl.

cc: MPP, Hon. Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; ROMA, roma@roma.on.ca; area indigenous communities; all municipalities in Ontario; Conservation Ontario, info@conservationontario.ca; all Conservation Authorities in Ontario



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Sent Via Email to: mmajchrowski@kawarthaconservation.com

December 22, 2025

Mark Majchrowski
Kawartha Conservation
277 Kenrei Road
Lindsay, ON, K9V 4R1

RE: Township of Scugog Resolution Regarding Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

At the last regular Council meeting, of December 15, 2025, the Council of the Township of endorsed the following Council Resolution:

1. **THAT** the presentation from Mark Majchrowski, CAO of the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, be received; and
2. **THAT** the proposed "Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority," "Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority," and the boundary configurations outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257 not be support; and
3. **THAT** further provincial evaluation of a more focused and geographically coherent model be endorsed, one that is cost-effective, locally accountable, and aligned with provincial priorities including efficiency, red-tape reduction, and timely housing delivery; and
4. **THAT** that the Ministry be requested to engage directly with affected municipalities and conservation authorities across Eastern Ontario before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments; and
5. **THAT** any consolidation proposal include a clear, evidence-based plan, developed in consultation with affected municipalities and conservation authorities, to ensure restructuring is cost-effective, financially sustainable, and operationally relevant for local communities; and
6. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition Critics, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario,

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the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-985-7346, clerks@scugog.ca.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Labelle", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Blair Labelle
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

CC: Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations
Minister of the Environment
Conservation and Parks and his Opposition Critics
Local MPs and MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
All municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario



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Res End

Dec 23, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

premier@ontario.ca

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Dear Premier Doug Ford,

We're in receipt of correspondence dated Nov 19, 2025 from the Town of Kingsville, regarding the opposition to proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities. The Council of the Township of Machar passed the following Resolution at their Regular meeting Dec 15, 2025.

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

AND WHEREAS there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

AND WHEREAS on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Machar wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities.

Sincerely,

Angela Loney
Clerk Administrator

cc: Town of Kingsville atoole@kingsville.ca

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SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

December 5, 2025

*Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario*

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their December 1, 2025 Council meeting:

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;



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WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1. The Town of Smiths Falls calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.*
- 2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.*
- 3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.*
- 4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.*
- 5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.*
- 6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.*



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7. The Clerk of the Town of Smiths Falls forward this resolution to:

- o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
- o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
- o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- o All municipalities in Ontario

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

Outstanding Action Items
Open Session

January 13

Meeting Date	Action Item	Action By	Current Status	Next Step
September 2, 2025	Downtown Decorations	Director of Public Works	Staff reviewing potential costs and logistics of placing flags on street light poles seasonally	Report findings to Council during budget deliberations.
October 7, 2025	Municipal Branding Update	CAO	Staff preparing budget estimates for branding and logo update	Report findings to Council during budget deliberations.
November 4, 2025	Sale of land to Hodgins Building Centre	CAO	MT and Hodgins Lawyers processing transaction	Closing date to be determined.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 02-2026

Being a by-law to adopt Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

WHEREAS the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 (the “Act”) requires that every municipality shall, in accordance with the regulations, develop and implement an emergency management program and that the municipality’s council shall, by by-law, adopt the emergency management program;

AND WHEREAS the regulations made under the Act (including *O. Reg. 380/04: Standards*) require that every municipality shall have an Emergency Management Program Committee and designate an Emergency Management Program Coordinator and other positions;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to adopt Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee and to attach those Terms of Reference as a Schedule to this by-law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality enacts as follows:

1. The Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee, attached hereto as Schedule “A”, are hereby adopted and form part of this by-law.
2. That this by-law shall come into effect on the day it is passed.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 13th day of January 2026

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of January 2026

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Morris Turnberry Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC)

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC) is established in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and Ontario Regulation 380/04.

The purpose of the EMPC is to:

- Assist in the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Morris Turnberry Emergency Management Program.
- Conduct an annual review of the program and make recommendations to Council regarding updates or revisions.
- Support continuous improvement in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts across the Municipality of Morris Turnberry.

2. Authority

The EMPC is established by Council through bylaw as required by the EMCPA.

The Committee reports to Council through the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and provides recommendations on matters related to emergency management planning and program compliance.

3. Mandate

The EMPC will:

1. Review and recommend updates to the Municipalities Emergency Response Plan.
2. Review the annual Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and Critical Infrastructure Assessment.
3. Support the development of annual training and exercise programs for staff and partners.
4. Review after-action reports and lessons learned from exercises or emergency activations.
5. Ensure the Municipalities emergency management program remains compliant with provincial legislation and standards.
6. Advise on resource needs, policy development, and program improvements to strengthen community resilience.

4. Membership

The EMPC shall consist of six (6) primary members appointed by Council:

- County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
- Mayor
- Fire Chief
- Director of Public Works
- County Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)
- Recording Secretary (Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

The CAO shall serve as Chair of the Committee, as required by the EMCPA and Regulation 380/04.

Additional representatives may be invited on an ad hoc basis to provide expertise or input, including but not limited to representatives from local municipalities, police, fire, EMS, public health, social services, and other community partners.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Chair (CAO)

- Calls and chairs meetings of the Committee.
- Prepares meeting agendas and records of decisions.
- Coordinates reports and recommendations to Council.
- Ensures committee activities align with legislative requirements.

Committee Members

- Attend meetings and participate in discussions and decision-making.
- Provide advice and guidance within their areas of expertise.
- Review materials and reports prior to meetings.
- Support implementation of approved emergency management initiatives.

6. Meetings

- The EMPC shall meet at least once annually or more frequently as required.
- A quorum shall consist of a majority of members (4 of 6).
- Minutes will be recorded and maintained by the Chair or their designate.
- Additional meetings may be convened to address urgent matters or during program reviews.

7. Reporting

The Committee shall (if needed) submit an annual report to Council summarizing program activities, training, exercises, and recommendations for improvement.

8. Term of Appointment

Members are appointed by Council for the duration of their role or position within the Municipality of Morris Turnberry. Membership shall be reaffirmed or revised as needed to reflect organizational changes.

9. Review of Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference shall be reviewed every three (3) years or upon significant legislative or organizational change to ensure continued relevance and compliance.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 03-2026

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, for its meeting held on January 13, 2026.

WHEREAS Section 9 of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under Section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the January 13, 2026, meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enacts as follows:

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at its meeting held on January 13, 2026, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Minutes and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at the meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law; and
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorize and direct all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council to the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry referred to in the preceding section thereof;
3. The Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time, January 13, 2026

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, January 13, 2026

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam