



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet in Council Chambers in regular session on the 20th day of February 2024, 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 February 20th, 2024, as circulated.

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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 February 6th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

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5.0 ACCOUNTS

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the February 20th accounts in the amount of \$ 313,392.49.

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6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Application MV01/23 - Sanders
Concession 7, North 1/2 Lot 6, Morris

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Seconded by ~*

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their Council Meeting and the Committee of Adjustment

hereby opens a meeting to review application for Minor Variance MV01-2024, submitted by Frank and Doris Sanders.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

6.2.1 Call to Order

6.2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

6.2.3 Purpose

The purpose of this application is to reduce the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) setback to allow for the construction of a new house.

The application proposes to reduce the MDS setback of 724 m to 435 m to the neighbouring barn to the east of the subject property.

6.2.4 Application Process

An application for a Minor Variance was submitted by Mike McNichol and considered complete on September 2nd, 2022.

The required MDS distance of 724m was previously reduced to 530 metres in application MV04-2022. The building location remains the same as the original application; an error in measurement occurred in the original file which is why a revised application has been submitted.

Notice of a Public Meeting was mailed by the municipality to all property owners within 60m of the property on February 9th, 2024, and notice was posted on the subject property.

A report has been prepared by Huron County Manager of Planning Denise Van Amersfoort regarding this application.

6.2.5 Comments

1. Planner's Report
2. Council's Questions and/or Comments
3. Applicant and/or Agent
4. Others

6.2.6 Recommendation

It is recommended that application MV01-2024 be approved with the following conditions:

1. The dwelling be located within the footprint shown on the sketch that accompanied the application;
2. The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of Council's decision.

6.2.7 Committee of Adjustment Decision

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Seconded by ~*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, considering the variance to be minor, to maintain the appropriate development of the lands, and to maintain the general intent of the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014 and the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan, hereby approves application for minor variance MV01-2024, submitted by submitted by Frank and Doris Sanders, subject to the following conditions:

1. *The dwelling be located within the footprint contained on the sketch that accompanied the application;*
2. *The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of Council's decision.*

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6.2.8 Close Committee of Adjustment

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Seconded by ~*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment hereby adjourns their meeting.

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7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 Municipal Drain Maintenance 2023

A report has been prepared by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam detailing maintenance completed on municipal drains under the maintenance provisions of their respective reports for 2023.

7.2 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.2.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – November and December 2023

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

7.3 BUILDING

7.3.1 Building Department Activities – November and December 2023

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

7.3.2 Building Department Year End Report 2023

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for 2023.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 CHARITABLE TAX REBATE – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A report has been prepared by Tax Collector Kelly Tiffin in this regard.

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the 2023 application for a tax rebate for eligible charities submitted by Habitat for Humanity Huron County for the property located at 680 Josephine St N and directs staff to issue the rebate in the amount of \$3,600.32.

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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 Media Release – Coldest Night of the Year – United Way Perth-Huron
- 10.2 Listowel Wingham Health Alliance Board of Directors Highlights – January 2024
- 10.3 Minutes – Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority – September 20, 2023
- 10.4 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – December 20, 2023
- 10.5 Minutes - MVCA Membership Meeting – November 15, 2023
- 10.6 Minutes – SVCA Meeting – January 19, 2024
- 10.7 Resolution – Town of Petrolia – Combined ROMA and OGRA Conference
- 10.8 Resolution – County of Renfrew – Water and Wastewater System Affordability
- 10.9 Resolution – Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus – Social and Economic Prosperity Review
- 10.10 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – January 2024
- 10.11 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Enter closed session.

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at ___ 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) (c) regarding a proposed disposition of land.*
- b) *Section 239 (2) (i) technical information, supplied in confidence to the municipality, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;*

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- 13.2 Return to open session.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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- 13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

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Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 11-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on February 20th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 20th day of February 2024.

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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:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 7:30 pm



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 6th day of February 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Ross McCall
Calvin Semple
Jeff Cardiff
Betty Cardiff
Blake Cardiff
Stephen Brickman Headway Engineering
Adam Hall Headway Engineering (Attended Virtually)
Scott Stephenson The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Heffer noted that Scott Stephenson would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 16-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of February 6th, 2024, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 **MINUTES**

Motion 17-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the January 16th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 18-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the February 6th accounts in the amount of \$ 411,950.36.

Carried.

6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 MEETING TO CONSIDER ENGINEER'S REPORT – GRANT MUNICIPAL DRAIN

6.1.1 Engineer's Report

A Notice of Request for Drain Construction was received January 10, 2023, for a new branch of the Grant Municipal Drain at the South Half of Lot 30, Concession 4, former Morris Ward.

Notice of the meeting to consider the engineer's report was issued to landowners on January 23rd, 2024.

Project Engineer Stephen Brickman presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

6.1.2 Questions and Comments

- Council

Mayor Heffer noted that the lack of concerns indicated that any issues must have been dealt with throughout the process up to this point.

- Landowners

Blake Cardiff asked for clarification on how far into Elizabeth Cardiff's property the work would extend. Mr. Brickman clarified that there will be a catch basin at the property line but there will be no work further onto the property.

6.1.3 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

Motion 19-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 9-2024, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for Branch 'B' of the Grant Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read a first and second time this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

6.1.4 Date of Court of Revision and instruction to Tender.

Motion 20-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Court of Revision for Branch 'B' of the Grant Municipal Drain 2024 be set for March 5th, 2024 at 7:30 pm and the project be tendered with results to be presented on April 2nd, 2024, pending no appeals.

Carried.

6.1.5 Appointment of Members to the Court of Revision

Motion 21-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the members of the Court of Revision for Branch 'B' of the Grant Municipal Drain 2024 shall be:

- 1 – Alvin McLellan, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Huron East*
- 2 – Deputy Mayor Kevin Freiburger*
- 3 – Councillor Jamie McCallum*

Carried.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

None.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 TENDER RESULTS – 24-111 MAINTENANCE GRAVEL

A report was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard.

Motion 22-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the quotation of Joe Kerr Ltd. for RFQ MT 24-111 – Granular “M” Supply and Place in the South Half of the Geographic Township of Turnberry and the North Half of the Geographic Township Morris, in the amount of \$ 469,300.00 (excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

8.2 TENDER RESULTS – 24-113 DUST CONTROL 2024

A report was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard.

Motion 23-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the tender of Pollard Distribution Inc. for a 1 Year Dust Control Contract for \$189,472.50 (excluding HST) based on estimated quantities and unit prices and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

8.3 GIBBONS LINE CORRECTION

A report was presented in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Motion 24-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 6-2024, being a by-law to establish certain lands as a public highway, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

8.4 INTERIM LEVY 2024

A report prepared in this regard by Tax Collector Kelly Tiffin was presented by Mr. Hallam.

Motion 25-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 8-2024, being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2024 for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

8.5 Correspondence to Minister of Long-Term Care

A report was presented in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Council discussed the draft and was supportive of sending it to the Minister as presented.

Motion 26-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to issue correspondence to the Minister of Long-Term Care regarding the Braemar Retirement Centre's license, as presented.

Carried.

8.6 Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repairs

A report was presented in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Council discussed the request and was supportive of contributing towards the repairs in some way, and also agreed there should be some level of community involvement. There was a consensus that the entrance gate is an important landmark and something should be in place to ensure it is not removed in the future.

Staff were directed to work with the landowner, the MVCA, to determine a path forwards.

Motion 27-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to solicit quotes for repairs to the Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate, and to discuss the repairs further with MVCA.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a Huron East Recreation Advisory Committee on January 25th.
Attended a Huron County Council Orientation Session on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on January 18th.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

Attended a meeting of the MVCA Board on January 24th.

Jodi Snell

No report, but noted that Karl Elis is retiring in September.

Jamie Heffer

Attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference January 21st to 23rd.

Councillor McCallum requested to attend MVCA AGM as a representative of Council. Council supported his request.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Economic Development Department Update – December 2023
- 10.2 Request for Support – AORS – Fanshawe College Municipal Operators Course
- 10.3 Minutes – SVCA Meeting – November 30, 2024
- 10.4 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – January 30, 2024
- 10.5 Resolution – Review Conservation Fee Changes – Municipality of South Bruce
- 10.6 Resolution – License Plate Renewal Revenue – Municipality of Tweed
- 10.7 Spring Tax Mailing Newsletter
- 10.8 Yard Waste Collection Notice
- 10.9 Draft Budget and Work Plan – MVCA - 2024
- 10.10 Outstanding Action Items

Deputy Mayor Freiburger recommended that Council support the request of AORS.

Motion 28-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Morris-Turnberry supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to

develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, Morris-Turnberry calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccinni, Morris-Turnberry's Member of Provincial Parliament the Honourable Lisa Thompson and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

Carried.

Councillor McCallum recommended that Council support the resolution from the Municipality of South Bruce.

Motion 29-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports the correspondence from the Municipality of South Bruce calling on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to reconsider the directive mandating conservation authorities to not alter fees related to planning, development and permitting for the 2023 calendar year.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 BIVAL MUNICIPAL DRAIN FINAL BY-LAW

Work has been completed on the BiVal Municipal Drain, and all associated costs have been accounted for. By-Law 7-2024 provides for the levying of assessments as provided by the engineer.

Motion 30-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 7-2024, being a by-law to amend by-law 22-2023 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry based on actual costs incurred for constructing the BiVal Municipal Drain 2023, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 31-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:17 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) (c) regarding a proposed disposition of land.
- b) Section 239 (2) (e) regarding litigation or proposed litigation.
- c) Section 239 (2) (K) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the Municipality.

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 32-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:08 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed a request to purchase unopened road allowances in Brussels and provided direction, received a report regarding ongoing and potential litigation for information, and received an update on negotiations for cross border water and sewer servicing.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 33-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 10-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on February 6th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 34-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:08 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

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

February 20 2024

General

Hydro One	Streetlights	1,284.47
Hydro One	Morris Office	459.97
Bell Canada	Emergency Lines	113.26
Telizon	Long Distance Phone	3.47
Tuckersmith Communications	Office Internet & Security	180.80
MicroAge Basics	Office Supplies & IT Services	993.19
McDonald Home Hardware	Office Supplies	48.54
Pitneyworks	Postage	1,709.95
Pitney Bowes Leasing	Postage Machine Supplies	191.20
Sepoy Wiring	Streetlight Repair	570.57
McDonagh Insurance Brokers Ltd.	2024 Insurance	112,801.44
Local Authority Services	2024 Energy Planning Tool	339.00
Wingham Golf & Curling Club	Vance Foundation	6,993.90
Township of North Huron	Water Billings	8,647.88
Municipality of Huron East	2022 Cemetery Reconciliation	367.44
Habitat for Humanity	Charity Rebate	3,600.32
Property Owner	Livestock Damage Compensation Program	1,500.60
Property Owner	Reissue Payment - Lost Cheque	500.00

Payroll

February 14 2024	Payroll	26,307.94
	Expenses	154.21
Council Pay	Payroll - January	4,474.79
	Rec General	532.59

General Total 171,775.53

Building Department

Foxtan Fuels	Fuel	401.50
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Payroll

February 14 2024	Payroll	5,876.84
	Expenses	-

Building Total 6,278.34

Property Standards

Keppelcreek	Bylaw Enforcement - January	1,497.07
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Property Standards Total 1,497.07

Drainage

Drainage Total -

Parks & Cemeteries

Hydro One	Kinsmen Park	32.97
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Parks & Cemeteries Total 32.97

Belgrave Water

Hydro One	Belgrave Water	1,741.71
Hydro One	Humphrey Well	280.69
Bell Canada	Belgrave Water	154.97
Hay Communications	Belgrave Water	11.30
Kincardine Cable	Belgrave Water	41.75
Veolia Water	January Operations	6,816.32
Rogers	Humphrey Well	90.39
Steven Robinson	Snow Removal	1,017.00

Water Total 10,154.13

Landfill

Hydro One	Morris Landfill	456.53
PE Inglis Holdings Inc.	Morris Landfill	209.05
Roberts Farm Equipment	Parts for 01-12 Tractor	684.15
Teeswater Agro Parts	Bucket for 01-12 Tractor	1,808.00
Bluewater Recycling Assoc	Curbside Pickup - February	15,155.96

Landfill Total**18,313.69****Roads**

Hydro One	Morris Shop	229.99
Hydro One	Turnberry Shop	333.50
Bell Canada	Turnberry Shop	113.26
McDonald Home Hardware	Shop Supplies	125.94
Radar Auto Parts	Shop Supplies & Parts for 13-03 Grader & 16-05 Tandem	307.08
Steffens Auto Supply	Shop Supplies & Parts for 17-01 & 09-02 Grader	451.59
Schmidt's Power Equipment	Chainsaw, Pole Pruner, Safety Gloves	1,753.59
Foxton Fuels	Fuel	28,101.20
Meulensteen Tire and Auto Service	Tires for 17-01 Grader	14,175.42
Huron Tractor	Parts for 17-01, 09-02 & 13-03 Graders	1,910.79
Burkholder Auto Body & Towing Ltd	Tow 19-06 Tandem	553.70
Altruck International Truck Centres	Repair 19-06 Tandem	2,505.17
Leslie Motors	Repair & Maintenance for 22-14 Pickup	132.49
Jade Equipment	Rental Grader	6,215.00
Donegan's Haulage	Winter Sand	3,360.43
Compass Mineral	Winter Salt	3,606.96
Laidlaw Carriers	Haul Winter Salt	288.16
Cliffs Plumbing & Heating	Morris Shop Heater Repair	1,693.29
Centra Door North Co. Ltd	Morris Shop Door Repair	751.45
Chad Cook Electric	Morris Shop Repair	540.14
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry	Turnberry Shop Water	123.07
BM Ross & Associates	Moncrieff Road Bridge (M070)	2,310.91
BM Ross & Associates	McCall Line Culvert (M020)	1,529.24

Payroll

February 14 2024	Payroll	33,555.99
	Expenses	672.40

Roads Total**105,340.76****Account Total****313,392.49****Approved By Council:**

February 20 2024

Mayor - Jamie Heffer

Treasurer- Sean Brophy

To: Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Members of the Committee of Adjustment
From: Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning
Date: February 15, 2024

Re: MV01-24 Minor Variance

Concession 7, Part Lot 6, Morris, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry (* Cranbrook Line)

Owner/Applicant: John Sanders

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that minor variance amendment application MV01-24 **be approved** with the following conditions:

1. The dwelling be located within the footprint contained on the sketch that accompanied the original application;
2. The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.

This report was prepared in advance of the Public Hearing. Additional comments may be presented at the hearing for consideration by the Committee.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the variance requested is to permit a reduced Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) distance of 435 metres. The required MDS distance of 724m was previously reduced to 530 metres in application MV04-2022. The building location remains the same as the original application; an error in measurement occurred in the original file which is why a revised application has been submitted.

Figure 1. 2020 Aerial Photograph with the subject lands outlined in blue



COMMENTS RECEIVED

No comments were received from members of the public at the time of submitting this report.

In terms of municipal staff, comments were received from Public Works and the Building Department.

Public Works

The existing field entrance does not have sufficient sightlines to be approved as the residential entrance to the property; the entrance will need to shift to the east (to the crest of the hill on Cranbrook Road).

Building

Minimum setbacks from the overhead hydro line will need to be maintained. No further concerns noted.

REVIEW

The subject property is 98.5 acres in size and has frontage on Cranbrook Road. The property is designated Agriculture and Natural Environment on Schedule B of the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan. The property is zoned General Agricultural (AG1) and Natural Environment – Limited Protection (NE2) in the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law.

The purpose of MDS is to reduce land use conflict related to odour complaints; it does this by establishing distances between differing land uses (eg. livestock facilities and neighbouring residences).

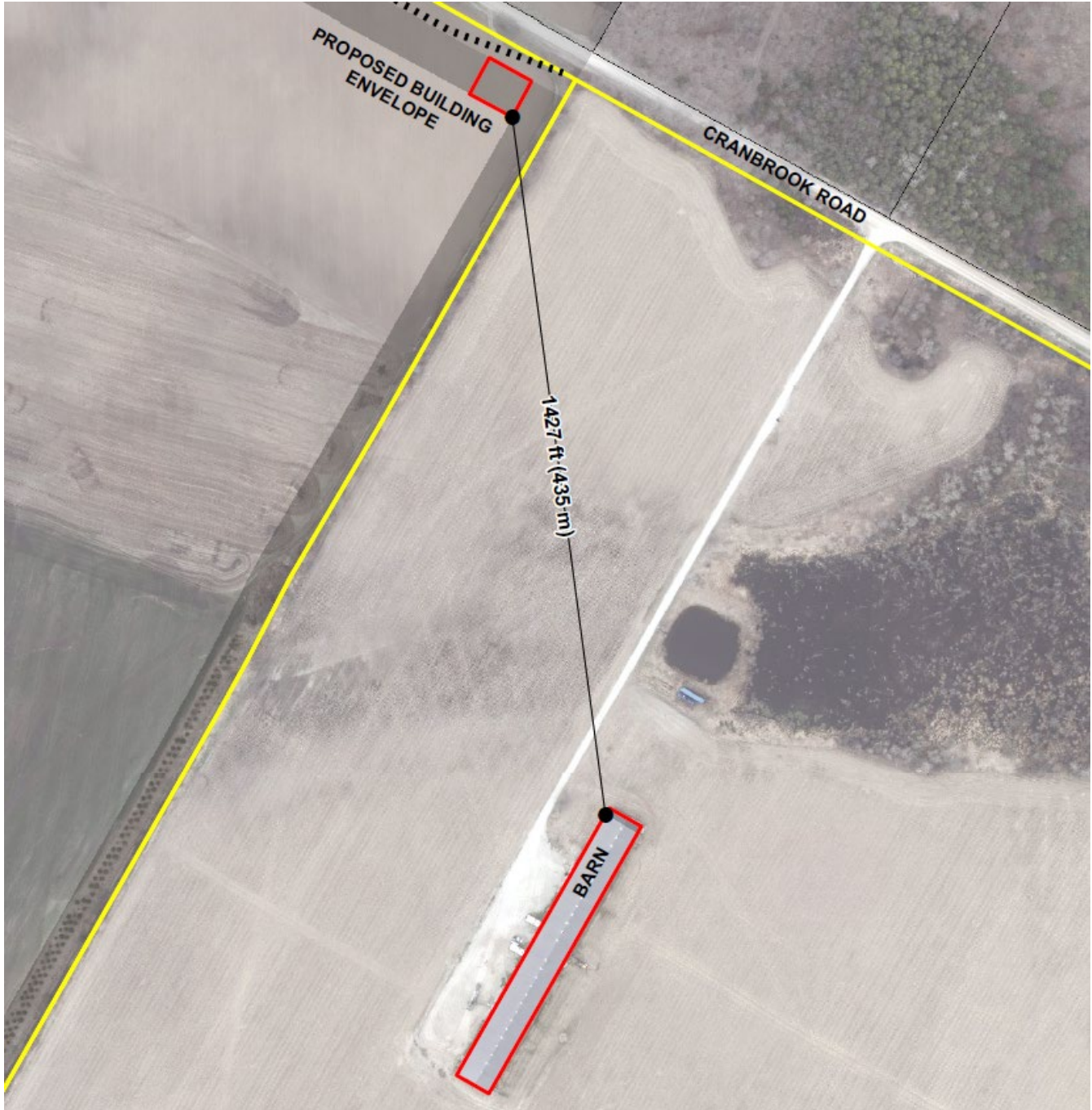
Municipalities are responsible for implementing MDS. When an application is submitted, the applicant is required to submit information for livestock facilities in the vicinity and staff calculate the MDS setback. When a dwelling is proposed, the distance is measured from the closest point of the proposed dwelling to the closest point of the “livestock occupied portion” of the barn; in this case, the building plans for the existing barn were consulted and it was verified that the livestock occupied portion began 16 feet back from the north end of the barn. In the original application, the measurement was taken from the middle of the barn which led to the wrong measurement being applied for and subsequently approved by the Committee.

Planning staff met on-site with the applicants to assess options for shifting the building location.

The applicant stated that they do not wish to shift the proposed building location further to the west for the following reasons:

- There is a change in grade moving towards the west and they would like to build on the ‘high spot’ to avoid drainage issues;
- They believe the proposed location will experience less odour due to more air movement at a higher grade;
- The proposed location will provide increased privacy as compared to building immediately beside the existing residence to the west;
- They spoke with the owner of the abutting livestock facility and no concerns were raised;
- The proposed dwelling was purposefully designed for this location as a result of the original approval; and,
- The applicant is very familiar with the odour impacts of this barn (given that their parents reside on and farm abutting parcels) and believe the impact to the proposed location will be minimal. They fully acknowledge that odour may be experienced at times and have no concerns.

Figure 2. Proposed building location for residence with distance to abutting livestock facility



Figures 3 & 4. Images of Subject Property



Note: Building location is staked in the foreground while barn to which the MDS is proposed to be reduced is visible in the background (beyond the fencerow). Overhead hydro lines are located between the roadway and the proposed building location.



Note: Image was taken east of proposed building location facing west.

Minor variances must satisfy four tests set out under Section 45 of the Planning Act (1990), as amended. To be approved, the variance must be:

- 1) minor,
- 2) desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure,
- 3) maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law, and
- 4) maintain the general intent of the Official Plan.

The subject lands are designated Agriculture in the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan. The Morris-Turnberry Official Plan states that a basic principle is to “promote the long-term future of agriculture by protecting the land base and promoting an environment conducive to an integrated agricultural community and economy”. The Official Plan further outlines goals and objectives for Agriculture which include maintaining flexibility for agriculture, protecting the land base from non-farm uses, and recognizing that a strong agricultural economy requires housing.

The proposed dwelling is accessory to agriculture which is expressly permitted by Section 3.3 of the Official Plan. The Official Plan directs that MDS will be complied with for all new dwellings. The MDS Document contains a series of Implementation Guidelines to aid in interpreting the application of MDS. Certain Implementation Guidelines enable municipalities to exercise flexibility with respect to MDS implementation approaches. As per Implementation Guideline #7, municipalities have the option of not applying MDS 1 setbacks for building permits on lots that existed prior to March 1, 2017. Morris-Turnberry has not chosen to exercise this option as MDS is seen as valuable tool for evaluation. The practice has been to permit dwellings on existing lots but where MDS 1 setback cannot be met, then through a planning application, allow a dwelling provided it be located as far as possible from the existing livestock facility from which the setback cannot be met; this is pursuant to Implementation Guideline #43. There are many factors that influence the viability of building locations including grade, drainage, proximity to natural features and other land uses, zoning setbacks, entrance requirements, etc.

The general intent of the Zoning Bylaw is to establish separation between different land uses for the purpose of maintaining compatibility and avoiding conflict. In this case, the proposed dwelling location meets all other requirements of the Morris-Turnberry Zoning Bylaw in terms of setbacks to lot lines, the roadway, drains, etc.

There is also a shed proposed on the subject lands. There is no requirement for an MDS variance to the proposed shed as MDS does not apply to accessory structures (as per MDS Implementation Guideline #13). It is important to note that the proposed accessory building is to contain a home industry (farm machinery repair) which will be a source of additional traffic to the site and a potential source of noise.

The Planner evaluated the possibility of shifting the building envelope to the west side of the parcel, immediately abutting the separated residential parcel. While an entrance is possible in this location, the building location is lower in elevation (see Figure 5) and the potential for land use conflict with the abutting residence related to the proposed home industry is not desirable. Further, the Planner evaluated that while a minor shift to the west may be possible, an adjustment of this scale is unlikely to have a noticeable impact on whether odour is experienced or not and is not desirable given that it would create other issues for the proposed residence including entrance misalignment and removing additional acres from production.

Figure 5: Elevation Contours of Subject Lands with Proposed Dwelling Location outlined in red.



In terms of future potential for conflict related to odour, there is no opportunity for the proposed dwelling to be separated from the farmland and thus this residence will remain an on-farm residence for the duration of its existence. As such, it is reasonable to assume that the person residing within said dwelling will have an increased understanding of agriculture and the impacts of abutting livestock operations.

This variance, while a reduction of 40%, is considered to have very low potential for land use conflict and as such maintains the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw, is appropriate and minor in nature.

CONCLUSION

The variance is considered minor, appropriate and to maintain the intent of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. It is recommended that the variance be approved with the conditions listed.

Please note this report is prepared without the benefit of input from the public as may be obtained through the public meeting. Council should carefully consider any comments and/or concerns expressed at the public meeting prior to making their decision on this application.

Sincerely,

“original signed by”

Denise Van Amersfoort
Manager of Planning

Site Inspection: February 6, 2024

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk
DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Municipal Drain Maintenance 2023

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

COMMENTS

The list below details all Municipal Drain maintenance completed in 2023. Final costs have been calculated and costs will be assessed to landowners as authorized and prescribed by the relevant Engineer's reports and assessment schedules.

Drain	Grant	A/R MT Lands	A/R MT Roads	A/R Other	Total	Details of Work
Arbuckle	\$ 1,410.24	\$ 1,083.83	\$ 29.16	\$2,725.83	\$ 5,249.06	Cleanout - Con 2 Lot 1 Morris to Con 13, Pt Lot 42 East Wawanosh
Black (Turnberry)	\$ 981.26	\$ 1,962.51	\$ 382.76	\$ -	\$ 3,326.53	Tile Repair Branch B Lot 11 Concession 3
Blyth Creek (McNichol)	\$ 292.82	\$ 609.21	\$ 45.12	\$ -	\$ 947.15	Beaver Control at Lot 15 Concession 8
Blyth Creek (Fitch)	\$ 478.57	\$ 1,068.25	\$ 9.34		\$ 1,556.16	Beaver Control at Lot 22 Concession 8
Bolt	\$ 170.07	\$ 348.82	\$ 80.72	\$ -	\$ 599.61	Beaver Control - Con 1 Pt Lt 44-45
Coultres Muncipal Drain	\$ -	\$ 692.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 692.07	Beaver Control N 1/2 Con 5 Pt Lot 2
Ellis	\$ 132.36	\$ 486.89	\$ 62.33	\$ -	\$ 681.58	Beaver Control at S Pt Lot 18 Concession 3
Gregory	\$ 742.74	\$ 1,646.34	\$ 327.91	\$ -	\$ 2,716.99	Catchbasin Repair Lot 22/23 Concession 9
Hopper Pump	\$ 1,145.98	\$ 2,291.97	\$ 394.95	\$ -	\$ 3,832.90	Pump Maintenance
Kelly	\$ 638.84	\$ 1,275.36	\$ 155.08	\$ 52.42	\$ 2,121.70	Crossing Repairs
Proctor	\$ 1,616.67	\$ 3,342.75	\$ 494.92	\$ -	\$ 5,454.34	Tile Repair Spt Lot 10 Concession 3
Russel	\$ 670.91	\$ 1,372.35	\$ 235.89	\$ -	\$ 2,279.15	Beaver Control Lot 13 Concession 6
Sellers	\$ 1,292.31	\$ 2,584.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,876.94	Beaver Control Lot 24 Con 4
Thompson-Lamont-Deyelle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 744.49	\$ -	\$ 744.49	Beaver Control
Wells	\$ 810.65	\$ 1,621.30	\$ 390.13	\$ -	\$ 2,822.08	Brush and clean out Lot 10 Con 9
William Ross	\$ 419.79	\$ 880.07	\$ 195.80		\$ 1,495.66	Beaver Control - Lot 5 Concession 6
TOTAL	\$10,803.21	\$21,266.35	\$3,548.60	\$2,778.25	\$38,396.41	


ATTACHMENTS

None.

OTHERS CONSULTED

Kirk Livingston, Drainage Superintendent

Respectfully submitted,


 Trevor Hallam,
 CAO/Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

DATE: December 31ST, 2023

SUBJECT: Property Standards and By-Law Enforcement Report for November and December 2023

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Chief Building Officials report on Property Standards & By-Law Enforcement for the months of November and December 2023 as submitted for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Building Department's main objective is to provide the best professional service to administer and enforce the Ontario Building Code along with any Municipal By-Laws. Through the examination of plans, issuance of building permits, reviewing bylaws, and performing inspections, we ensure compliance with building standards of the Ontario Building Code and compliance with Municipal By-Laws to ensure health and safety, fire protection and structural sufficiency in all buildings in the Municipality.

The findings outlined below have been provided by Bruce Brockelbank, Property Standards and By-Law Enforcement Officer.

COMMENTS

By-law Enforcement – New Complaints

- Browntown Road – I received an application for a new kennel.
- William Street – I received a complaint about a dog barking excessively at the property.
- Blyth Road – I received a request to attend property to confirm if dogs were removed.
- John St – I received a complaint that there were too many dogs at the property.

Outstanding Files and Ongoing Investigations

- Blyth Road – In negotiations with companies to provide the service of clean ups. Orders issued have not been complied with.
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- Brussels Line – In negotiations with companies to provide the service of clean ups. Orders issued have not been complied with.
- Blyth Road – I attended the property to confirm there were no dogs present at the property. I could not hear any dogs or see any evidence of a dog at the property. I will keep a close eye on the property when in the area to make sure there are no dogs.
- John St – I received another complaint that the owner has brought back the dogs that were removed and is running a pet rescue at the property. I attended the property and laid charges under the POA as allowed by our Animal Control Bylaw. The tenant was charged with too many dogs at the property and dogs running at large. The owner of the property has complied with the property standards order. The tenants have moved out of the house, the house has been sold and the new owner has taken possession of the property.
- William St – I attended the property to talk to the owner about a barking dog at the property.

- Browntown Road – Kirk and I attended the property to go over kennel requirements such as pen size, lighting, drains, ventilation etc. As it is a new kennel, there were also building code questions for Kirk to go over with the owner and contractor.
- London Road – I attended and inspected and found rubbish and debris around the storage building. I sent out property standards order to the owner of the property, and I will be inspecting soon for compliance.
- Josephine St – I sent out property standards order to remove the foundation and fill in the holes that were not noticed till the grass was cut by a contractor. I have given the owner a spring deadline due to the difficulty of finding a contractor to do the work.
- I have been working on a new consolidated Parking Bylaw as requested since we currently have two; one for Morris and one for Turnberry so they are not enforceable.
- I have been working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire contractors for property standards and/or clean yards bylaw issues.
- I have asked the Municipal office to send out reminders to all current kennel owners to setup an appointment with the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to have their kennel inspections completed with fees paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

DATE: January 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Building Department Activity Report for November and December 2023

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Building Department Activity Report for November and December 2023, 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
0078 -2023	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 10,000.00	3200	issued
0079 -2023	Agricultural Livestock Barn	\$ 1,300,000.00	13350	issued
0080 -2023	Accessory Building - Agricultural	\$ 56,443.50	1650	issued
0081 -2023	Alteration/Renovation/Repair	\$ 144,755.00	19934	issued
0082 -2023	Alteration/Renovation/Repair	\$ 140,000.00	1664	issued
0083 -2023	Industrial Structure	\$ 1,200,000.00	16000	issued

Total Value of Construction to date: \$17,065,398.50 with 83 building permits being issued
(Last year; \$19,922,878.50 with 125 building permits being issued)

Zoning Certificates issued for this year: 36 (Last year 42)

Respectfully submitted,



Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official



TO: Mayor Heffer and Members of Council

FROM: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

DATE: January 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Year End Report on Construction / Comparison

RECOMMENDATION: For Councils Information

Permit Type	Number of Permits					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Demolition	5	5	4	4	2	2
Farm Related	27	28	33	26	40	23
Com. / Ind. / Inst.	8	8	11	8	10	10
Residential Related	50	31	35	35	41	27
New Residential	8	9	15	18	9	7
Sewage Systems	13	12	27	26	23	14
TOTAL	111	93	125	117	125	83


Permit Type	Permit Fee					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Demolition	\$ 461.00	\$ 557.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Farm Related	\$ 46,904.13	\$ 24,909.65	\$ 37,592.37	\$ 44,779.21	\$ 80,102.83	\$ 69,872.20
Com. / Ind. / Inst.	\$ 17,613.20	\$ 30,638.20	\$ 39,795.60	\$ 14,540.90	\$ 21,916.70	\$ 17,778.46
Residential Related	\$ 32,587.89	\$ 15,795.28	\$ 16,889.14	\$ 15,915.40	\$ 37,520.38	\$ 10,698.50
New Residential	\$ 22,380.76	\$ 24,898.49	\$ 42,551.03	\$ 66,423.70	\$ 34,246.12	\$ 25,263.00
Sewage Systems	\$ 6,010.00	\$ 5,530.00	\$ 12,047.20	\$ 12,269.50	\$ 9,890.00	\$ 5,625.00
TOTAL	\$ 125,956.98	\$ 102,328.62	\$ 149,475.34	\$ 154,528.71	\$ 183,976.03	\$ 129,537.16

Permit Type	Value of Project					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Demolition	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 11,003.00	\$ 21,350.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Farm Related	\$ 3,929,000.00	\$ 920,600.00	\$ 2,391,950.00	\$ 4,857,256.00	\$ 8,800,000.00	\$ 9,988,000.00
Com. / Ind. / Inst.	\$ 1,458,493.00	\$ 1,815,900.00	\$ 2,937,000.00	\$ 1,255,500.00	\$ 1,093,000.00	\$ 1,780,198.50
Residential Related	\$ 2,346,724.00	\$ 996,000.00	\$ 1,198,350.00	\$ 1,192,168.00	\$ 4,131,978.50	\$ 788,700.00
New Residential	\$ 2,337,000.00	\$ 2,445,000.00	\$ 4,165,000.00	\$ 8,618,250.00	\$ 5,479,900.00	\$ 4,292,000.00
Sewage Systems	\$ 147,500.00	\$ 152,000.00	\$ 307,000.00	\$ 423,950.00	\$ 403,000.00	\$ 197,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,221,817.00	\$ 6,340,503.00	\$ 11,020,650.00	\$ 16,369,124.00	\$ 19,922,878.50	\$ 17,065,398.50

The total square footage of new construction for this year was 309,607 square feet.

Last year was 412,337 square feet.

Respectfully submitted


Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Kelly Tiffin, Tax Collector
DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Tax Rebate for Eligible Charities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves a tax rebate in the amount of \$ 3,600.32 for Habitat for Humanity Huron County for the property located at 680 Josephine St N. The municipal share of this rebate is \$ 1,456.39 and the balance, the responsibility of the county and school boards.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 361 of the Municipal Act, the municipality is required to allow a tax rebate for eligible registered charities for the purpose of giving them tax relief on the eligible commercial or industrial property they occupy. The charitable organization is **not** required to own the property, they must only occupy the property, and the organization is **not** required to pay property tax directly to the municipality, they are required to pay an amount on account of taxes.

Habitat for Humanity Huron County is considered an eligible charity as it is a registered charity and occupies an eligible commercial or industrial property in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

361 (1) Every municipality, other than a lower-tier municipality, shall have a tax rebate program for eligible charities for the purposes of giving them relief from taxes or amounts paid on account of taxes on eligible property they occupy. 2002, c. 22, s. 159 (1).

Eligible charities, property

(2) For the purposes of this section,

- (a) a charity is eligible if it is a registered charity as defined in subsection 248 (1) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) that has a registration number issued by the Canada Revenue Agency;
- (b) a property is eligible if it is in one of the commercial classes or industrial classes, within the meaning of subsection 308 (1) of this Act, or if it is in a class prescribed under clause (11) (b.1) of this section. 2001, c. 25, s. 361 (2); 2016, c. 37, Sched. 15, s. 11 (1).

Huron County By-law 29-1998 provides a rebate of 40% of the taxes paid by an eligible charity on the eligible property it occupies.

Program requirements

(3) A tax rebate program under this section is subject to the following requirements:

- 1. The program must provide for a rebate for an eligible charity that pays taxes or amounts on account of taxes on eligible property it occupies.
- 2. The amount of a rebate required under paragraph 1 must be at least 40 per cent, or such other percentage as the Minister of Finance may prescribe, of the taxes or amounts on account of taxes paid by the eligible charity on the property it occupies. If the eligible charity is required to pay an amount under section 367 or 368, the amount of the rebate shall be the total of the amounts paid by the eligible charity under those sections.

The by-law indicates the application be directed to the municipality in which the property is located. The municipality will provide the rebate to the eligible charity and reconcile the county and school boards share at year end.

Who gives rebates

(6) Rebates under a program of a municipality under this section shall be given by the municipality unless the municipality is an upper-tier municipality, in which case the rebates shall be given by the lower-tier municipalities. 2001, c. 25, s. 361 (6).

Sharing amounts of rebates

(7) The amount of a rebate paid under this section on a property shall be shared by the municipalities and school boards that share in the revenue from the taxes on the property in the same proportion as the municipalities and school boards share in those revenues. 2002, c. 22, s. 159 (7).

COMMENTS

At the request of the Tax Collector, the property owner has provided information to confirm that the applicant occupies 75% of the eligible commercial property and pays an amount equivalent to taxes, therefore, the rebate has been calculated accordingly.

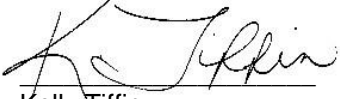
ATTACHMENTS

None

OTHERS CONSULTED

Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly Tiffin,
Tax Collector



United Way
Perth-Huron

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For Immediate Release

From: United Way Perth-Huron
32 Erie Street, Stratford ON N5A 2M4
1-877-818-8867 (toll-free) 519-271-7730 (T)

Date: January 31, 2024

Coldest Night of the Year in Wingham is only three weeks away

Wingham, ON — United Way Perth-Huron reminds everyone there's still time to register for the Coldest Night of the Year on Saturday, February 24, and walk in support of local individuals experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

It is wonderful to see the communities of northern Huron coming together once again to support the Connection Centre," said Rev. JoAnn Todd, chair of United Way's Northern Huron Community Committee. "The Coldest Night of the Year walk is a great way for everyone to show their support for the work of the Centre by forming a team, joining a team, or sponsoring a walker in Wingham, Blyth and Lucknow. Walk if you can, give if you can. Every little bit helps and goes miles towards improving the lives of those in need in our communities!

Event day check-in begins at 4 p.m. at the Libro Credit Union and Maitland River Community Church parking lots, with opening ceremonies scheduled for 5 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. at Maitland River Church. Walkers can choose a two- or five-kilometre route ending up back at the shared parking lots. Participants raising over \$150, \$75 for youth under 18, receive Coldest Night toques. To register a team, or as an individual, visit cnoy.org. For event updates, pictures and more, join the Wingham Coldest Night of the Year group on Facebook.

There are also two walks happening outside the official Coldest Night event. The Blyth Blazers are walking on Saturday, February 17 and the Lucknow/Kinloss Presbyterian Churches are walking on Sunday, February 18. Additionally, Penny's of Blyth is hosting a fundraising auction in support of Coldest Night of the Year on February 12. For information on any of these events, contact Lisa Harper at lharp@perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

All Coldest Night-related events help support United Way's Northern Huron Connection Centre located in Wingham. The Centre is a welcoming place offering basic needs such as light meals, a shower, washroom facilities and laundry along with additional support through partnerships with numerous agencies.

Coldest Night sponsors include Community Futures Huron, Corteva Agriscience, Fortress Fencing, Howick Mutual Insurance Company, Ideal Supply, Libro Credit Union, Maitland River Community Church, McDonald's Wingham and Sparlings Propane.

About United Way Perth-Huron

United Way helps here in the community you care about, tackling #UNIGNORABLE issues including homelessness, mental health and access to services. Thanks to United Way, its partners, and donors, vulnerable people across Perth-Huron have the chance for a brighter future. To show your #LocalLove by donating or volunteering, call 519-271-7730 or 1-877-818-8867, mail to 32 Erie Street, Stratford, ON N5A 2M4 or visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

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For more information, or to set up an interview with Lisa Harper, UWPH Manager Community Development, Northern Huron, call 519-357-6795 or email lharp@perthhuron.unitedway.ca.



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feb. 24, 2024

Northern Huron Connection Centre

team up + fundraise!

walk | donate | volunteer

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OF THE YEAR

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to look closer... because it's cold out there.

To register your team, or to sign up
to walk or volunteer, visit:

cnoy.org/location/Wingham

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Highlights

January, 2024

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Quality care that is patient centred, timely, efficient, effective, equitable and safe.

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

Hospitals are required to submit a QIP annually to Health Quality Ontario. LWHA has traditionally committed to three projects, one sponsored by each senior leader. Our teams are actively working on finishing up the current QIP and gathering ideas for our 24/25 projects.

COVID-19 Outbreak – Listowel Site

The Listowel Complex Continuing Care (CCC) department was declared in COVID-19 outbreak on December 15, 2023. The Huron Perth Public Health Unit investigated the outbreak and determined that this likely started with a patient transferred to us from a London Hospital. Four additional patients became COVID-19 positive during the outbreak. The outbreak was caught quickly and was declared over Dec 23, 2023. The outbreak team is reviewing the outbreak and looking for any opportunities for improvement. The health unit was impressed with the team's management of the situation.

Care Close to Home – Port a Cath Insertions

The Wingham Site is now offering Port a Cath insertions. The majority of patients accessing this service are oncology patients. In previous years, patients would have had to drive long distances and wait several weeks to receive this type of care. We are very thankful to have this service available.


Emergency Department

As a hospital and community, we continue to be thankful for the efforts of our staff, physicians and leaders in ensuring we are able to continue to keep our ERs open. Hospitals are complex entities and the Ontario Healthcare system is currently fragile, particularly with respect to health human resources. Organizational ingenuity and the commitment of individuals to their profession and community have both contributed to an improved situation.

Health and Safety / Emergency Response

The Wingham site was successful in completing their annual evacuation testing in December in partnership with the North Huron Fire department. Thank you to everyone involved for ensuring we are continuously focusing on our training efforts to ensure the risk to patient safety is mitigated through regular training exercises.

Our Health and Safety officer has partnered with Huron ESM who will be onsite to complete Quantitative fit testing for N95 respirators for those who are not able to complete a pass or fail



through the regular on-site qualitative testing process.

As part of LWHA's commitment to building and preserving safe, productive, civil, and healthy environments for all staff, annual Workplace Violence and Harassment and Code of conduct training will be circulated to all staff for completion.

Occupational Health

Additional flu and COVID vaccines will be available to staff who were not available to attend previous clinics.

As part of the 2023-2024 Quality Improvement Plan, Psychological Health and Safety training will be available to all staff and physicians in the upcoming weeks. It is provided by Your Health Space which is a program development by the Canadian Mental Health Association specific to healthcare providers. The e-Learning series is tailored to the needs and experiences of health care staff, providing access to three self-directed courses focused on boosting mental health literacy and teaching strategies to manage and mitigate the effects of stress in the workplace. Sessions will focus on Well-Being at Work, Navigating Stress at Work and Continuing to Care at Work.

Registration Status

Health professions covered under the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) and other accredited staff must maintain a current certificate of registration to be permitted to practice or perform work within their area of specialty. Each of the health professions under the Act and other regulated professions have a protected title and only those registered may use the profession's title. Human Resources will be completing LWHA's annual assessment of registration status' in February to ensure applicable staff have continued registration with the applicable college or Professional organization.

A workplace that nurtures individual and collective potential.

Supervision

Sheri DiGiovanni previously oversaw the Diagnostic Imaging (DI), Lab, and Pharmacy departments. With the intention of further increasing succession planning at LWHA, the role will not be backfilled and Supervisors roles will be created in the Lab and DI departments. We are excited to announce that Jaide Campbell (a 15+ year employee with LWHA) has accepted the position of DI Supervisor beginning January 22, 2024. We have finished interviewing for the Lab Supervisor and plan to announce the successful candidate in the next week.

We are increasing service at WDH with the addition of an evening shift from Monday-Friday in the Diagnostic Imaging Department. We expect that with the addition of the CT machine we will increase this to seven days a week next year.



Health Human Resources (HHR) Update

We continue to work on recruitment and retention and our staffing pressures are easing. As planned, both sites have expanded their nursing float models this winter and we anticipate this strategy having a significant impact on workload management.

Obstetrics Coverage

As reported in November, over 60% of our Obstetrical Nurses will be off on maternity leave starting this winter. To support the program and our patients, the team is looking at implementing a temporary change to our staffing model where credentialed midwives would fill vacant nursing shifts and perform work that has traditionally been assigned to Registered Nurses. We are currently working with our midwives, nurses, and physicians to plan and organize training and orientation.

Clinical Nursing Externs


Our clinical nursing extern program has been a complete success. This is a result of the work that everyone has done to support the program. Nurses have mentored these staff, physicians have supported learning opportunities and our nursing leadership team has built an orientation and onboarding program that has been supportive and created opportunities for these nursing students to learn and grow while performing work that supports our staff and patients. We have already been successful in hiring externs into permanent nursing positions after graduation and we are already receiving applications from students who are planning ahead for their summer employment. We have not received confirmation that funding for this program will continue into 2024/2025 but we anticipate hearing soon.

Surgeon Recruitment

With the departure of Dr. Rana, there has been a strong focus on recruitment for the surgical program and filling OR time in the short term. Our Medical Advisory Committees supported the recruitment of two general surgeons. Recent conversations have also focused on the need for additional gastroenterologist support for our Hospitals. Dentists are always open to filling OR time. Talks have taken place regarding providing OR time for a surgeon currently practicing in Goderich. There is also strong interest in having a collaborative group of general surgeons working together in rural Huron, Perth and Bruce Counties.

Physician Recruitment

Our local physician recruitment activities are financially supported by 6 local municipalities that also have representation on the volunteer physician recruitment committees in each of North Perth and North Huron. Both Hospital Foundations and the Listowel Wingham and Area Family Health Team financially support physician recruitment activities. The Hospital provides housing (4 residences in total and occasional short term rentals), in-kind funding for recruitment activities and residency program



along with additional supports such as catering for medical staff and student events.

Jan McKague-Weishar works full time to support the physician recruitment activities across both sites of LWHA. The complexity of the structure and funding arrangements became evident as work was underway to support and inform community members interested in helping to address the primary care and physician shortage in North Perth.

It would not serve us well to pull this structure apart, however, as each community develops a response to their individual needs, there are plenty of areas to explore including:

- Housing
- Community incentive packages
- Support for residents
- Foundation involvement
- Clinics and facilities
- International medical graduates

Employee and Family Assistance Plan

Homewood Health has released the Employee Family Assistance Program utilization overview for the period of April 1, 2023, to December 2023 with 5.67% for Wingham and 10.83% for Listowel. Both sites' highest service accessed during the period was counselling services. LWHA leaders engaged Crisis Management Services with our Homewood Health program on four occasions during this time to support difficult situations. This program continues to be a valuable resource for all staff, and we continue to promote programs and resources on a regular basis.

Labour Relations:

LWHA and ONA for both Listowel and Wingham were successful in negotiating local collective agreements which were ratified by ONA members in December for the period of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2025.

Recruitment:

Starting in January, LWHA is hosting a total of six post-secondary students in various health disciplines as well as one high-school coop student at each site. The high-school placements complete a comprehensive rotation through all departments within the hospital. This is a great opportunity for the students to gain an overall understanding of working within a Hospital environment. LWHA continues to collaborate with our local Schools to promote Healthcare careers to our local youth to retain talent within our local communities.



A sustainable and resilient environment that is here for future generations.

On Site Security Proposal

We anticipate a February 1st soft start to our on-site security. We will gradually over the month of February ramp up to 7 days per week 12 hours per day on-site security presence. We had an initial (very positive) discussion with the Perth OPP on Friday (Huron OPP meeting being planned) January 19th to discuss how we will continue to work together in our mutual interest to keep staff, patients and visitors safe within the hospital.

Parking (LMH specific)

On Tuesday January 22 we rolled out our designated off-shift parking in the immediate back parking lot. Signs have been installed and parking passes supplied to appropriate staff. Day-shift staff are requested to park across the bridge. This change was completed based on staff feedback in our 23-24 safety and security QIP.

Fisher Clinic

We are currently at almost 100% design drawings approval for the Fisher Clinic expansion. We are currently waiting on the site plan and permits from North Perth. Contractor pre-qualifications have been returned and references are being checked with a short list developed on January 25th. We had 11 General Contractors respond, 9 mechanical responses and 7 electrical responses. RFP is expected to be posted by the end of January and have approximately one month to quote. We should have direction on contractors by the end of February.


WDH CT

We continue to be in the RFP blackout period. Initial costs are much higher than we originally anticipated. This will require us to relook at the scope of the project and how we source it (full turn key, or contracted separately) once the black out period ends. We are very disappointed by the initial cost estimates as we had completed significant due diligence with our current (LMH) CT supplier.

Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF)

LMH HVAC phase 2 began in December. The plan is to finish this phase of the project in March 2024. We are revising some of the work to include some washroom upgrades while we have the space vacant. Walter Fedy is currently revising the estimates and drawings to include the washroom renovations.

WDH Generator project is well underway with site preparations completed in December.



HIRF nominal spend projects are well underway. These include handrail upgrades, windows, internal and external doors and electrical panels. These items have been identified as necessary upgrades on an approved schedule from the MOH. We have requested WDH administrative building roof upgrades, WDH security updates to be added to this approved schedule.

YTD December Financial Results – LMH

As of YTD December estimated annualized impact of retro/Bill 124 including terminated staff is \$1671K net of accruals and including all benefits/vac/lieu accruals etc. Full year estimated to be \$2228K. To date we have not had confirmation of Bill 124 repayment from the MOH but it's anticipated for February.

December YTD results are showing a deficit of \$1605.4K. OT kick off meeting began in January to return the focus back to managing OT with new float model in Clinical and reviewing OT spend in the Corporate services.

YTD December Financial Results – WDH

At the time of this report all known retro payments have been paid to all staff with the exception of the latest information coming from LiUNA. As of YTD December estimated annualized impact of retro/Bill 124 including terminated is \$911.9K net of accruals and including all benefits/vac/lieu accruals etc. The full year estimated to be \$1097.9K. To date we have received \$192.8K in WDH for the initial ONA retro payment.


Current month financials show S1 (Oncology) visits at budgeted levels for the second time this year. We are hoping to see these levels continue with the potential to increase as Grand River Oncology goes live with Cerner.

Healthcare Materials Management System (HMMS)

LWHA has utilized the services of HMMS as our group purchasing organization and warehouse for the bulk of our medical and surgical supplies. HMMS is a joint venture between London Health Science Centre (LHSC) and St. Joseph's Health Care, London (SJHC). LHSC had provided notice of their intention to cease using HMMS as of March 31, 2024. Currently, LHSC intends to transfer its contracts and strategic sourcing to Mohawk Medbuy by March 31st while continuing to utilize the HMMS warehouse. In the year ahead, we will need to assess the future of our sourcing and warehousing needs given the uncertainty of the longevity of HMMS.

Referral Bonus

In August 2023, LWHA launched a new Employee Referral Bonus program to provide an incentive to our current employees who bring new talent to LWHA by referring qualified applicants who are



selected and successfully employed within the Alliance. We are excited to share that in the month of January two staff members have qualified for the first incremental bonus payment of \$250 as they referred a qualified applicant who is now successfully employed with LWHA.

Meaningful partnerships to offer a seamless patient experience.

Wait Time Information System

We continue to work with our Ministry of Health and Novari Health partners to complete the Wait Time Information System project.

ACT Fast – Stroke Screening

ACT FAST is a new stroke screening tool being used across Ontario for patients that present to emergency departments within the 6-24 hours window of last seen well. This project is being implemented in partnership with the physician teams and the SouthWestern Ontario Stroke Network (SWOSN).

OneChart Phase 2 (Electronic Documentation Advancement)

The OneChart Phase 2 project kicked off with the Anesthesia Module expansion in November. This project will allow OR (operating room) and Procedure Room staff across the region the ability to document electronically into the patient chart. This will reduce the opportunity for documentation errors and increase timeliness and accuracy of information contained within the intraoperative patient record in OneChart. The Clinical Informatics Team, Professional Practice, Dr. Antoniadis and Dr. Trojnar are championing this work across the Alliance.

Hospital Auxiliary

The Listowel Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is fully engaged in various fundraising activities following the pandemic. Rhonda Beirnes has handed over the President's gavel to Susan Anderson. The capital requirements for the upcoming year were presented for the Auxiliary's consideration and Elizabeth Dwyer also had the opportunity to introduce herself and speak to the common objectives of the Auxiliary and Foundation.

The WDH Auxiliary gift shop will be taking a break until the end of winter following a successful fall and Christmas season.

Both Auxiliary's have a dedicated group of volunteers that are working hard on behalf of the hospitals. These individuals are also strong ambassadors for the work of the hospitals and their impact extends beyond the funds raised. We appreciate all that they do.



MPP Engagement

We will be meeting with our two local MPPs in late January and early February. Topics that we anticipate discussing include:

- hospital finances
- community growth
- long term care developments
- ER closures
- Health human resources
- Fisher Clinic expansion
- LMH Capital Proposal
- MRI Proposal
- Wingham CT project

Recognition

The Human Resources team had the opportunity to attend the Patient Partner Council meeting in November to present on recruitment and retention. The presentation provided education on our Health Human Resources challenges related to increased leave of absences, specialized training and orientation requirements, pandemic fatigue, work life balance and the fact that all hospitals are competing for the same scarce Health Human Resources. In addition, we shared our ongoing commitments to support post-secondary student placements as well as our local high-school students through coop rotations, participation in careers courses, career fairs and job shadows. Retention was also a focus where we highlighted scheduling stabilization, staff recognition, staff appreciation events, education supports and internal staff placement opportunities. We also shared that many schedules were changed to preferred scheduling rotations with the addition of several new full-time positions created to retain staff and support with permanent upstaffing to provide coverage for last-minute sick calls, etc. We offer flexible scheduling arrangements as many staff have the opportunity to self-schedule and sign up for additional shifts based on their availability. This was a great opportunity to share our recruitment challenges and successes with our patient partners to ensure they are aware of the ongoing efforts to support recruitment and retention at LWHA.

September 20, 2023

Maitland Source Protection Authority (MSPA) Meeting #2-23 Minutes

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Matt Duncan,
Anita van Hittersum, Sharen Zinn, Ed Podniewicz,
Megan Gibson

Members Absent: Andrew Fournier, Evan Hickey

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Donna Clarkson, DWSP Co-Supervisor
Jayne Thompson, Communications-IT-GIS Coordinator

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Wingham Advance Times

Motion MSPA #5-23

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Members move into the Maitland Source Protection Authority meeting.
(carried)

a) Approval of the Minutes from MSPA Meeting #1-2023 held on April 19, 2023:

Motion MSPA #6-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT the minutes from the MSPA meeting #1-23 of April 19, 2023 be approved.
(carried)



b) Drinking Water Source Protection Program Update: Report #3-2023

Report #3-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion MSPA #7-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT Report #3-23 be received for information.
(carried)

c) Lucknow Wellhead Capture Area Update-Amendment to Maitland Source Protection Plan: Report #4-2023

Report #4-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion MSPA #8-23

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Source Protection Authority receives SPA Report #4-23 for information.
(carried)

d) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm with this motion:

Motion MSPA #9-23

Moved by: Ed Podniewicz

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT the MSPA meeting be adjourned.
(carried)



Matt Duncan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager
Secretary-Treasurer



Membership Minutes

Membership Meeting #12-2023

December 20, 2023

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

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications, GIS, IT Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Danielle Livingston, Administrative-Financial Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecast Supervisor
Shannon Millar, Restoration Supervisor
Ben Van Dieten, Agricultural Stewardship Supervisor
Jason Moir, FRCA/WPCA Superintendent
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Reporter, Midwestern News

1. Call to Order

Chair, Matt Duncan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #11-2023 held on November 15, 2023.

Motion FA #89-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #11-2023 on November 15, 2023 be approved.
(carried)

4. Business Out of the Minutes

a) Review of Comments on Proposed Changes to Fees Policy: Report #64-2023

Report #64-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #90-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the 2024 Fees Policy be approved.
(carried)

b) Review of Comments on Proposed Changes to Fees Schedule: Report #65-2023

Motion FA #91-23

Moved by: Andrew Fournier Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator, create a fourth criteria to the Conservation Area Fees in the Fees Schedule, to support services thus reducing cost on approval of the members.
(defeated)

Motion FA #92-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the proposed fee increases for the Wawanosh Campground be approved as proposed in the 2024 fee schedule.

THAT the Fees for planning and regulations remain as outlined in the 2023 fee schedule;

THAT the remainder of the Fee Schedule for 2024 be approved with the exception of the proposed fee increases for planning and regulations;

AND THAT the proposed 2024 fee schedule take effect as of January 1, 2024.

(carried)

c) Coastal Resiliency Strategy-next Phase: #66-2023

Motion FA #93-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT MVCA include the next phase of the Coastal Resilience Project in the 2024 budget, if funding is approved by Natural Resources Canada;
AND THAT MVCA agrees to be a partner in Conservation Ontario's application to Natural Resources Canada's application for funding to undertake six coastal resilience pilot projects.

5. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

a) Additional Fees Watershed Stewardship Services: Report #67-2023

Motion FA #94-23

Moved by: Ed Podniewicz

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the additional stewardship fees for 2024 be circulated for comment and that any comments received be reviewed at the January 24th, 2024 meeting

b) Draft 2024 Work Plan and Budget: Report #68-2023

Motion FA #95-23

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT the 2024 draft budget, work plan and levy be approved for review and comment by MVCA's member municipalities;

AND THAT the final work plan and budget be brought back to the Members on March 20, 2024, for final review and approval;

AND FURTHER THAT the municipal information package be developed and circulated to member municipalities based upon the direction provided by the Members.

c) Draft 2024 Work Plan and Budget: Report #69-2023

Motion FA #96-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Annual Meeting be held on February 14 at 2pm;

AND THAT the draft agenda outlined in Report #69-2023 be approved.

d) Declarations for Chair and Vice Chairs: Report #70-2023
Report 70-2023 was presented to members for their information.

e) Request from Maitland Conservation Foundation: Report #71-2023

Motion FA #97-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the General Manager Secretary Treasurer continue to serve as Interim Executive Director to the MCF Board in 2024.

6. Chair and Members Updates:

Chair, Matt Duncan, introduced Vanessa Kelly, the newly appointed member from Goderich.

7. Consent Agenda:

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

a) Revenue-Expenditure Report for November: Report #72-2023

Motion FA #98-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT Report #72-23 along with the respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.
(carried)

8. In Camera Session: GM - ST Performance Review

Motion FA #99-23

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT the members move into in camera to discuss the GM-ST Performance Review.
(carried)

Motion FA #100-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Ed McGugan

THAT the members move back into the full authority meeting.
(carried)

9. Adjournment: Next meeting: January 24, 2024, at 7:00pm at the MVCA's Administrative Centre

Motion FA #101-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

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



Matt Duncan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



Membership Minutes

Membership Meeting #11-2023

November 15, 2023

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Evan Hickey,
Anita van Hittersum, Sharen Zinn, Megan Gibson, Ed Podniewicz,
Andrew Fournier

Regrets: Matt Duncan

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Steward Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair, McGugan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #10-2023 held on October 18, 2023. Motion FA #78-23

Motion FA #78-23

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #10-2023 on October 18, 2023 be approved.
(carried)

4. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) Review of Cost Apportionment (Levy) Options: Report #55-2023

Report #55-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #79-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Andrew Fournier

THAT 207,858 be used to develop the draft apportionment table.
(defeated)

Motion FA #80-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Ed Podniewicz

THAT \$175,000 be used to develop a draft apportionment table.
(carried)

Motion FA #81-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT \$175,000 be used for the draft budget forecast for 2025 and 2026
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

- a) Proposed Authority Funded Projects 2024 Budget: Report #56-2023

Report #56-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #82-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the authority funded projects outlined in Report #56-2023 be included in the 2024 draft budget and work plan AND THAT the additional projects outlined in Report #56-2023 be investigated to determine if there is support from the appropriate Member municipalities.
(carried)

- b) Direction on Cost of Living Increase for 2024: Report #57-2023

Report #57-2023 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #83-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the cost-of-living increase to be included in the draft 2024 budget be 4.3%.
(carried)

- c) Review of Fees Policy: Report #58-2023

Report #58-23 was presented to the members for their information and direction.

Motion FA #84-23

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the Fees Policy be amended to include fees related to the use of conservation areas.
And THAT religious/spiritual groups be included in the exemptions list.
(carried)

- d) Proposed Fee Changes for 2024: Report #59-2023

Report #59-23 was presented to the members for their information and direction.

Motion FA #85-23

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the proposed fee changes be posted for comment for 30 days.
(carried)

Motion FA #86-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT Member Per Diems-Mileage-Honorariums be left at the existing rates
(carried)

6. Chair and Members Updates:

Megan Gibson advised that the event held at the Gorrie Conservation Area for the Howick Trails grand opening was well attended and a success.

7. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report October: Report #60-2023

- b) Carbon Footprint Initiative Meeting Summary: Report #61-2023
- c) Agreements Signed: Report #62-2023
- d) Office Hours over Christmas: Report #63-2023
- e) What Are the Neighbours Up To Now: Story in Rural Voice

The following motion was made:

Motion FA #87-23

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT Report #60-23 through Report #63-23 along with their respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.
(carried)

9. Adjournment: Next meeting: December 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Motion FA #88-23

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:55pm.
(carried)



Matt Duncan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday January 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Administration Office, Formosa, ON

Chair: Barbara Dobreen

Members present: Paul Allen, Larry Allison, Kevin Eccles, Tom Hutchinson, Steve McCabe, Greg McLean, Dave Myette, Mike Niesen, Sue Paterson, Moiken Penner, Jennifer Prenger, Bill Stewart, Peter Whitten

Members absent: Bud Halpin

Staff present: Erik Downing, Janice Hagan, Donna Lacey, Elise MacLeod, Madeline McFadden, Laura Molson, Michael Oberle

Others present: Special guests and members of the public.

1. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Moiken Penner

We begin our meeting today by respectfully acknowledging the Anishinaabeg Nation, the Haudensaunee, the Neutral, and the Petun peoples as the traditional keepers of this land. We are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #G24-01

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the agenda for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, January 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Authority meeting – November 30, 2023

Motion #G24-02

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting, November 30, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Introduction of guests

Greetings were brought to SVCA from the following dignitaries and special guests:

Lisa Thompson, MPP, Huron Bruce Riding
Pat O'Connor, on behalf of Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce Riding
Alex Ruff, MP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound (in absentia, via correspondence)
Glen McNiel, Warden, Huron County
Paul McQueen, Mayor, Grey Highlands (via Zoom)
Mark Goetz, Mayor, Municipality of South Bruce
Ed McGugan, Vice Chair, Maitland Valley CA, Municipality of Huron-Kinloss
Angela Coleman, Conservation Ontario
Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
Phil Beard, GM/S-T, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Moiken Penner, Councillor, on behalf of Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Katie Langdon, NWMO
Andrew Beumer, Bruce County Transportation
Coreena Smith, Bruce County Planning

6. Presentation: Staff Recognition

Barbara Dobreen and Erik Downing presented service awards to the following staff:

- 5-Year Service Award: Cheryl Skingley, Campground Superintendent (*in absentia*)
- 10-Year Service Award: Rick Rowbotham, Field Operations Coordinator (*in absentia*)
- 20-Year Service Award: Laura Molson, Manager, Corporate Services
- 25-Year Service Award: Donna Lacey, Manager, Forestry and Lands

7. Chair's Address

The following address was given by Chair Dobreen:

As we convene today for Saugeen Conservation's Annual Meeting, I reflect on a year marked by both challenge and significant progress. Like so many conservation authorities, our journey through this period has been one of adaptation and resilience.

In the realm of Corporate Services, strides have been taken to enhance our operational accessibility. Our forward-looking vision is captured in the completion of a 10-year strategic plan that will guide our path to a sustainable future. We have reinforced the fabric of our organization through policies, job performance evaluations, and training programs.

Innovation in our meeting structure has been realized with the implementation of OWL and hybrid meetings, reflecting our ability to adapt in changing times. We've seen the Agricultural Advisory Committee take root once again, and our staff have broadened their expertise through micro-credentials in accessibility, fundraising, and grant writing.

Environmental Planning and Regulations managed an impressive number of new inquiries, and for the fifth consecutive year, issued over 300 permits, underlining the department's excellence amidst transition. Our presence on the international stage was noted at the Coastal Zone Canada Conference in Victoria, BC, with our influential presentation on conservation authorities in the coastal zone. We've also upheld our regulatory mandate and commitment to environmental stewardship by establishing a violation strategy designed to work with landowners where possible, and successful litigation where necessary.

Our Forestry and Lands department has not only maintained but has enhanced the green spaces under our care, with significant efforts in conservation and recreation, hosting events that connect the community to our mission.

Water Resources has been a beacon of success, with a substantial grant and external funding obtained to bolster our initiatives. Our flood warning program has been retooled for efficiency, and we've embraced transparency with the final stages of public data accessibility for flood and water quality data. Through diligent negotiations, we have established agreements with member municipalities that align with the changes in the CA Act. Unanimous municipal support was received for the Water Quality Program, and Category 2 Agreements are underway. Funding for three municipal floodplain mapping projects was secured and work initiated in 2023 that will ensure the momentum continues in 2024.

This year has indeed been one of the most challenging years for the SVCA. Our success and achievements in 2023 are a testament to Saugeen Conservation's collective ability to adjust and thrive. The Conservation Authorities Act changes included the province removing SVCA's ability to attempt cost recovery through fees and charges rather than municipal levies. Thus, removing our autonomy; overriding Board directives; and compromising our ability to govern ourselves as a representative agency for our member municipalities. Concurrently, new deadlines and deliverables arose alongside staffing challenges. Each department rose to the occasion, showing remarkable time management and fulsome collaboration to build and strengthen relationships with municipal partners, all while still executing unwavering dedication to our shared goals.

Member municipalities in 2023 showed significant support for the SVCA and renewed their belief in SVCA as a vital local organization associated with mandated and non-mandated programs alike.

As we look to the future, we will carry forward the spirit of ingenuity and commitment that has characterized the past year.

Thank you.

8. Presentation: 2023- A look back

The Management team reflected on the various departmental projects, accomplishments, and changes that transpired at SVCA in 2023.

9. Election of Officers

9.1 Appointment of Chair Pro Tem

Motion #G24-03

Moved by Larry Allison

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT Ed McGugan be appointed as Chair Pro Tem for the purposes of conducting the election of officers for 2024.

Carried

Chair Pro Tem McGugan declared all offices vacant and called for a motion to appoint two scrutineers, in the event of an election count.

9.2 Appointment of Scrutineers

Motion #G24-04

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT Tim Lanthier and Phil Beard be appointed as scrutineers for the purposes of conducting the election of officers for 2024.

Carried

9.3 Election of Chair

Chair McGugan called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2024. Tom Hutchinson nominated Barbara Dobreen. No further nominations were received.

Motion #G24-05

Moved by Sue Paterson

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT the nominations for the position of Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2024 be closed.

Carried

Barbara Dobreen accepted her nomination and was acclaimed Chair for 2024.

9.4 Election of Vice Chair

Chair McGugan called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for 2024. Steve McCabe nominated Tom Hutchinson. No further nominations were received.

Motion #G24-06

Moved by Dave Myette

Seconded by Tom Hutchinson

THAT the nominations for the position of Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2024 be closed.

Carried

Tom Hutchinson accepted his nomination and was acclaimed as Vice Chair for 2024.

9.5 Election of 2nd Vice Chair

Chair McGugan called for nominations for the position of 2nd Vice Chair for 2024. Tom Hutchinson nominated Paul Allen. Kevin Eccles nominated Dave Myette. There were no further nominations.

Motion #G24-07

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT the nominations for the position of 2nd Vice Chair of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2024 be closed.

Carried

Dave Myette declined his nomination. Paul Allen accepted his nomination and was acclaimed as 2nd Vice Chair for 2024.

9.6 Election of Member-at-Large

Chair McGugan called for nominations for the position of Member-at-Large for 2024. Steve McCabe nominated Greg McLean. There were no other nominations.

Motion #G24-08

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Larry Allison

THAT the nominations for the position of Member-at-Large of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for 2024 be closed.

Carried

Greg McLean accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Member-at-large for 2024.

10. Committee Appointments

10.1 Appointments to the Forestry Committee

Motion #G24-09

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Paul Allen

THAT the following Directors be appointed as members to the Forestry Committee for 2024: Tom Hutchinson, Moiken Penner, Bud Halpin, and Dave Myette.

Carried

10.2 Appointments to the Property and Parks Committee

Motion #G24-10

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT the following Directors be appointed as members to the Property and Parks Committee for 2024: Paul Allen, Larry Allison, Moiken Penner, Jennifer Prenger, and Bill Stewart.

Carried

10.3 Appointments to the Water Resources Committee

Motion #G24-11

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Jennifer Prenger

THAT the following Directors be appointed as members to the Water Resources Committee for 2024: Tom Hutchinson, Greg McLean, Dave Myette, and Bill Stewart.

Carried

10.4 Appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee

Motion #G24-12

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the following Directors be appointed as members to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2024: Steve McCabe, Dave Myette, Kevin Eccles, and Mike Myette; and further

THAT Chris Cossitt, Les Nichols, Paul Wettlaufer, Karen Gorman, Allan Willits, and Meg Roberts be appointed to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Agricultural Advisory Committee for the 2024 calendar year.

Carried

11. Delegation request

Chair Dobreen reminded the Board of Directors that as per the SVCA Bylaws, there is to be no debate during the delegate's presentation and that only questions for clarification can be asked. She also informed the Board that since the file to be discussed is on-going, staff are unable to comment publicly, and no decision or action is to be taken at this meeting.

Robert Scriven requested that a violation be commenced, and the restoration of an environmentally protected land and watercourse be undertaken under the supervision of SVCA. He informed the Board that unauthorized drainage works had been executed at a property adjacent to Skunk Creek, and in his opinion were completed without environmental studies or engineering plans, and work had not been performed by properly qualified contractors. Since this is an open file with SVCA, the Board did not discuss the presentation.

12. Reports for information

12.1 GM-2024-01: General Manager's report

The GM/S-T highlighted the fee freeze notice from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

12.2 GM-2024-02: Program report

There was no discussion.

12.3 Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, December 13, 2023, with notice of extension of the Minister's Direction regarding the freezing of EPR fees. The Board discussed this notice and the effect it has on the 2024 budget.

12.4 News report

There was no discussion.

13. New business

13.1 COR-2024-03: 2024 Budget update

Due to the fee freeze enacted by the province and direction to review the 2024 budget, Staff have proposed changes which will not affect the General Levy and recommend that the shortfall be funded through reserves. The Directors discussed the changes and agreed to adopt the amended budget.

Motion #G24-13

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Steve McCabe

Whereas the Authority adopted the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$5,993,275 at the November 30th meeting (G23-111); and

Whereas the Province has extended their December 28, 2022, direction to not change fees related to reviewing and commenting on planning and development related proposals, applications, or land use planning policies or for Conservation Authority permitting, through December 2024;

THAT the Authority rescind motion G23-111; and further

THAT the amended budget in the amount of \$5,784,425 be adopted; and further

THAT the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to notify the member municipalities of the cost apportioning amounts owing; and further

THAT cost apportioning payments shall be due from member municipalities in two equal instalments on March 31 and June 30, 2024, and that late payments shall be subject to the Authority's standard late payment charge of 1.50% per month thereafter.

Motion #G24-14

Moved by Kevin Eccles

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the recommended motion be separated into two parts to rescind motion G23-111 before discussion of the amended budget.

Carried

Motion #G24-15

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Steve McCabe

Whereas the Authority adopted the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$5,993,275 at the November 30th meeting (G23-111); and

Whereas the Province has extended their December 28, 2022, direction to not change fees related to reviewing and commenting on planning and development related proposals, applications, or land use planning policies or for Conservation Authority permitting, through December 2024;

THAT the Authority rescind motion G23-111.

Carried

Motion #G24-16

Moved by Tom Hutchinson
Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the amended budget in the amount of \$5,784,425 be adopted; and further
THAT the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to notify the member municipalities of the cost apportioning amounts owing; and further
THAT cost apportioning payments shall be due from member municipalities in two equal instalments on March 31 and June 30, 2024, and that late payments shall be subject to the Authority's standard late payment charge of 1.50% per month thereafter.

Carried

13.2 EPR-2024-01: Request for endorsement: Permits issued

Motion # G24-17

Moved by Paul Allen
Seconded by Larry Allison

THAT the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourse applications (#23-287 to 23-310), pursuant to Ontario Regulation 169/06, as approved by staff, be endorsed.

Carried

13.3 Appointment of Auditor

Motion #G24-18

Moved by Dave Myette
Seconded by Tom Hutchinson

THAT Baker Tilly SGB LLP be confirmed as the auditor to the Authority for the year 2024.

Carried

13.4 Appointment of Solicitor

Motion #G24-19

Moved by Dave Myette
Seconded by Tom Hutchinson

THAT Beard Winter LLP, and Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP be appointed solicitors to the Authority for the year 2024 for general operations, with the option to engage the services of other local solicitors, as necessary.

Carried

13.5 COR-2024-04: Statutory Administrative Approvals

Motion #G24-20

Moved by Jennifer Prenger

Seconded by Greg McLean

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors re-affirm for 2024 the Health and Safety Policy; and further

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Re-Affirm for 2024 the Workplace Violence, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment Policy.

Carried

14. Committee meeting schedule

Motion #G24-21

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the Committee meeting schedules be adopted as presented.

Carried

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m. on the motion of Peter Whitten and Moiken Penner.

Barbara Dobreen
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary

February 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email info@goodroads.ca

Via email

RE: return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

During the February 5, 2024 regular meeting of council, council in response to a notice of motion from Deputy Mayor Joel Field the following resolution passed:

MOVED: Bill Clark

SECONDED: Chad Hyatt

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Bob Bailey and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended

Carried

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Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc:

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton bob.bailey@pc.ola.org
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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



February 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Delivered electronically to premier@ontario.ca

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

In October 2023, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) called upon you as Premier to agree to an update of the provincial-municipal partnership by conducting a social and economic prosperity review: a joint review of revenues, costs and financial risks and a detailed analysis of Ontario's infrastructure investment and service delivery needs.

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on Friday, February 9, 2024, the Caucus supported AMO with the following resolution;

Moved by R. Ehgoetz, seconded by D. Canniff:

WHEREAS current municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.'; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).” - **CARRIED**

As you know, Ontario's municipal governments provide critical services that residents rely on most every day. The ability to provide these services depends on a fiscal framework that enables municipalities to balance revenues and expenditures responsibly and fairly, reflecting local circumstances and priorities.

Municipalities across Ontario are also facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them. In 2022, municipal expenditures outpaced provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion in areas of provincial responsibility including social housing, long-term care, land ambulance, social services, and childcare.

This current arrangement makes it impossible for municipalities to invest in the infrastructure needed to support housing and economic growth, or to prepare for the impacts of climate change. Property taxpayers, including small business owners and seniors on fixed incomes, can't afford to pay for the province's affordability and homelessness crisis.

Taxpayers expect governments to work together to solve problems.

We look forward to collaborating with you on this critical review.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, minister.fin@ontario.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
Western Ontario MPPs
Western Ontario Municipalities

Belgrave Summary

January, 2024

FLOWS

McCrea	2,192.00	M3
Jane	346.00	M3
Total	2,538.00	M3

Treated Flow

Total 2,338.00 M3

TURBIDITIES (Raw)

McCrea

Max:	0.19	NTU
Min:	0.19	NTU
Average:	0.19	NTU

Jane

Max:	0.17	NTU
Min:	0.17	NTU
Average:	0.17	NTU

CHEMICAL USE

Total Dosage

Cl2 Dosage	Average:	2.86	ppm
Total Cl2 Used:		6.68	kg

Online

Cl2 Residual (free)	Max:	1.92	ppm
	Min:	1.42	ppm
	Average:	1.66	ppm

Potassium Permanganate	138.75	L
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Grab

Cl2 Residual (free)	Max:	1.95	ppm
	Min:	1.43	ppm
	Average:	1.67	ppm

BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTING

Treated Water to Distribution

Treated Total Counts	Tests Done:	5
	E.Coli Found:	0
	Total Coliform Found:	0

Treated Heterotrophic Plate Counts

Tests Done:	5
Counts >500/ml:	0

Distribution Water

Tests Done:	10
E.Coli Found:	0
Total Coliform Found:	0

Treated Heterotrophic Plate Counts

Tests Done:	5
Counts >500/ml:	0

Jane Raw Water

Raw Total Counts	Tests Done:	5
	E.Coli Found:	0
	Total Coliform Found:	0

McCrae Raw Water

Raw Total Counts	Tests Done:	5
	E.Coli Found:	0
	Total Coliform Found:	0

CHLORINATION ON DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Belgrave

Cl2 Residual (free)

Max:	1.83	ppm
Min:	1.38	ppm
Average:	1.57	ppm
Sites Tested:	31	
Sites Tested < 0.05:	0	

Operators that operated the system.

<u>John Graham</u>	Water Treatment-Class 3	11535	April 30, 2022
<u>Nancy Mayhew</u>	Water Treatment-Class 2	16185	January 31/2021
<u>Gary Nicholson</u>	Water Treatment-Class 2	95123	July 31, 2022
<u>Ben Nethery</u>	Water Treatment - Class 1	98589	Sept 30/2020
<u>Ryan MacKay</u>	Water Treatment - OIT	OT100634	April 30, 2021

The required testing was completed to the best of our knowledge.

**Outstanding Action Items
Open Session**

February 20

Meeting Date	Action Item	Action By	Current Status	Next Step
October 17, 2023	Tender for Site Plan Conformity Work	CAO	Tender documents being drafted by engineer	Tender results will be presented to Council for award when available.
December 19, 2023	Delegation from AMDSB Trustee	CAO	Trustee scheduled to attend April 16th meeting of Council.	AMDSB Trustee Delegation to Council
January 9, 2024	Grant and Donation Policy Review	CAO	Policy under review by staff	Report to Council with recommended updates to Policy
January 9, 2024	Second Draft of 2024 Budget	Treasurer	Collecting required budget information from neighbouring municipalities.	Present second draft of 2024 Budget to Council, anticipated March 5.
January 16, 2024	Roadside Mowing Tender	Director of Public Works	Tender Closing February 29 at noon	Report to Council with recommended tender award March 5
January 16, 2024	Surface Treatment Tender	Director of Public Works	Tender documents being drafted	Issue tender documents
January 16, 2024	Structure M070 Repairs Tender	Director of Public Works	Tender Closing February 28 at noon	Report to Council with recommended tender award March 5
February 6, 2024	Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repairs	CAO	Staff procuring quotes and working with MVCA to determine best plan of action	Report to Council with quotes and proposed plan of action.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 11-2024

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 February 20, 2024.

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 February 20th, 2024, 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 the 20th day of February 2024, 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 this 20th day of February 2024

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 20th day of February 2024

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam