



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet in Council Chambers in regular session on May 6, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Disclosure of recording equipment.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of May 6, 2025, 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 April 22, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

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5.0 ACCOUNTS

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Application MV02-2025 – Grein
Plan 610, Lot 4, Lot 9 Block; 13 PT Block 10 PT Ridgeway; CRT Closed
(39608 Amberley Rd)

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their Council Meeting, to be reconvened following a meeting of the Committee of Adjustment to review application for Minor Variance MV02-2025, submitted by Robert and Karen Grein.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

6.1.1 Call to Order

6.1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

6.1.3 Purpose

The applicant is requesting a Minor Variance to increase the permitted maximum ground floor area for an accessory building from the required 115 square metres to a proposed 155 square metres. This variance is sought to allow for an enlarged shed for the purpose of a personal shop and storage.

6.1.4 Comments

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

6.1.5 Recommendation

It is recommended that application MV02-2025 be approved with the following conditions:

1. The structure 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.

6.1.6 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 MV02-2025, submitted by *Robert and Karen Grein*:

- 1. The structure 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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6.1.7 Close Committee of Adjustment

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment hereby adjourns their meeting.

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7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FINANCE

7.1.1 Accounting Standard update – PS3400-Revenue

A report has been prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy for the information of Council.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 REPAIR TO DAMAGE ON SALEM ROAD

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

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Kevin Freiburger
- Jamie McCallum
- Sharen Zinn
- Jodi Snell
- Jamie Heffer

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – Food Affordability – Huron Perth Public Health
- 10.2 Correspondence – REDI Immigration Pilot Program – Huron Chamber of Commerce
- 10.3 Correspondence – Appointment of Detachment Commander – HOPPDB
- 10.4 Correspondence – Belmore Homecoming – Belmore Homecoming Committee
- 10.5 Resolution – Salt Management – Town of Georgina
- 10.6 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – 22 April, 2025
- 10.7 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

None.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 26-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on May 6, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~

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

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 7:30 pm



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on April 22, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy	Treasurer

Others in Attendance

Rachel Hammermueller	The Wingham Advance Times
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 and Rachel Hammermueller would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 88-2025

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of April 22, 2025, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 89-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 90-2025

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

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

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FIRE

7.1.1 Fire Chief's Monthly Report

A report prepared by Fire Chief Chad Kregar regarding North Huron Fire Department activities for March was provided for the information of Council.

7.2 FINANCE

7.2.1 Tax Sale Results

A report prepared in this regard by Tax Collector Kelly Tiffin was provided for the information of Council.

7.2.2 Cash In-Lieu of Parkland Annual Report

A report prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

7.2.3 2022 & 2023 Huron East Reconciliations

A prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

7.2.4 Annual Municipal Investment Report 2024

A prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 BUDGET MATTERS – EXPENSES

A report prepared in this regard was presented by Treasurer Sean Brophy.

Motion 91-2025

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby
accepts the report on O. Reg. 284/09 Budget Matters-Expenses
for the 2025 budget.*

Carried.

8.2 CROSS BORDER SERVICING AGREEMENT

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

Council expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in finalizing the agreement. Councillor McCallum highlighted the importance of a mutually beneficial arrangement. Councillor Zinn and Mayor Heffer noted the lengthy six-year process, with Mayor Heffer emphasizing the fairness of the final deal and its potential to foster community unity. Councillor Snell expressed hope that no conflicting agreements had been signed and noted the impact on residents. Councillor Freiburger remarked that the outcome aligned with the council's original goals, despite delays.

Motion 92-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 20-2025 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Cross-Border Servicing Agreement for Water and Wastewater Services between the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

April 9, attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee

Jamie McCallum

April 21, attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board.

Sharen Zinn

April 16, attended a meeting of the MVCA Board of Directors.

Jodi Snell

No report

Jamie Heffer

No report

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – Internet Utility Poles – Township of Howick
- 10.2 Financial Indicator Review – 2024
- 10.3 Municipal Financial Profile - 2024
- 10.4 Senior of the Year Nominations – Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility
- 10.5 Agricultural System Implementation – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- 10.6 Belgrave Water Monthly Report – March 2025

Motion 93-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the correspondence received from the Township of Howick.

Carried.

11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

12.1 ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

At the April 8th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law authorizing the use of telephone and internet voting as alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election. By-law 21-2025 was provided for consideration.

Motion 94-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 21-2025 being a by-law to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting as alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

Carried.

12.2 STOP UP, CLOSE, AND SELL GREEN STREET

At the March 18th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law to close and sell a portion of Green Street in Lowertown. By-law 22-2025 was provided for consideration.

Motion 95-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 22-2025 being a by-law stop up and close a portion of the road allowance known as Green Street, and authorize the sale thereof, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

12.3 SEASONAL CLOSURE BY-LAW

At the April 8th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law updating the seasonal road closure by-law. By-law 23-2025 was provided for consideration.

Motion 96-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 23-2025 being a by-law to authorize the temporary closure of highways or portions of highways during the period when winter maintenance is performed, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

12.4 REPEAL ATV BY-LAW

At the April 8th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law repealing the municipality's Off-Road Vehicle By-law. By-law 24-2025 was provided for consideration.

Motion 97-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 24-2025 being a by-law to repeal By-law No. 84-2017, being a by-law to regulate the operation of Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs and ORVs) on municipal highways within the limits of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 98-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 25-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 22, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 99-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Account List for

May 6 2025

General

Bell Canada	Emergency Lines	121.88
Bell Canada	Morris Office	490.42
Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	59.76
Huron Clean	Office Cleaning	401.64
Midwestern Newspapers Corp	Road Closure Notice	242.95
BE Technical Service	Bluevale Hall Generator Maintenance	370.64
Township of North Huron	Water Billings	14,576.29
Minister of Finance	Policing - March	39,342.00
Property Owner	Return Site Plan Deposit	2,000.00
Ontario Infrastructure	Belgrave Water Loan Payment	29,721.46
WSIB	WSIB - April 2025	1,255.91
Minister of Finance	EHT - April 2025	876.28

Payroll

April 23 2025	Payroll	24,323.12
	Expenses	261.62
Council Pay	Payroll - April	6,720.02
	Receiver General	738.32

General Total 121,502.31

Building Department

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	25.07
Leslie Motors	Vehicle Maintenance	722.21
WSIB	WSIB - April 2025	276.29
Minister of Finance	EHT - April 2025	174.36

Payroll

April 23 2025	Payroll	5,358.70
	Expenses	74.16

Building Total 6,630.79

Property Standards

Property Standards Total -

Drainage

Hydro One	Hopper Pump	571.09
KMM Farm Drainage	McCarthur Municipal Drain	226.00
JA Porter Holdings Ltd.	Whitfield Municipal Drain	446.35
Headway Engineering	Arbuckle Municipal Drain	18,271.22

Drainage Total 19,514.66

Parks & Cemeteries

Parks & Cemeteries Total -

Belgrave Water

Bell Canada	Belgrave Water	165.86
Rogers	Belgrave Water & Humphrey Well Internet	180.78
Veolia Water	March Operations	6,556.70

Water Total 6,903.34

Landfill

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	8.91
John McKercher Construction Ltd.	Morris Landfill	1,469.00
RJ Burnside & Assoc	Morris Landfill	9,957.22

Landfill Total 11,435.13

Roads

Bell Canada	Morris Shop	245.21
Bell Canada	Turnberry Shop	121.89
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	227.93
Enbridge	Turnberry Shop	816.93
HuronTel	Turnberry Shop Internet	66.56
Huronia	Shop Supplies	103.00
Leslie Motors	Maintenance for 22-14 Pickup	166.23
Roberts Farm Equipment	Parts for 10-25 Grader	22.28
Nors Construction Equipment	Parts for 10-25 Grader	260.39
Huron County Road Supervisor Assoc	Annual General Meeting Registrations x3	105.00
Blackburn Media Inc.	Radio Tower Rental	1,017.00
WSIB	WSIB - April 2025	1,495.22
Minister of Finance	EHT - April 2025	943.59

Payroll

April 23 2025	Payroll	28,069.88
	Expenses	-

Roads Total **33,661.11**

Account Total **199,647.34**

Approved By Council:

May 6 2025

Mayor - Jamie Heffer

Treasurer- Sean Brophy



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To: The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
From: Sarah Kurtz, Planner
Date: May 1, 2025
Re: Minor Variance Application MV02/25 (Robert Grein)
Property Address: 39608 Amberley Road
Legal Description: *PLAN 610 LOT 4 LOT 9 BLOCK;13 PT BLOCK 10 PT RIDGEWAY;CRT CLOSED*

Recommendation

It is recommended that Application MV02/25 be approved with the following conditions:

1. The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.
2. That the proposed shed be constructed within the footprint shown in the sketch provided by the applicant.

Purpose and Description

The subject property is municipally known as 39608 Amberley Road and is zoned VR1 (Village Residential – Low Density), VR1-10 (Village Residential – Low Density – Special Zone) and NE2 (Natural Environment – Limited Protection Zone) in the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. The applicant is requesting a Minor Variance to increase the permitted maximum ground floor area for an accessory building from the required 115 square metres to a proposed 155 square metres.

Relief is requested from Section 14.5.2 of the Zoning By-law to permit an enlarged shed on a lot greater than 1 acre for the purpose of a personal shop and storage.

Figure 1: Subject Property – 2020 Air photo of subject property outlined in red showing the approximate size and location of the proposed shed shaded in blue.



Figure 2: Site Visit Photo of Subject Property – 2025 photo of looking east from Amberley Road.



REVIEW

This application seeks the approval for the construction of a new shed with increased floor area to allow for additional storage and personal workspace for the applicant. The Zoning By-law limits accessory buildings to a maximum of 115 square metres for lots greater than 1 acre. The applicant is requesting a variance to permit a shed with a total floor area of 155 square metres.

Minor variances are required to satisfy four tests under the Planning Act before they can be approved. To be approved the requested 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 requested variance is minor and desirable for the appropriate development of the subject property. The proposed location of the shed is not expected to result in negative impacts to adjacent properties. To the west (property located at 39604 Amberley Rd), the shed will be screened by the existing row of trees. To the east (property located at 39610 Amberley Rd), the shed will be screened by the existing trees and fence on the neighbour's property. Further, the shed complies with Zoning By-law provision 14.5.3, which permits a maximum height of 6 metres, and will be located to the rear of the dwelling, reducing its visibility from the road.

The subject property is 2.15 acres in size, making the shed minor in scale relative to the overall size of the lot and allows for sufficient landscaped open space and flexibility for future maintenance or relocation of the septic system, if required.

The intent of both the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan and Zoning By-law is that this property be used for a residential use. An accessory building, such as a shed, is considered a permitted accessory use on residential properties. The proposed shed is smaller in size than the existing dwelling and attached garage, confirming its status as a secondary structure. The shed will be accessed through the existing driveway, which is narrow enough that it is only conducive to personal use.

Given that the variance is minor in nature and appropriate in terms of impact on surrounding properties, it is recommended that the requested variance be approved, subject to conditions.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

At the time of writing this report, there were no concerns received from the public or Township staff regarding this application.

The Building Department has suggested that the interior side yard setback be increased to provide sufficient room for maintenance and to limit the risk of snowfall or water runoff onto the neighbouring property, to which the applicant is agreeable to.

SUMMARY

It is recommended that Application MV02/25 be approved with the following conditions:

1. The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.
2. That the proposed shed be constructed within the footprint shown in the sketch provided by the applicant.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SKurtz', is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Kurtz
Planner

Site Inspection: April 29th, 2025

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Sean Brophy, Treasurer
DATE: May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: Adoption of *PS3400-Revenue* & its Impact on Morris-Turnberry

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's information.

BACKGROUND

Public sector accounting standard *PS3400-Revenue* applies to all public sector entities with fiscal periods beginning on or after April 1, 2023. For the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, this means this standard must be adopted for the 2024 fiscal period.

This accounting standard applies to all revenue transactions for the Municipality, except for those transactions which are voluntary, non-reciprocal in nature or governed by another accounting standard. *PS3400* requires that all applicable revenues are recognized and recorded using the following revenue recognition process.

1. Determine if the transaction is an Exchange or Non-Exchange Transaction
2. Identify any Performance Obligations & Assign them to Distinct Goods/Services
3. Determine the Transaction Price
4. Allocate the Transaction Price to Each Performance Obligation
5. Recognize Revenue when Conditions are Satisfied

COMMENTS

The municipality's primary sources of revenue are reported in accordance with *PS3410 Government Transfers*, *PS3510 Tax Revenues* & *PS3450 Financial Instruments*. The remaining revenue sources are related to goods and services that are provided within a single financial period, January 1st to December 31st. Therefore, the majority of Morris-Turnberry's revenues are not impacted by the adoption of the new *PS3400* accounting standard.

Building permit fees are the one revenue source in where the municipality collects fees in advance and provides distinct services at a later date. Considering that some building permits are issued late in the year and/or some construction projects can become delayed, the associated performance obligations in the form of inspections may occur in the following fiscal period.

There are no changes to the amount of fees collected by the municipality. *PS3400* only changes the timing of when those fees are recognized as earned revenue on the Municipality's financial statements.

In order to become compliant with *PS3400* Morris-Turnberry must calculate the value of the collected permit fees that are related to the outstanding inspections and set that amount up as deferred revenue. Effectively, this amount is removed from the current fiscal period and added to the following fiscal period, when the associated inspections are completed.

To calculate the value of the deferred revenue for 2024, staff applied the 5-step revenue recognition process to all building permits with outstanding inspections as of December 31, 2024. Summary of the 5-step process is below.

1. Determine if the transaction is an Exchange or Non-Exchange Transaction

Building permits are an exchange transaction.

There is an exchange of money for plans review & inspection services.

2. Identify any Performance Obligations & Assign them to Distinct Goods/Services

Each permit can be broken down into 2 performance obligations: plans review & inspections.

Staff concluded that 50% of a permit fee should be assigned to the plans review stage of a building permit. This allocation aligns with other municipality's allocations and Morris-Turnberry's own building permit refund policy. If an applicant cancels a project after a building permit is issued, they are eligible for only a 50% refund.

The remaining 50% of the permit fee is assigned to a permit's associated inspections. The percentage allocated to an individual inspection will vary based on the number of inspections required for any given building permit. Allocation tables were created to calculate the percentage for each type of building permit. These tables will be amended and updated as required. A copy of the permit fee allocation tables are attached for reference.

3. Determine the Transaction Price

Each permit's individual transaction price is based on the Municipality's current building fees and charges bylaw. This price is known at the time of permit issuance.

4. Allocate the Transaction Price to Each Performance Obligation

Each permit fee is allocated 50% to plans review and the remaining 50% is evenly split to each associated inspection.

For example, a building permit with a \$1,000 fee and 4 inspections would be allocated as:

Plans Review	\$ 500	(50.0%)
Inspection 1:	\$ 125	(12.5%)
Inspection 2:	\$ 125	(12.5%)
Inspection 3:	\$ 125	(12.5%)
Inspection 4:	\$ 125	(12.5%)
Total	\$1,000	(100.0%)

5. Recognize Revenue when Conditions are Satisfied

Currently, the municipality recognizes all permit revenue when its received. For compliance with *PS3400* the permit fee related to the outstanding inspections will be calculated and backed out of the current year's permit fees. This amount is then set up as deferred revenue and recognized in the following fiscal period. Likewise, the deferred revenue from the prior period will be recognized in the current year.

Financial Statement Adjustment

PS3400 allows a municipality to prospectively modify its financial statements in order to set up the initial deferred revenue amount for 2024. To rebalance the 2024 fiscal period a corresponding entry will be made to the general reserve.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

2024 had a total of 95 permits with total permit fee revenue of \$127,278.12. Of these permits, 53 of them had outstanding inspections. After applying the revenue recognition steps, a total of \$18,594.37 is estimated to be fees related to the outstanding inspections which will be completed in the 2025 fiscal period. This represents 14.61% of the total permit fees collected in 2024.

2024 Financial Statement Adjustment

To set up 2024's deferred revenue, 2024 recognized permit fee revenue will be reduced by \$18,595.33 and a corresponding reduction will be made to the general reserve to rebalance the 2024 fiscal period. This deferred revenue will be recognized as earned in the future 2025 fiscal period. When the deferred revenue is recognized in 2025, it will be put back into reserves.

2025 Budget & Onwards

Similarly in 2025 a new estimate of deferred revenue will be calculated at year-end and setup for recognition in 2026. Using the 2025 budgeted permit fee value of \$130,000 and 2024 deferred revenue estimate of 14.61%, the estimated deferred revenue would be \$18,993.00. At the same time the 2024 deferred revenue estimate will be reversed and recorded as earned in 2025. The net impact to the 2025 fiscal period is a reduction of \$397.67. 2024 & 2025 summary below.

		Actuals	Budget
		2024	2025
	Permit Fees Collected	127,278.12	130,000.00
14.61%	Deferred Revenue Est	(18,595.33)	(18,993.00)
	Reverse PY Def Rev Est	-	18,595.33
	Permit Fees Recognized	108,682.79	129,602.33
	Permit Fee Net Change on F/S	(18,595.33)	(397.67)

Going forward, after the initial 2024 deferred revenue is set up on the municipality's financial statements, the anticipated annual impact of ongoing *PS3400* adjustment is expected to be minimal when year-to-year permit fees are similar. A larger impact may be incurred if year over year permits fees fluctuate higher or lower.

Administration Changes

The budget worksheet for the Building Department will be modified to include new lines to show the impact of *PS3400* adjustments. The current balance of the deferred permit revenue account will be reported alongside future Building Department budget drafts. The required analysis of the building permit fees will be incorporated into the municipality's year-end procedures conducted in January. Additional staff time required to administer the requirements of *PS3400* is estimated to be an additional 1-2 hours for finance staff and 1-2 hours for building department staff annually.

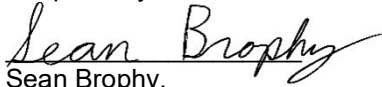
ATTACHMENTS

Permit Fee Allocation Tables
2024 Deferred Permit Revenue Analysis

OTHERS CONSULTED

Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Officer

Respectfully submitted,


Sean Brophy,
Treasurer

Permit Fee Allocation Tables

Permits With	3	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	16.7%	per inspection
Demolition Permit Tent Permit On Site Sewage System Deck Permit Mobile Home Grain Bin/Foundation Permit Grain Dryer Concrete Slab Open Covered Porch Permit Plumbing Permit Silo Permit		

Permits With	4	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	12.5%	per inspection
Accessory Building Permit Agricultural Storage Shed - Addition Agricultural Storage Shed Alternation/Renovation/Repair Building Permit Residential - Detached Garage/Storage Shed		

Permits With	5	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	10.0%	per inspection
Agricultural Livestock Barn Agricultural Livestock Barn - Addition		

Permits With	6	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	8.3%	per inspection

Permits With	7	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	7.1%	per inspection

Permits With	8	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	6.3%	per inspection
Residential Dwelling - Addition		

Permits With	9	Inspections
Review & Approval		Inspections
50%	5.6%	per inspection
New Residential Dwelling		

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Deferred Revenue Analysis for PS3400-Revenues

Year	Permit Number	Permmitt Fee	Permit Type	Outstanding Inspections	% per inspection	Deferred Revenue \$	
2024	2	\$ 150.00	Demolition Permit	1	16.7%	25.05	
2024	6	\$ 2,057.00	New Residential Dwelling	2	5.6%	230.38	
2024	9	\$ 796.85	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	133.07	
2024	10	\$ 3,600.00	Silo Permit	2	16.7%	1,202.40	
2024	12	\$ 940.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	1	12.5%	117.50	
2024	14	\$ 388.00	Alternation/Renovation/Repair	1	12.5%	48.50	
2024	15	\$ 3,400.00	Alternation/Renovation/Repair	1	12.5%	425.00	
2024	19	\$ 3,913.30	New Residential Dwelling	2	5.6%	438.29	
2024	26	\$ 5,555.80	New Residential Dwelling	3	5.6%	933.37	
2024	27	\$ 560.00	On Site Sewage System	3	16.7%	280.00	
2024	28	\$ 357.40	Deck Permit	3	16.7%	178.70	
2024	31	\$ 844.80	Residential Dwelling - Addition	1	6.3%	53.22	
2024	33	\$ 281.50	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	47.01	
2024	37	\$ 254.00	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	42.42	
2024	38	\$ 4,132.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	1	12.5%	516.50	
2024	39	\$ 2,874.15	New Residential Dwelling	5	5.6%	804.76	
2024	40	\$ 4,854.80	Agricultural Livestock Barn	1	10.0%	485.48	
2024	41	\$ 4,300.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	1	12.5%	537.50	
2024	42	\$ 387.40	Residential Dwelling - Addition	1	6.3%	24.41	
2024	47	\$ 249.60	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	41.68	
2024	52	\$ 560.00	On Site Sewage System	3	16.7%	280.00	
2024	54	\$ 470.50	Residential Dwelling - Addition	2	6.3%	59.28	
2024	58	\$ 1,056.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	1	12.5%	132.00	
2024	59	\$ 4,662.00	New Residential Dwelling	3	5.6%	783.22	
2024	60	\$ 261.97	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	43.75	
2024	62	\$ 4,111.55	New Residential Dwelling	3	5.6%	690.74	
2024	64	\$ 560.00	On Site Sewage System	3	16.7%	280.00	
2024	65	\$ 290.00	On Site Sewage System	1	16.7%	48.43	
2024	66	\$ 560.00	On Site Sewage System	1	16.7%	93.52	
2024	67	\$ 4,591.75	New Residential Dwelling	3	5.6%	771.41	
2024	68	\$ 135.20	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	22.58	
2024	69	\$ 302.92	Deck Permit	1	16.7%	50.59	
2024	70	\$ 1,850.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	4	12.5%	925.00	
2024	71	\$ 660.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	2	12.5%	165.00	
2024	72	\$ 548.00	Agricultural Storage Shed - Addition	2	12.5%	137.00	
2024	73	\$ 899.15	Deck Permit	2	16.7%	300.32	
2024	74	\$ 255.00	Plumbing Permit	1	16.7%	42.59	
2024	76	\$ 2,203.40	New Residential Dwelling	1	5.6%	123.39	
2024	79	\$ 240.00	Open Covered Porch Permit	2	16.7%	80.16	
2024	80	\$ 258.40	Residential - Detached Garage/Storage Shed	1	12.5%	32.30	
2024	82	\$ 1,500.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	3	12.5%	562.50	
2024	83	\$ 1,964.80	Agricultural Livestock Barn - Addition	5	10.0%	982.40	
2024	84	\$ 591.40	Agricultural Storage Shed	1	12.5%	73.93	
2024	85	\$ 560.00	On Site Sewage System	3	16.7%	280.00	
2024	86	\$ 472.40	Residential Dwelling - Addition	1	6.3%	29.76	
2024	87	\$ 940.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	3	12.5%	352.50	
2024	88	\$ 240.80	Alternation/Renovation/Repair	1	12.5%	30.10	
2024	89	\$ 1,671.25	Residential Dwelling - Addition	5	6.3%	526.44	
2024	91	\$ 4,642.75	New Residential Dwelling	6	5.6%	1,559.96	
2024	92	\$ 311.20	Residential - Detached Garage/Storage Shed	1	12.5%	38.90	
2024	93	\$ 4,580.00	Agricultural Storage Shed	4	12.5%	2,290.00	
2024	94	\$ 1,376.80	Accessory Building Permit	1	12.5%	172.10	
2024	95	\$ 274.80	Residential Dwelling - Addition	4	6.3%	69.25	
Permits with Outstanding Inspections				Inspections			2024 Permit Fee Total
Total	53	\$ 83,498.64		109		18,594.37	\$ 127,278.12
							14.61%

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works
DATE: March 4th, 2025
SUBJECT: Damage to Salem Road

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry receive the Report on Repairs to damage caused to Salem Road and provide direction on how to proceed. Public Works staff recommends the option below, which will add to the durability of the road without sacrificing the existing surface treatment, thus fully taking advantage of all of the materials placed:

1. Repair from the west end of the Salem Rd. Bridge to Kieffer Line. A distance of approximately 1.7km at an estimated cost of \$149,000.

In addition to the above, staff seek direction on funding the repairs.

Executive Summary:

Prior to the year 2020, Salem Road was a loose top road in the Geographic Township of Turnberry. In 2020, Morris-Turnberry began surface treating Salem Road from West to East. In 2022 the final block of Salem Road was completed.

In February 2025, a considerable amount of damage was done to the road by an area resident hauling manure between farms.

The damaged portion of Salem Road is in the block between Kieffer Line and Belmore Line. This section is approximately 3km long and 7.0m wide, for a total surface area of 21,000m². It received 2 layers of surface treatment in 2021, the 3rd layer in 2022 and in 2024 it had edge repairs and an overlay completed. The total value of the improvements to this block since 2021 is approximately \$368,000. These improvements were completed using a combination of OCIF Grant funding and funding from taxation. The major portion of the damage is approximately 1.2km in length and averages approximately 1.2m in width in the west bound lane.

It was anticipated that the damage would quickly worsen with the frost coming out of the road, the road being soft and the traffic continuing to use the road. However, the damage has not increased greatly. The damaged area is between 1,200 m² and 1,500 m² or approximately 7.1 % of the road. The first 3 repair options were prepared based on the assumption that as the frost continued to come out of the road and the underlying granular material was soft the damage would increase to include most of the lane. Since that has not happened, the damage is confined to the outer 900mm to 1500mm. For this reason a fourth option has been included.

Comments:

Morris-Turnberry Council directed to staff to provide options for the repair of the road.

1. Repair to actual condition prior to damage (repair with surface treatment)

Preparing this road to repair this type of damage needs to be completed using precision to ensure an even riding surface. The existing damaged surface needs to be completely and carefully removed to make room for two base courses of surface treatment.

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➤ Removals milling and hauling	\$18,000
➤ Fine grade and compact base	\$10,000
➤ Supply and install surface treatment	\$80,000
➤ Total Estimated	\$106,000

Including a 10% contingency, the total cost of this repair is estimated at \$117,000. Since the cost of this repair is substantial, we looked at repairs with hot mix asphalt.

This repair does not add any structural improvements to the road and the anticipated useful life of the surface upon completion is approximately seven years.

2. Repair with Hotmix asphalt (Better Condition)

Since the repair cost with surface treatment was substantial, we looked at upgrading the repair to hot mix asphalt. Hot mix asphalt is more economical in the long run to surface treatment, especially in locations with aggressive traffic. We have found roads with a large number of horse drawn vehicles such as Salem Road, to be in this category.

This repair allows us to take advantage of the existing strength of the surface treatment as well as the strength of the asphalt added to the surface for the repair.

Preparing the road surface for Hot Mix Asphalt would require minimum effort, since we can pave over everything that is in place without affecting the riding surface.

➤ Prepare base	\$5,000
➤ Supply and Install 970t of asphalt	\$97,000
➤ Total Estimated	\$102,000

There is no need for a contingency allowance for this repair since there are no anticipated surprises.

If this repair option was chosen, I would recommend completing the repair from the end of the approach to the Bridge on Salem Road to Kieffer Line. This would provide for future efficiencies when it comes to replacing the riding surface on short distances of surface treated roads. The additional cost to extend the hot mix from the end of the bridge approach to Kieffer Line is estimated at \$47,000 for a total cost of \$149,000.

Continuing to replace surface treatment with hot mix when funds are available will save the municipality money in the long run, especially on roads with more aggressive traffic. This has been done on Clyde Line as well as Glenannon Road in the past few years. As budget allows, we plan to replace surface treatment with hot mix, since it is a more economical product over time.

This repair adds structural improvement to the road, and the anticipated useful life of the surface upon completion is approximately 20 years.

3. Remove existing surface treated road surface and return to gravel

This option would require the complete removal of the \$368,000 LCB (surface treatment) asset from Kieffer Line to Belmore Line. As mentioned in the summary above, this section of Salem Road was surface treated using a combination of Grant money and Tax dollars. One of the conditions of the OCIF Grant money is that 180 days' notice must be given to the Province of the removal of any asset that was paid for using OCIF Grant funding within the last 5 years. The amount of the OCIF funding used on this asset in the previous 5 years is \$189,106.34.

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Staff contacted the regional representative for the OCIF program to inquire about the implications of repair, replacement, or removal of an OCIF funded asset. While specific consequences were not provided, it was made clear that the removal of the asset would not be looked upon favourably by the administrators of OCIF. This may have an impact on future funding, or result in the requirement to repay the proportionate share of the funding.

Returning the road to gravel would require full depth pulverization of both lanes for the entire 3km distance from Kieffer Line to Belmore Line. In addition, it will need to have gravel installed on top to cap the millings and dust control added.

➤ Full Depth Pulverization	\$26,000
➤ Fine Grade and Compact	\$5,000
➤ Add fresh Gravel and compact	\$10,000
➤ Add dust control	\$3,000
➤ Total Estimated	\$44,000

It is not anticipated that this option will require a contingency. However, if the Grant funding requires repayment, the total cost of this option would be estimated at \$233,000.

4. Remove damaged surface treatment and replace with hot mix asphalt

Preparing the road for this repair can be completed using a small milling machine. Essentially only the damaged surface treatment is removed. The milling machine removes the surface, and at the same time prepares the base, while the surplus material is loaded into trucks and used somewhere else. The milled area is then replaced with 50mm of HL4 hot mix asphalt and compacted.

➤ Prepare base	\$7,000
➤ Supply and Install 225t of asphalt	\$39,000
➤ 10% Contingency	\$4,600
➤ Total Estimated	\$51,000

This is the most economical way to repair this road back to an acceptable condition. The reason that it is not the recommended solution is that it does not take full advantage of the upgraded materials used in the patch. This method will still require the hot mix patch to be recoated with surface treatment at regular intervals. In other words, the patch will outlive the road by several life cycles.

Budget:

None of the estimated costs associated with this repair are included in the budget.

Options for funding:

Financial Option #1 – Allocate estimated Surface Treatment savings

The Municipality's 2025 surface treatment contract came in under budget

2025 Budged Surface Treatment		\$ 445,000
Tender Results (MT Share \$373k, plus net HST Exp)		\$ 379,834
Estimated Savings		\$ 65,166
Rounded		\$ 65,000

Allocating \$50,000 of the estimated savings towards the Salem Rd. Repair would leave approximately \$15,000 for unforeseen costs withing the 2025 surface treatment projects.

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Financial Option #2 – Use MT's Reserves

Using the Municipality's reserves to fund the remaining balance would allow the repairs to proceed without having been included in the budget and could be repaid over time through savings in the current and future budgets.

#1 – General/Working Reserve	2025 Opening Balance	\$481,629.83 *Recommended
#2 – Road Dept Reserve	2025 Opening Balance	\$282,326.99

Use of Further Grant Funding

The Municipality's 2025 OCIF grant amount has been allocated to the budget for the resurfacing on another portion of Salem Road and on Glenannon Road. These projects are replacing the wearing course of the surface treatment, and as such these projects are time sensitive. Delaying replacement of the wearing course will result in deterioration of the base layers and jeopardize the overall integrity and substantially shorten the useful life of the asset. For this reason it is not recommended that OCIF funding for 2025 be diverted from these projects to fund the repair of Salem Road.

The Municipality's 2025 CCBF (Formerly Gas Tax) grant amount has been allocated in the budget to paving in Bluevale and replacement of culverts on C-Line. These projects have already received approval under the program, and funds cannot be reallocated away from them at this point.

Others Consulted

Trevor Hallam – CAO / Clerk

Sean Brophy - Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Alcock,
Director of Public Works

April 16, 2025

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Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy and Minister Flack,

RE: Non-market government and not-for-profit housing

At their April 11, 2025 meeting, the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health received a staff report (attached) and passed a motion to write a letter, attaching the *Monitoring Food Affordability* report, Ontario Ministers of Finance, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, copying local municipal councils and the Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, asking that they increase the urgency of work to address the housing crisis, including supporting expansion of the supply of non-market government and not-for-profit housing. All levels of government have a role and housing affordability is a critical factor in household food insecurity.

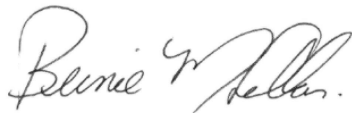
Monitoring food affordability (MFA) locally is an expectation under the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and has been since 1998. The purpose of the MFA is to educate decision-makers about the relationship between income and food insecurity and inform social and health policy. It represents the Ontario Nutritious Food Basket (ONFB) basic food basket, that meets public health nutrition guidelines set out in Canada's Food Guide and the Dietary Reference Intakes. Affordability is assessed by comparisons against basic household expenditures, such as housing.

Some households may spend significantly more than the value of the ONFB, whether due to special diets or food preferences. However, many households are forced to spend less and are likely to have inadequate nutritional intakes, due to financial constraints – both inadequate

incomes and high housing costs. Year-over-year, and worsening annually, MFA reports that those experiencing low incomes cannot afford to pay rent and put adequate food on the table.

The 2024 results demonstrate a continued decrease in food affordability, as well as inadequate incomes, to afford basic needs for many Huron and Perth residents. Household food insecurity has a pervasive impact on health. This underscores the importance for decision-makers to prioritize non-market government and not-for-profit housing, including supportive housing, community housing and rent supports, which are part of the affordable housing solution and help keep housing prices in check for everyone. Prioritizing adequate housing and reducing housing expenditures allows residents to better meet their basic needs and contributes to the health and well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bernie Maclellan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and 'M'.

Bernie Maclellan, Chair
HPPH Board of Health

Attachments:

Staff Report to Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health: *Monitoring Food Affordability*
Report: *The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth 2024*

cc:

The Honourable Nate Erskine-Smith, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and
Communities
County of Huron Council
County of Perth Council
City of Stratford Council
Town of St. Marys Council
Huron County Lower-Tier Municipal Councils
Perth County Lower-Tier Municipal Councils
Ontario Boards of Health

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Report to HPPH Board of Health | April 11, 2025

Date submitted: March 31, 2025

Prepared by: Amy MacDonald, Public Health Dietitian

Subject: Monitoring Food Affordability

Report Recommendation

That the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health shall:

1. Receive *The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth 2024* for information purposes;
2. Write a letter to the Ontario Ministers' of Finance, and of Municipal Affairs and Housing, copying local municipalities, the Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and Ontario Boards of Health, asking that they increase the urgency of the work to address the housing crisis, including supporting expansion of the supply of non-market government and not-for-profit housing, which could positively impact household food insecurity; and
3. Write a letter to the provincial government, copying local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario Boards of Health, calling for policy action to address the root causes of food insecurity, including enhancing and indexing to inflation income security programs such as Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program.

Background

Monitoring food affordability (MFA) locally is an expectation under the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and has been since 1998 (1). The tools currently used to assess MFA, are developed by Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH) using the Ontario Nutritious Food Basket (ONFB) for use by members. This decreases duplication in effort between public health units, supports consistency across the province, and increases capacity for other important nutrition work.

The purpose of the MFA is to educate decision-makers about the relationship between income and food insecurity and inform social and health policy. It represents the ONFB basic food basket, that meets public health nutrition guidelines set out in Canada's Food Guide and the Dietary Reference Intakes. Affordability is assessed by comparisons against basic household expenditures, such as housing.

Some households may spend significantly more than the value of the ONFB, whether due to special diets or food preferences. However, many households are forced to spend less and are likely to have inadequate nutritional intakes, due to financial constraints – both inadequate incomes and high housing costs. Year-over-year, and

worsening annually, MFA reports that those experiencing low incomes cannot afford to pay rent and put adequate food on the table. This is reinforced by reports indicating that social assistance rates and wages have not kept up with inflation (2-4).

The 2024 results demonstrate a continued decrease in food affordability, as well as inadequate incomes, to afford basic needs for many Huron and Perth residents. Household food insecurity has a pervasive impact on health. There is an urgent need for both income-based and affordable housing solutions.

Table 1: Percentage of income for food, rent, and what's left

Income source	Single Person		Family of 4		
	OW*	ODSP*	OW*	Minimum wage	Median income
Food (% income)	44%	26%	46%	30%	14%
Rent (% income)	144%	114%	88%	57%	27%
What's left?	-\$771	-\$591	-\$998	\$601	\$5771

*Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Individuals and families on social assistance without rent-geared-to-income housing, have no money to get by as outlined in Table 1. Even with housing supports in place, adequate groceries would take up one quarter, to nearly half their income.

Technical notes:

The ONFB is based on average household purchasing patterns – specific food purchasing patterns of any one person, culture, or age group, are not represented. The costing reflects ages two and up – baby food and infant formula are not included.

The National Nutritious Food Basket (NNFB) was updated in 2019 to reflect current nutrition recommendations and buying patterns. Data collection in 2019 and prior was done independently in Huron and Perth, respectively, using the previous NNFB. No MFA data was collected in most of Ontario in 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic response. The current ONFB and MFA process was updated to reflect the 2019 NNFB and has been used since 2022.

Caution should be taken in making year to year comparisons. Local store selection processes have been updated annually. In 2024, Health Canada updated the NNFB adjustment factors to reflect updated Estimated Energy Requirements, resulting in the need to apply updated adjustment factors.

Huron Perth's MFA data for 2024 has been shared with the Ontario Living Wage Network and is used for local living wage calculations. Public Health Units have also shared local data with Public Health Ontario, with a provincial report for 2024 pending.

Discussion

On November 13, 2024, Council in the City of Mississauga declared food insecurity an emergency (5). Following suit, on December 17-18, 2024, and January 14, 2025, the City of Toronto and City of Kingston also declared food insecurity an emergency (6-8).

On January 9, 2025, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) released a comprehensive study titled [*Municipalities Under Pressure: The Human and Financial Costs of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis*](#) reporting the unprecedented and growing toll of homelessness on individuals, families, communities and governments (9,10). The report emphasizes the need for long-term housing solutions, prevention and creation of affordable and supportive housing units, over temporary emergency measures and enforcement-based responses. The AMO report indicates that the number of people experiencing homelessness has grown 25% since 2022, with homelessness increasing fastest in rural and northern communities.

The Canadian Human Right Commission (CHRC) recognizes the importance of housing as a human right. Adequate housing is a place to live in security, peace and dignity and central to physical and mental health and community. Having an affordable, suitable and safe place to live helps people and families succeed and thrive (11).

The Federal Housing Advocate has reported on policy changes since the 1990s, resulting “financialization” of the rental housing market, prioritizing investor profits and harming the affordable housing supply. They have called for mobilizing federal resources and coordinated action across all levels of government, including policies and legislation, to address adequate housing focusing on the most disadvantaged groups. (12)

Non-market government and not-for-profit housing, including supportive housing, community housing and rent supports, are part of the affordable housing solution (13) and help keep housing prices in check for everyone. Advocates argue for both income (14, 15) and housing focused approaches to address food insecurity (13,16).

Rural Implications

While comparisons between communities are not made due to confidentiality of stores surveyed, and comparisons between public health units is discouraged due to differences in store selection and timing of data collection; we do know that living costs can vary depending on where one lives. Whether one has access to few or many stores, premium or discount options, larger or smaller selection, and how far (distance and time) one must travel, all make a difference in food costs which are not captured by ONFB but are important considerations for residents of Huron and Perth.

Consultation

To inform the development of this report submission, consultation took place with Sarah Merkel, Public Health Promoter and Angela Willert, Public Health Manager, Health

Promotion and Well-Being team, as well as Annette Hoyles, Public Health Manager, Health Equity team.

No public consultation was undertaken in preparing this report.

Board of Health Priorities

This report supports Huron Perth Public Health's mission to take action to protect and promote population health and prevent disease, strengthening quality of life and wellbeing for all, with respect to evidence-informed practice and equity, diversity and inclusion.

Supporting Documentation

- The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth 2024

Disposition

This report is presented to the Board of Health for approval of the recommendation outlined.

- Write a letter to the Ontario Ministers' of Finance, and of Municipal Affairs and Housing, copying local municipalities, the Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and Ontario Boards of Health, asking that they increase the urgency of the work to address the housing crisis, including supporting expansion of the supply of non-market government and not-for-profit housing, which could positively impact household food insecurity
- Write a letter to the provincial government calling for policy action to address the root causes of food insecurity, including enhancing and indexing to inflation income security programs such as Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program.

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The Real Cost of Eating: Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth



Food security is when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.¹

Food insecurity is when people or their families have inadequate or insecure access to food **due to financial constraints**.³

What is monitoring food affordability?

Huron Perth Public Health routinely surveys the cost of a variety of food from grocery stores across Huron and Perth counties. We use a survey tool called Monitoring Food Affordability to calculate the cost of one weeks' worth of groceries.

This survey is conducted by pricing 61 food items using the lowest available cost in eight local grocery stores (five conducted in-store, three conducted online) and calculating the average retail price. The items costed assume that people have the time, skill, and equipment needed to cook these food items. The tool does not include prepared convenience foods or household non-food items, such as toiletries.

In 2024, the cost of groceries for a family of four in Huron Perth was \$309 per week, or \$1,338 per month. For a family of four receiving Ontario Works, this means they would need to spend 46% of their income on food to meet Canada's Food Guide recommendations.

Why can't people afford food?

For people earning minimum wage, working part-time and precarious jobs, receiving social assistance (e.g., Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program) or living on a fixed income, it's not possible to make ends meet.

Households living on low incomes will struggle to afford food

Food insecurity is the inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints. People living with food insecurity may not experience hunger, but the food available to them might not be enough, safe, culturally adequate, or meet Canada's Food Guide recommendations.

Between 2021 and 2023, it was estimated that 17.8% of households in Huron Perth experienced food insecurity.²

Food insecurity persists in Canada

Food insecurity is a large and persistent problem in Canada. Families or individuals may experience varying degrees of food insecurity.

- Marginal food insecurity: Worry about running out of food and/or limited food selection due to a lack of money for food.
- Moderate food insecurity: Compromise quality and/or quantity of food due to a lack of money for food.
- Severe food insecurity: Miss meals, reduce food intake, and at the most extreme, go one or more days without food.

In fact, people usually pay their rent and other fixed expenses such as heat and transportation first. This makes food a flexible household expense, which affects the quantity and quality of food people can afford. As a result, households may only buy foods such as fresh vegetables and fruit if and when they can afford them, and may not have enough food to meet their needs.

Learn more about housing and homelessness in Huron and Perth counties at myPerthHuron.ca from the Social Research and Planning Council and United Way Perth-Huron.

Financialization means treating housing as a **commodity** – a vehicle for wealth and investment – rather than a **human right and a social good** for people and communities.⁶

Housing and rental costs

Whether or not food is affordable depends on a person's income and other expenses. The cost of housing is a major expense that must be considered.

The Rural Housing Information System (RHIS) collects rental data from websites that advertise rental units.⁴ The average rent is calculated on a monthly basis by unit size for the rural municipalities in Huron and Perth. The City of Stratford's Social Services Department provided data for Stratford and St. Marys. The rental market scan was completed over an 11-week period from March 7 to May 22, 2024.⁵ Both sources provide a current picture of the cost of local rental units. Data for the lower tier municipalities in Huron and Perth counties show that rental rates are five to 18 per cent lower compared to the city of Stratford and town of St. Marys.

Individuals and families who have been in a long-term rental may be fortunate to be paying lower than current market rent. Moving can place individuals and families under significant financial strain. Recent increases in housing costs, historically low vacancy rates, low housing supply, and the financialization of housing all impact the current rental market.

Low income is the root cause of food insecurity

Tables 1 (a) and 1 (b) illustrate different income scenarios and the money remaining after basic monthly expenses are paid. As households living with low income often reside in rental housing, local rental rates are included.

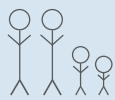
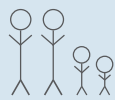
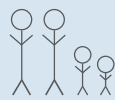




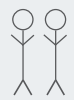
Tables 1 (a) and 1 (b) reflect rental costs for Huron and Perth (excluding Stratford and St. Marys)⁴ and for Stratford and St. Marys respectively.⁵ In both cases:

- For a single person receiving Ontario Works (OW), an average rental rate would exceed their monthly income. For individuals living on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), rent would use up most, if not all, of their income.
- For individuals, couples and families receiving OW, ODSP, Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement (OAS/GIS) or earning minimum wage, the situation isn't much better.
- Many Huron and Perth residents can't pay rent, keep the utilities on and put enough food on the table.

These scenarios in tables 1 (a) and (b) show that households living on low income have little, if any, money left to pay for other basic expenses, such as:

- Heat, hydro and other utilities
- Transportation, vehicle maintenance and gas
- Child care
- Phone and internet
- Clothing
- Insurance
- Laundry
- Non-prescription drugs and dispensing fees for prescription drugs
- Vision and dental care
- Home maintenance
- Costs for children in school
- Household cleaners and personal hygiene products

Table 1 (a): Income scenarios⁷ – Rural Rental Prices (Huron and Perth)

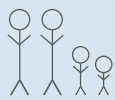
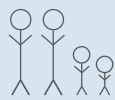
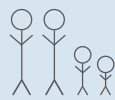




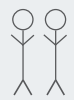
	Households with Children				Households without Children			
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7	Scenario 8
	 Family of 4 Ontario Works	 Family of 4 Minimum Wage	 Family of 4 Median Income	 Single Parent Ontario Works	 One Adult Ontario Works	 One Adult ODSP	 One Adult Senior OAS/GIS	 Two Adults ODSP
Income*								
Total Monthly Income (After Tax)*	\$2,916	\$4,515	\$9,685	\$2,677	\$885	\$1,469	\$2,073	\$2,609
Expenses								
Housing ⁴	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$1,880 ^a	\$1,358 ^b	\$1,358	\$1,358	\$1,358
Food ⁸	\$1,338	\$1,338	\$1,338	\$952	\$386	\$386	\$278	\$702
Monthly Income Remaining for Other Expenses								
	-\$872	\$727	\$5,897	-\$155	-\$859	-\$275	\$437	\$549
Percentage of Income								
% Income Required for Rent	84%	54%	25%	70%	153%	92%	66%	52%
% Income Required for Food	46%	30%	14%	36%	44%	26%	13%	27%

^a Assumes children share a bedroom despite National Occupancy Standards.

^b Assumes bachelor unit is not available based on rental market scan.

*Actual income amounts may be lower if residents do not file their income tax and/or do not apply for all available tax credits.

Table 1 (b): Income scenarios⁷ – Stratford and St. Marys Rental Prices

	Households with Children				Households without Children			
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7	Scenario 8
	 Family of 4 Ontario Works	 Family of 4 Minimum Wage	 Family of 4 Median Income	 Single Parent Ontario Works	 One Adult Ontario Works	 One Adult ODSP	 One Adult Senior OAS/GIS	 Two Adults ODSP
Income*								
Total Monthly Income (After Tax)*	\$2,916	\$4,515	\$9,685	\$2,677	\$885	\$1,469	\$2,073	\$2,609
Expenses								
Housing ⁵	\$2,576	\$2,576	\$2,576	\$2,048 ^a	\$1,270 ^c	\$1,674	\$1,674	\$1,674
Food ⁸	\$1,338	\$1,338	\$1,338	\$952	\$386	\$386	\$278	\$702
Monthly Income Remaining for Other Expenses								
	-\$-998	\$601	\$5,771	-\$-323	-\$771	-\$591	\$121	\$233
Percentage of Income								
% Income Required for Rent	88%	57%	27%	77%	144%	114%	81%	64%
% Income Required for Food	46%	30%	14%	36%	44%	26%	13%	27%

^a Assumes children share a bedroom despite National Occupancy Standards.

^c Assumes bachelor unit is available.

*Actual income amounts may be lower if residents do not file their income tax and/or do not apply for all available tax credits.

Families receiving social assistance (OW or ODSP) or making a minimum wage, would spend more than half of their income on rent.

There would be no money left for food or other expenses. Even when food budgets are cut, most would still struggle to get by.

Many individuals and families whose primary income comes from social assistance experience challenges securing safe and suitable rental accommodations.

Why food insecurity matters

When people can't afford to buy enough food, they are more likely to have poorer overall health. Adults living in food insecure households are more likely to experience infectious diseases, poor oral health, injury, or chronic conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, arthritis, back problems, and chronic pain. In particular, people with disabilities are disproportionately affected by food insecurity.⁹

Financial strain increases the risk of adverse mental health effects.¹⁰ The risk of depression, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, and suicidal thoughts increases with the severity of food insecurity for adults and youth. In children, food insecurity is associated with hyperactivity, inattention, and other growth and development concerns.⁹

Food insecurity also makes it difficult to manage existing health problems and leads to lower life expectancy. Adults living in food insecure households are more likely to delay, reduce or skip prescription medications due to cost. Food insecure adults are more likely to be admitted to the hospital, have longer stays, and be readmitted.⁹

Food charity is not a solution to food insecurity

Most studies on food insecurity show that food insecure households are more likely to ask for financial help from family or friends and miss bill payments than to access food charity. In fact, food bank usage data significantly underreport the scope of the problem.

- The majority of people who cannot afford to feed themselves and their families do not, or are unable to, access food banks. It's estimated that less than one quarter of households who are food insecure use food charities.¹¹
- Food banks operate under many constraints, including limited quantity and selection of food, due to reliance on donations.
- Food banks are often forced to limit the frequency of visits because of low supply, lack of storage and a shortage of volunteers.

Food banks were originally intended as temporary relief during difficult economic times in the 1980s. Since then, the food charity sector has grown to a massive network of non-profit food distributors and providers, and is increasingly supported by governments. Corporations benefit by receiving tax deductions for donations.

While food banks, mutual aid, and other civil society organizations continue to do their best to help those in need, they also recognize that they cannot solve food insecurity alone.¹² They are joining public health organizations, anti-poverty advocates, and other groups in calling for federal and provincial governments to take action through income-based interventions.



The real problem

Research has repeatedly shown that household food insecurity can be reduced by policy interventions that improve the financial circumstances of the lowest income households.

When food insecure households receive additional income, they spend it in ways that improve their food security.¹³

The persistence of high rates of food insecurity is a clear sign that there needs to be a dedicated effort to restructure federal, provincial, and territorial policies to target food insecurity reduction and ensure Canadians have enough money for basic needs.

What can we do to ensure everyone has enough income for food?

We now have decades of research evidence about how to address household food insecurity. Policy efforts need to address inadequate income, the root cause of food insecurity.

Income policies preserve dignity, address the root cause of the problem, allow people to choose the food they want, and ensure basic right to food.

The most effective way to reduce household food insecurity is to make poverty reduction a political priority.

We can all learn why income solutions are needed to reduce food insecurity, and join the thousands of Canadians who are advocating for federal and provincial policy options and local opportunities.

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Federal policy options

- Adequate public old-age pensions
- A fully-funded [Canada Working-Age Supplement \(CWAS\)](#)
- A sufficient and fully-funded [Canada Disability Benefit \(CDB\)](#)
- Lower income tax rates for the lowest income households
- Improved labour standards and working conditions for precarious employment and low wages
- A [Basic Income Guarantee](#)
- Expanded supply of [non-market housing](#)





Provincial policy options

- Regular increases to minimum wage
 - ▷ Most food insecure households are employed and working. However, low-wage jobs and jobs that are short-term or precarious can leave households food insecure.
- Increased social assistance rates
 - ▷ Current social assistance rates are deeply inadequate, and the majority of households relying on these programs are unable to meet their basic needs.¹⁴
- Prioritized expansion of non-market and not-for-profit housing including supportive housing, community housing, rent supports and affordable home ownership.

Local opportunities

- Talk to your local, provincial and federal representatives about how they are addressing income insecurity and food insecurity.
- Support expansion of non-market and not-for-profit housing including supportive housing, community housing, rent supports and affordable home ownership.
- Support increased access to affordable not-for-profit, licensed childcare.
- Invest in affordable public transit.
- Become a [Living Wage](#) employer.
- Visit [211 Ontario](#) to learn about the resources available to help families living with low income so that they have more money available to purchase the food they need.



For more details about
Monitoring Food Affordability,
please contact
Huron Perth Public Health.

www.hp-ph.ca

1-888-221-2133



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Resources

- [211 Ontario](#)
- [Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness](#)
- [Food Banks Canada](#)
- [Ontario Basic Income Network](#)
- [Ontario Dietitians in Public Health](#)
- [Ontario Living Wage Network](#)
- [United Way Perth-Huron](#)

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April 21st, 2025

Hon. David Piccini, MPP

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
400 University Avenue, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP

Minister of Rural Affairs
College Park, 28th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J4

Re: Request to Reopen and Extend the REDI Immigration Pilot Program

Dear Ministers Piccini and Thompson,

On behalf of the Huron Chamber of Commerce and the many local employers we represent, we are writing to respectfully request the Province of Ontario take the following actions regarding the *Regional Economic Development through Immigration* (REDI) pilot program:

1. Reopen the REDI program to additional communities, including rural regions such as Huron County; and
2. Extend the program's current end date beyond December 31, 2025 to ensure long-term, strategic impact.

Recent changes to federal immigration and labour force policy — including tighter restrictions on the Temporary Foreign Worker program and reduced access to open work permits — have had an outsized impact on the hospitality sector. These changes have created significant uncertainty for trained international employees and the rural businesses that rely on them.

Rural employers in Huron County are already experiencing the consequences: reduced operating hours, unfilled positions, and the potential loss of long-serving staff who have made our communities their home. Without expanded access to tools like REDI, these challenges will only deepen.

At the same time, growing trade uncertainty with the United States has cast a further shadow over the rural economy. We commend the Government of Ontario for recognizing the potential impacts of this situation and beginning to coordinate a response. We believe that expanding and extending the REDI program can be a valuable part of that response — helping to stabilize the rural labour force, support key local industries, and strengthen Ontario’s economic resilience.

This request to expand and extend the REDI program originated in a recent *Local Impact Briefing* hosted by the Huron Chamber. I have enclosed the associated briefing note, which includes a link to a recording of the briefing itself. We are working closely with local stakeholders across Huron County to advance this request and ensure that rural voices are heard.

We appreciate your attention to this matter of growing urgency. Thank you for your continued support of rural economic development in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Colin Carmichael

Executive Director

Huron Chamber of Commerce

Connecting Community Leaders

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Encl: Local Impact Briefing Document (March 2025)

CC: Mayor & Council, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
Mayor & Council, Municipality of Bluewater
Mayor & Council, Municipality of Central Huron
Mayor & Council, Town of Goderich
Reeve & Council, Township of Howick
Mayor & Council, Municipality of Huron East
Reeve & Council, Township of North Huron
Mayor & Council, Municipality of South Huron

LOCAL IMPACT BRIEFING

IMMIGRATION POLICY CHANGES & WORKFORCE CHALLENGES IN THE LOCAL HOSPITALITY SECTOR



Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Format: Virtual/Zoom – **Recording:** <https://youtu.be/LOCoWLvLTas>

Host: Huron Chamber of Commerce

Invitees:

- Heads of Council and CAOs from Huron County's nine municipalities (or designates)
- Local federal and provincial representatives

Note:

In the interest of transparency and accountability, the *Local Impact Briefing* will [be recorded and available to the public](#)

Purpose:

The **Local Impact Briefing** series, hosted by the Huron Chamber of Commerce, is a new initiative designed to bring together local stakeholders to better understand how policy changes enacted beyond Huron County's borders affect our local businesses and communities. These briefings focus on decisions made outside Huron County — at the provincial, federal, or international levels — that carry significant local consequences. Our goal is to provide local decision-makers with accurate information and context to enhance their capacity to advocate for their communities and to communicate effectively with residents and business owners.

Issue:

In 2024, the federal government introduced several new immigration regulations affecting the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program and other immigration pathways. These changes will further reduce access to temporary and permanent foreign workers, worsening existing labour shortages in Huron County's hospitality sector. If these workforce gaps worsen, business closures, reduced operating hours, and service cutbacks could become increasingly common across the county. This will not only affect business owners and workers but also impact residents and visitors who rely on a vibrant hospitality industry.

Briefing Panel:

- Colin Carmichael, Executive Director, Huron Chamber of Commerce
- Brendan Jeffries, Owner, Tim Hortons (Goderich, Bayfield)
- Justin Reid, Team Reid McDonald's (Exeter, Goderich, Wingham, Kincardine, Grand Bend, Mitchell)
- Swet Ghandi, Owner, Boston Pizza Goderich
- Dan Moynihan, Owner, Tim Hortons (Clinton, Seaforth, Blyth, Milverton)
- Yerusalem Berhane, Immigration Consultant

Anecdotal Examples from Local Businesses:

- Upon receiving an invitation for permanent residency in August, a couple was promoted to Manager and Assistant Manager of a restaurant in a community of 600 people. They left Brampton four years ago to pursue rural living and are ready to purchase a home and raise their family here. In October, their Permanent Residency application was declined with little recourse to appeal.
- The spouse of an individual studying for his Veterinary License had been advancing into a leadership role at a local restaurant. Recent changes to work permit eligibility now limit family open work permits to select occupations, excluding hospitality. While this individual will move into management, future pathways for similar cases are uncertain.
- Families of international workers are integrating into the community, with children thriving in local schools and spouses finding full-time employment. These families are deeply committed to their workplaces and the community, but immigration barriers threaten their long-term stability.

Key Concerns:

- Ongoing workforce shortages across restaurants and hospitality businesses.
- Retention challenges due to work permit expirations.
- Barriers to extending or transitioning trained international workers to permanent roles.
- Disconnect between federal immigration policies and rural workforce realities.

Why It Matters:

- Local business stability is at risk due to labour gaps.
- Accurate information is needed to counter public misconceptions about immigration and the hospitality workforce.
- Municipal leaders can amplify rural concerns when engaging federal representatives.

For more information and to RSVP:

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April 28, 2025

Attention:

Huron OPP Detachment Board Members (via email to members)
Huron County and all Lower-Tier Municipalities (via email to Clerks)

Re: Huron OPP appoints Inspector Laura Lee Brown as Detachment Commander

I am writing to formally advise you that Inspector Laura Lee Brown has been appointed Detachment Commander for the Huron OPP Detachment, effective April 21, 2025.

Inspector Brown will attend future Huron OPP Detachment Board meetings, providing an opportunity for introductions and discussion.

The Board looks forward to working closely with the Detachment Commander to support our shared priorities and ongoing efforts in public safety.

Please join me in welcoming Inspector Brown to Huron OPP.

Sincerely,

Jim Dietrich, Chair
Huron OPP Detachment Board
jdietrich@southhuron.ca

April 20, 2025

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
P.O. Box 310
41342 Morris Rd
Brussels, ON
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I am writing this letter to notify the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry that the Belmore Homecoming 2025 will take place June 20th to June 22nd, 2025 at the Belmore Community Centre.

Details of the event schedule are available at;
<https://www.belmorehomecoming2025.ca>.

The council of Municipality of Howick supports our Homecoming celebration.

If you have any further questions or require any information, please contact myself.

Sincerely,



Barry Schaefer
Belmore 2025 Homecoming Chair
schaefer@wightman.ca
Cell (519) 531-1812



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Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division

April 7, 2025

Via email; premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
TORONTO, Ontario M7A 1A1

The Honourable Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution regarding Salt Management

Please be advised that Town Council adopted the following motion concerning Salt Management;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0077

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious and irreversible environmental and public health concerns associated with road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is our closest freshwater lake and is the 4th largest inland lake within Ontario, host to a number of functions including a biodiverse habitat for over 56 species of fish, the source water for municipal drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents within the watershed, including 41,000 here in the Town of Georgina, and the many other recreational and commercial functions it serves; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe's salinity concentrations have increased over 500% since monitoring began over the past 50 years, with the primary contributor being runoff from the use of salt for winter maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS The Town of Georgina shares fifty-two (52) kilometers of beautiful Lake Simcoe shoreline and all 288 square kilometers of the Town of Georgina are encompassed by sub-watersheds that drain into Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Georgina, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Georgina's winter maintenance operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management; and

2. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

3. That the Town of Georgina continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities; all municipalities in Ontario; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, and The Honourable Premier Doug Ford.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,



Carolyn Lance
Council Services Coordinator

cc: Minister Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney-General; doug.downey@pc.ola.org
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The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation; sylvia.mccue@georginaisland.com
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; resolutions@amo.on.ca
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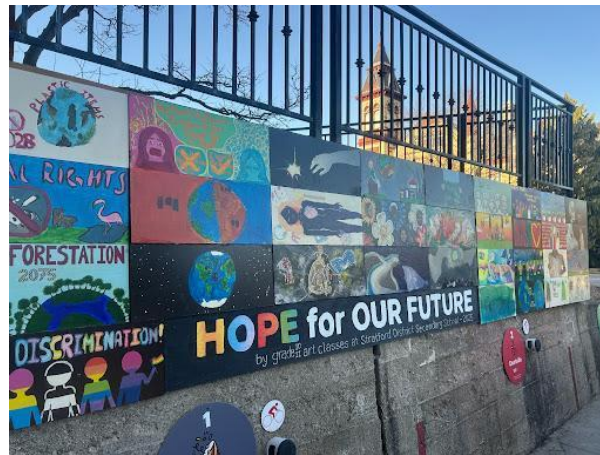
Land Acknowledgement

A video from an Avon PS class was shown, where the students recited the school's land acknowledgement.

Good News

Stratford District SS Art Students Decorate Stratford's Downtown

Trustee Bruce Whitaker was pleased to share that 36 Grade 10 and 11 art students from Stratford District Secondary School created a collage-style street mural in collaboration with Perth County. The vibrant artwork, with the theme of "Hope for the Future" adds a pop of colour at the entrance to downtown Stratford, showcasing student creativity and community partnership.



Learning Services Department Hosts Perth Transition Fair

Superintendent Kathy Boyd shared that AMDSB and HPCDSB are co-hosting two Transition Fairs to support families and caregivers of students with disabilities aged 12–21.

The Perth Transition Fair took place on April 12, 2025, at St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Stratford. The event saw an impressive turnout, with over 30 parents and caregivers in attendance and more than 20 organizations participating. These organizations showcased a variety of community resources/programs, college programs, and employment services. Families benefited from presentations

by Developmental Services Ontario and information sessions on Passport Funding. These fairs provide a unique opportunity for families and caregivers to learn about the services offered by local agencies and community groups dedicated to supporting life after high school, specifically aimed at empowering families and caregivers of students with disabilities aged 12-21 years.

Initial feedback from families has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly highlighting the collaborative efforts between school boards and community associations. This positive reception underscores the importance of these fairs in fostering connections and providing valuable resources to families navigating the transition from high school to post-secondary life.

The Huron Transition Fair will be held on May 3, 2025, at Central Huron Secondary School in Clinton from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with over 25 local agencies and community groups.



AMDSB - Skills Ontario Competition

Superintendent Paul Langis shared that several secondary students from AMDSB participated in Skills Ontario competitions held at LDSS and Fanshawe College:

Team of Two Carpentry and Welding:

- GDCI students Braydon C and Dylan M advanced to the provincial Skills Ontario competition, surpassing teams from LDSS.
- DCVI student Carson V and LDSS student Julian C advanced to the Qualifying round at Fanshawe College, where Carson placed first and Julian fifth. Carson moves on to the provincial competition.
- GDCI's Logan K placed first in Individual Carpentry at the Qualifier and will also compete provincially.

Other Provincial Competitors:

- Luke J (SDSS) – Auto Service Tech

- Logan G (SDSS) – Brick Masonry

Elementary Participation:

On May 5, 40 elementary students will compete in Skills Ontario in:

- VEX IQ Robotics
- LEGO Robotics
- Character Animation
- Construction
- Technology



AMDSB at Stratford Home and Leisure Show

Superintendent Paul Langis also shared that AMDSB participated in the Stratford Home and Leisure Show, providing an engaging and interactive experience for attendees. Over 100 spinning top projects were created with children, offering a fun and hands-on introduction to design and construction. The display also featured interactive activities such as a virtual welder, 3D printer, and CNC router, which attracted interest from both students and adults. Pathways brochures were distributed, and staff had meaningful conversations with attendees about the diverse opportunities available to students within AMDSB.



Days of Significance Around the District (April Edition)

Communications Associate Meredith Needles presented the wrap-up for the April edition of the Days of Significance. This month's highlights included Earth Month, Earth Week, and Earth Day, as well as Easter, Ridván, and many other important observances that reflect the diversity and values of our school communities.

[DOS - April Wrap-up 2025](#)

School Showcase

Communications Associate Meredith Needles introduced a new series highlighting schools across the district. The first feature focused on Little Falls Public School, located in St. Marys (South Perth), which serves approximately 450 students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. While it has no designated feeder school, most students transition to St. Marys DCVI for secondary education. The current building opened in 2010 and is led by Principal Jeremy Brock and Vice-Principal Luke van Schaik for the 2024–2025 school year.

Highlights from Little Falls PS include:

- **Music Excellence:** The Primary and Junior choirs, led by full-time music teacher Mrs. Stern, competed in the Kiwanis Music Festival and earned the Bottomly Trophy for top overall school performances—an honour the school has received multiple times in recent years.
- **Focus on Belonging:** The school continues to prioritize Social Emotional Learning and equity, using student-created visuals to reinforce key concepts and foster a strong sense of community and belonging.



Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Sophia B shared that the Student Senate is currently analyzing data from the survey they released before March Break, which aimed to ensure consistency in student fees across secondary schools. The survey received over 1,200 responses from students and staff, stay tuned for more details as the results are reviewed. In addition, Student Senators were elected this past week. The winners will be announced following the next Student Trustee meeting. The voting process for next year's Student Trustees is set to take place in the upcoming week.

Senior Staff Updates

North Perth Boundary Review Update

Superintendent Cheri Carter shared that consultants and board staff have completed a report summarizing the work of the North Perth Boundary Review. The report outlines three potential scenarios for boundary changes in the area for Trustee consideration. The full report is available on the Board website and can be viewed at any time: amdsb.ca/northperthboundaryreview2425. Trustees are currently reviewing the options, with a decision to be announced at an upcoming board meeting.

Procurement Restriction Policy

Superintendent Cheri Carter also shared that on April 4, 2025, the Ontario Government issued a new Procurement Restriction Policy in response to U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and services. The policy is retroactive to March 4, 2025, and applies to all public sector purchases, regardless of value or procurement method. Under the policy, purchases from U.S. businesses are no longer permitted.

A U.S. business is defined as one with:

- Its head office located in the United States, and
- Fewer than 250 full-time employees in Canada.

Procurement Services is monitoring the situation and assessing the impact on AMDSB purchases.

Future Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held in person unless otherwise noted. Links to join the meetings online will be posted on the [Board Meeting page](#) the day before the meeting. The public portion begins at 4:45 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. Regular Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

- Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. Regular Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole, Closed Session
- Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting and Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation

- AODA Meeting – April 23, 2025 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Microsoft Teams)
- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) – April 28, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
- Equity Steering Committee – April 30, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Listowel District SS)
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – May 7, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.



Outstanding Action Items
Open Session

May 6

Meeting Date	Action Item	Action By	Current Status	Next Step
February 4, 2025	Bolt Municipal Drain Abandonment	Drainage Superintendent	Agency comments not supportive of abandoning entire drain, requestor considering alternatives.	Requestor to inform staff how they would like to proceed.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 26-2025

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 May 6, 2025.

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 May 6, 2025, meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

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

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at its meeting held on May 6, 2025, 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, May 6, 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, May 6, 2025

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam