



**MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 7:30 pm**

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on April 7, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Disclosure of recording equipment.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Moved by ~  
Seconded by ~*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of April 7, 2026, as presented.*

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**3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**4.0 MINUTES**

*Moved by ~  
Seconded by ~*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the March 17, 2026, 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 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING**

Z01-2026 and Z02-2026 Zoning By-Law Amendments

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby Adjourns their regular meeting of Council, to be reconvened following a Public Meeting to consider Zoning By-Law Amendments MTu Z01-2026 and MTu Z02-2026.*

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**PUBLIC MEETING – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

6.1.1 Call to Order

6.1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

6.1.3 Requirement

This Public Meeting is being held under section 34 the Planning Act, which requires that Council hold at least one public meeting and that proper notice be given.

6.1.4 MTu Z01-2026 Michie (Kikkert)

We have provided Council with a report prepared by Huron County Planner, Sarah Kurtz, regarding this application to amend the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-Law.

6.1.5 Purpose

The purpose of this zoning by-law amendment (File No. Z01-2026) is to amend the zoning on the lands at Plan 432, Park Lot 6, Part Park Lot 7 (702 Josephine St N) from the existing VC2 (Village Commercial – Highway Zone) to create two new special VC2 zones.

6.1.6 Comments

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

6.1.7 Recommendation of the Huron County Planner

It is recommended that Zoning By-law Amendment Z01-2026 be approved.

6.1.8 MTu Z02-2026 Versteeg (Pinehorse Farms)

We have provided Council with a report prepared by Huron County Planner, Sarah Kurtz, regarding this application to amend the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-Law.

6.1.9 Purpose

The purpose of this zoning by-law amendment (File No. Z02-2026) is to amend the zoning on the lands at Concession 9 West Part Lot 18 East Part Lot 19 (40560 Howick-Turnberry Road) from the existing AG1 (General Agriculture) Zone to create a new special AG4 zone.

6.1.10 Comments

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

6.1.11 Recommendation of the Huron County Planner

It is recommended that Zoning By-law Amendment Z02-2026 be approved.

6.1.12 Close public meeting

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby closes the Public Meeting to consider Zoning By-Law Amendment MTu Z01-2026 and MTu Z02-2026, and reconvenes its regular meeting of Council.*

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6.1.13 Consideration of Zoning By-Law Amendment MTu Z01-2026

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 17-2026, being a by-law to amend by-law 45-2014 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

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6.1.14 Effect of Public and Agency Comments

6.1.15 Consideration of Zoning By-Law Amendment MTu Z02-2026

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 18-2026, being a by-law to amend by-law 45-2014 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

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6.1.16 Effect of Public and Agency Comments

6.2 CONSENT C14-2026 HOPPER

A report has been prepared by Huron County Planner Sarah Kurtz in this regard.

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry recommends to Huron County Council that proposed severance C14-2025 be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in the planner's report.*

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**7.0 STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – January, February, and March 2026

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for January, February, and March.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities – January, February, and March 2026

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for January, February, and March.

**8.0 BUSINESS**

8.1 2026 BUDGET

A report has been prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy.

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 19-2026 being a by-law to adopt the budget and tax rates for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the year 2026, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.*

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## 8.2 2025 RESERVES

In anticipation of Council approving amounts to be transferred to reserves in the 2026 budget, by-law 20-2026 has been prepared to establish those reserve funds.

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 20-2026 being a by-law to confirm the year-end 2025 reserves and establish reserve funds for the year 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

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## 8.3 ELECTION SIGN BY-LAW

A report has been prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston.

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Seconded by ~*

*That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return the election sign by-law, as presented, to a future meeting of Council for consideration.*

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## 8.4 USE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES FOR ELECTION PURPOSES

A report has been prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston.

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Seconded by ~*

*That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the policy providing guidelines on the use of corporate resources for election purposes for the 2026 Municipal Election as presented.*

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8.5 AMENDMENTS TO THE *LIQUOR LICENCE AND CONTROL ACT*

Councillor McCallum requested that a discussion regarding recent changes to the *Liquor Licence and Control Act* be added to the agenda. To support the discussion, a preliminary report has been prepared.

## 8.6 ROAD USER AND ACCESS AGREEMENT

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

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Seconded by ~*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 21-2026 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and Grace Vanden Heuvel regarding access over and maintenance of an untraveled road allowance, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

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**9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

Jamie McCallum

Sharen Zinn

Jodi Snell

Jamie Heffer

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – SVCA Q1 Report
- 10.2 Monthly Report – Huron East Fire – February 2026
- 10.3 Minutes – Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – December 10, 2025
- 10.4 Minutes – Belmore Arena Board – February 16, 2026
- 10.5 Minutes – Huron OPP Detachment Board – January 26, 2026
- 10.6 Minutes – MVCA Members Meeting – January 28, 2026
- 10.7 Minutes – MVCA Members Meeting – February 25, 2026
- 10.8 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB - 24 March 2026
- 10.9 Resolution – Tar and Chip - Northeastern Maniotulin and the Islands
- 10.10 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 22-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 7, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

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**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by ~  
Seconded by ~*

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

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**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:30 pm
- Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7:30 pm



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on March 17, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

#### **Council in Attendance**

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

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy	Treasurer
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

#### **Others in Attendance**

Rachel Hammermueller	The Wingham Advance Times
Bob Montgomery	The Citizen

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

#### **2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Motion 49-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of March 17, 2026, as presented.*

*Carried.*

#### **3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

*Motion 50-2026*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the March 3, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.*

*Carried.*

**5.0 ACCOUNTS**

*Motion 51-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

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

*Carried.*

**6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

**7.0 STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**8.0 BUSINESS**

**8.1 2025 YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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

*Motion 52-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the recommended year-end reserve transfer of \$142,432.66 to the General Reserve.*

*Carried.*

**8.2 2026 BUDGET UPDATE**

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

Councillor McCallum joined the meeting.

Council discussed various budget items for which Mr. Brophy had requested direction. There was a consensus of council that the recommended adjustment to fire reserve transfer from \$250,000 to \$150,000 be made, that the hiring of a dog catcher be removed from the 2026 budget and revisited in a future budget, and that \$50,000.00 from the taxpayer benefit reserve be used to provide a pledge for the construction of the playground in Belgrave.

No changes were made in light of the savings realized through favourable paving tender results, and there were no adjustments made to the transfer to the bridge and culvert reserve.

There was a consensus of Council that a municipal tax rate increase of 4.88 per cent was acceptable.

*Motion 53-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a final draft of the 2026 budget, containing the recommended changes, to the April 7, 2026 council meeting.*

*Carried.*

8.3 SALE OF A PORTION OF AUGUSTA STREET

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

*Motion 54-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 15-2026, being a by-law to authorize the sale of a portion of Augusta Street, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

March 4<sup>th</sup> attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jodi Snell

March 9<sup>th</sup> attended a meeting of the Wingham and Area Health Professionals Recruitment Committee

March 11<sup>th</sup> attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention.

Attended a meeting of the Wingham-Listowel and Area Family Health Team Board.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

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

- 10.1 [Conservation Authority Consolidation Decision](#)
- 10.2 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire Department – February 2026
- 10.3 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – February 2026
- 10.4 Correspondence - Request for Ministerial Consultation – AMDSB
- 10.5 Notice of Public Meeting – MTu Z01-2026 Michie (Kikkert)
- 10.6 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – March 4, 2026
- 10.7 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

None.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Enter closed session.

*Motion 55-2026*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:34 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk and Director of Public Works remaining in attendance, for the purpose of*

*discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:*

- a) Section 239 (2) (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual;*

*Carried.*

13.2 Return to open session.

*Motion 56-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:02 p.m.*

*Carried.*

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received correspondence regarding an identifiable individual regarding roadside spraying and weed control activities and gave direction to staff.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 57-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 16-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on March 17, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 58-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:02 pm.*

*Carried.*

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

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

April 7 2026

**General**

Bell Canada	Morris Office	499.91
Bell Canada	Emergency Lines	130.78
Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	25.07
Telizon	Long Distance Phone	1.25
Enbridge	Morris Office	398.74
Huron Clean	Office Cleaning	411.68
PBJ Cleaning Depot Inc	Office Supplies	141.80
Margaret Speer	Wedding Solemnization	300.00
Maitland Valley Conservation	2026 Levy	123,840.00
Minister of Finance	Policing - February	43,670.00
Township of North Huron	Water Billings	4,201.97
Township of North Huron	February Fire Calls	2,182.54
Bluevale Community Committee	March Hall Rentals	540.00
Minister of Finance	EHT - March 2026	862.59
WSIB	WSIB - March 2026	1,274.92

**Payroll**

March 25 2026	Payroll	23,610.73
	Expenses	126.14
Council Pay	Payroll - April 8	6,321.19
	Receiver General	571.72

**General Total** 209,111.03

**Building Department**

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	90.22
Minister of Finance	EHT - March 2026	176.76
WSIB	WSIB - March 2026	285.53

**Payroll**

March 25 2026	Payroll	5,399.46
	Expenses	-

**Building Department Total** 5,951.97

**Property Standards**

**Property Standards Total** -

**Drainage**

Hydro One	Hopper Pump	577.22
McDougall Energy	Hopper Pump	220.61

**Drainage Total** 797.83

**Parks & Cemeteries**

**Parks & Cemeteries Total** -

**Belgrave Water**

Bell Canada	Belgrave Water	177.05
Rogers	Belgrave Water	90.39
Rogers	Humphrey Well	90.39
Veolia Water	January Operations	7,223.26

**Belgrave Water Total** 7,581.09

**Landfill**

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	8.91
John McKercher Construction Ltd	Morris Landfill	2,350.40

**Landfill Total** 2,359.31

**Roads**

Bell Canada	Morris Shop	130.79
Bell Canada	Turnberry Shop	249.95
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	172.24
Enbridge	Morris Shop	265.83
Enbridge	Turnberry Shop	481.66
HuronTel	Internet & Website Hosting	66.56
PBJ Cleaning Depot Inc	Shop Supplies	237.01
Comco Fasteners Inc.	Shop Supplies	272.68
Hurononia	Shop Supplies	135.00
Radar Auto Parts	Shop Supplies	350.80
Centra Door North Co Ltd.	Turnberry Shop Door Repairs	632.80
Leslie Motors	Maintenance & Repair for 22-14 Pickup	258.54
Wroxeter Rigging & Fabrication Ltd.	Repair for 13-03 Grader	1,073.50
Nors Construction Equipment Canada	Repair for 06-04 Grader	6,607.65
White's Wearparts Ltd	Parts for 26-23 Grader	441.29
Cubex Ltd.	Hardtop Patch	1,966.14
Lavis Contracting Co Ltd	Cold Patch	507.20
Assoc of Ont Road Supervisors	Chainsaw Training x2	1,062.20
Minister of Finance	EHT - March 2026	1,182.70
WSIB	WSIB - March 2026	1,910.52

**Payroll**

March 25 2026	Payroll	37,210.76
	Expenses	-

**Roads Total** 55,215.82

**Account Total** 281,017.05

**Approved By Council:**

April 7 2026

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Mayor - Jamie Heffer

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Treasurer- Sean Brophy



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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To: The Warden and Members of Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

From: Sarah Kurtz, Planner

Date: April 1, 2026

**Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application – File Z01-2026**

Legal Description: Plan 432, Park Lot 6, Part Park Lot 7

Municipal Address: 702 Josephine Street North

Owner: Stan and Jane Kikkert for 2860676 ONTARIO INC.

Applicant: Nancy Michie

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### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Zoning By-law Application Z01-2026 be **approved**.

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

This rezoning amends the zoning on the lands at 702 Josephine St N (Plan 432, Park Lot 6, Part Park Lot 7) from the existing VC2 (Village Commercial – Highway Zone) to create two new special VC2 zones.

A corresponding severance application (File No. C37-2024) has been approved to create one new commercial lot with a condition to recognize any resulting zoning deficiencies. The proposed severed land, which is currently vacant, is proposed to be re-zoned to VC2-18 (Village Commercial – Highway – Special Provisions) to permit a minimum lot frontage of 15.15 metres, limit permitted commercial uses and prohibit residential use. The proposed retained land, which contains an existing commercial storage building, is proposed to be re-zoned to VC2-19 (Village Commercial – Highway – Special Provisions) to limit permitted commercial uses and prohibit residential use.

### REVIEW

The subject property is designated “Commercial” on Schedule B in the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan and is zoned VC2 (Village Commercial – Highway) on Key Map “North of Wingham” in the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. Figures 1 and 2 on the following pages contain an air photo and the deposited reference plan of the subject property.

### AGENCY COMMENTS

	Not Received	No Objection	Comments
Municipal Staff		✓	
Neighbours	✓		
Source Water Protection		✓	Section 59 Notice not Required.

Figure 1. 2020 Air Photo of Subject Property.

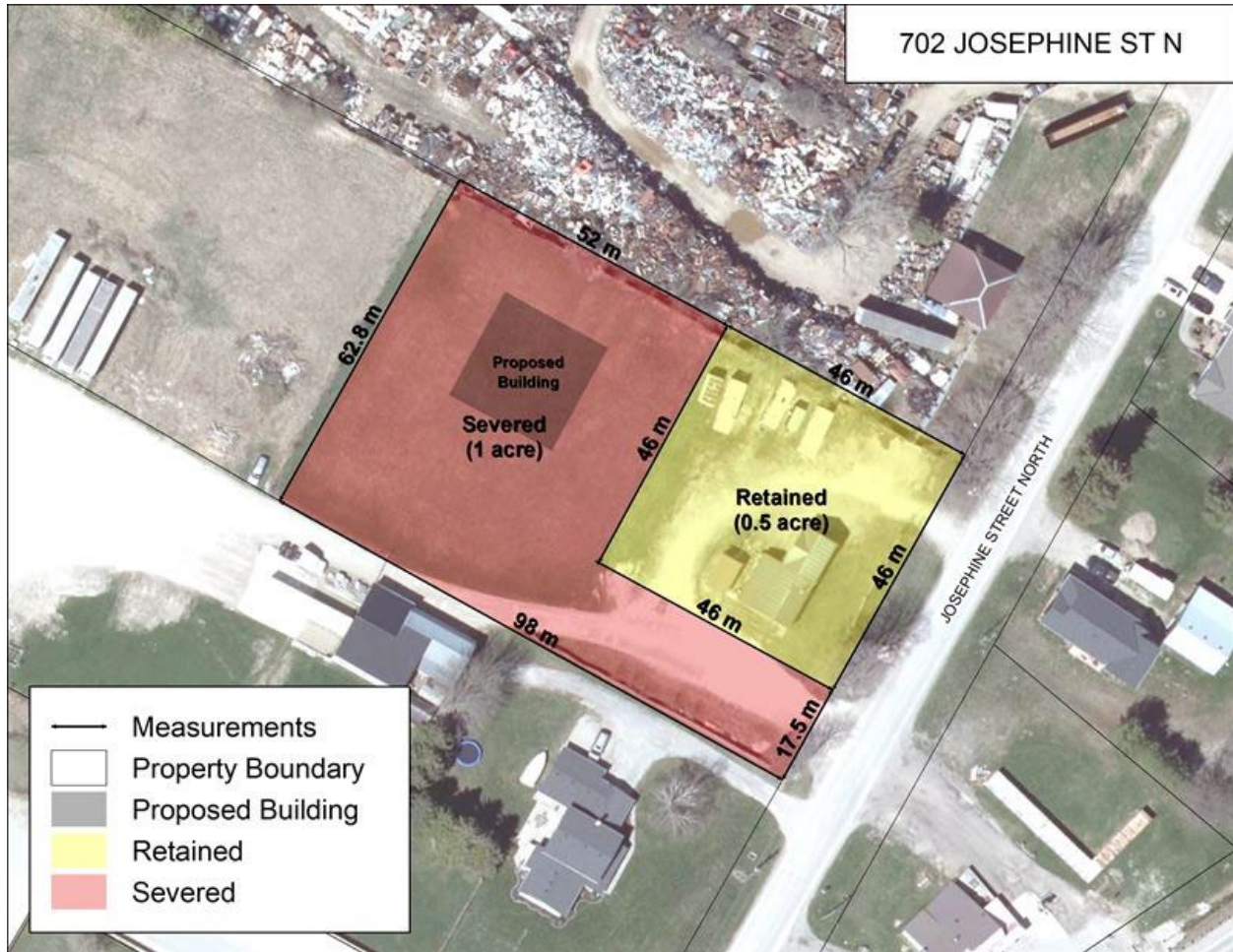
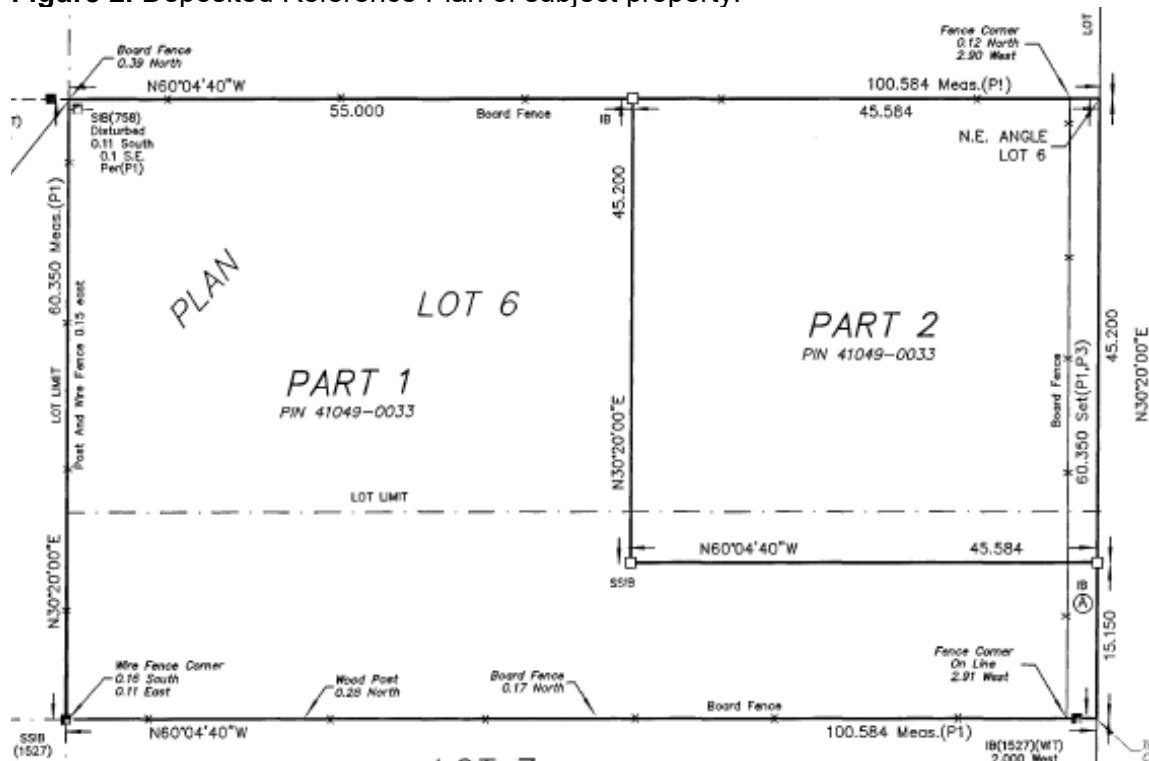


Figure 2. Deposited Reference Plan of subject property.



## **PLANNING COMMENTS**

### **Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS)**

The PPS directs growth and development to settlement areas. The subject lands are located within an urban settlement area, which is further identified as an appropriate location for commercial development. The proposal to permit a limited range of commercial uses on the subject property is consistent with the PPS direction to support diversified economic opportunities and an appropriate mix of land uses within settlement areas.

### **Huron County Official Plan & Morris-Turnberry Official Plan**

Section 4.3.3 of the Huron County Official Plan recognizes the importance of lands that are appropriate for commercial uses in order to ensure an appropriate mix and range of employment opportunities. Section 7.2.6 further notes that towns, villages, and hamlets provide the greatest opportunity for new industrial and commercial employment, and directs such development to these areas, particularly where full municipal water and sewer services are available. While the subject lands are privately serviced, opportunities for commercial development remain, informed by the findings of the completed hydrogeological study.

The Morris-Turnberry Official Plan similarly directs commercial development to hamlets and urban settlement areas and states that commercial uses may be permitted in areas designated Commercial, provided that:

- the use is compatible with the character of the area;
- adequate services are available; and
- site plan control is implemented to regulate the details of development.

The Morris-Turnberry Official Plan further requires that such development meet the standards for lands east and north of Wingham, as set out in Section 6.6.7. These provisions include the requirement that water supply and sewage disposal are subject to the approval by the appropriate authority prior to development. This policy framework provides an effective planning tool to limit and guide the range and intensity of commercial uses permitted within the proposed special zoning, particularly as a hydrogeological study has been completed to confirm nitrate loading thresholds for the subject property.

Collectively, the Official Plan policies, the findings of the hydrogeological study, and the application of site plan control ensure that development of the subject property will occur in an appropriate and well-planned manner within the proposed special zone provisions.

### **Zoning By-law**

The Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law permits a range of uses within the VC2 zone. However, the hydrogeological study prepared in support of the consent application demonstrates that the subject lands are unable to adequately support large-scale commercial uses due to servicing constraints, and as a result, future commercial uses on the subject property will be limited accordingly.

As part of the original consent application, a residential component was proposed on the retained lands. Given the property's history of industrial-type uses, a Record of Site Condition (RSC) was required to permit residential use. The applicant was advised that the preliminary findings of the initiated RSC did not support residential development. Consequently, the proposal has been revised to remove the residential component entirely and a full RSC was not pursued. As a result, residential use will be prohibited on both the severed and retained parcels, and a holding symbol as noted in the previous severance report is no longer required.

The proposed severed parcel will have a lot frontage of 15.15 metres, whereas the Zoning By-law requires a minimum lot frontage of 25 metres in the VC2 Zone. The reduced frontage is

April 1, 2026

considered appropriate, as it allows the existing building to maintain the required side yard setback relative to the proposed lot line and provides sufficient space for access.

**Conclusion**

As this application is consistent with the PPS and conforms with the County and local Official Plans, it is recommended that the application be **approved**.

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

Sincerely,



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Sarah Kurtz  
Planner



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**BY-LAW NO. 17-2026**

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Being a by-law to amend by-law 45-2014 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

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**WHEREAS** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry considers it advisable to amend Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014, as amended, of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry; and

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry **ENACTS** as follows:

1. This by-law shall apply to 702 Josephine Street North, Plan 432, Park Lot 6, Part Park Lot 7, in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and is comprised of Schedules 1-3.
2. By-law 45-2014 is hereby amended on Zoning Key Map – “North of Wingham”, by changing the zone symbol from VC2 (Village Commercial - Highway) to VC2-18 (Village Commercial – Highway – Special Provisions) and VC2-19 Village Commercial – Highway – Special Provisions) as per the zone symbol of the lands identified on the attached Schedule 2 and 3 of this by-law.
3. All other provisions of By-law 45-2014 shall apply.
4. Section 19.8 of By-law 45-2014 is hereby amended by the addition of the following

19.8.18 VC2-18 North of Wingham

Notwithstanding any provisions of this By-law to the contrary, on the lands zoned VC2-18, a minimum lot frontage of 15.15 metres is required;

Notwithstanding any provisions of this By-law to the contrary, on the lands zoned VC2-18, the permitted uses include only:

- Boat, motorcycle, motor home, snowmobile, or travel trailer sales and service establishment
- Bus Depot
- Commercial Storage Warehouse
- Contractors' Yard
- Farm Produce Sales Outlet
- Garden Centre
- Landscaping and Gardening Supply
- Motor Vehicle Sales
- Parking Lot
- Retail Lumber and Building Establishment
- Service and Repair Shop
- Uses accessory to the permitted uses, not including a residential use.

19.8.19 VC2-19 North of Wingham

Notwithstanding any provisions of this By-law to the contrary, on the lands zoned VC2-19, the permitted uses include only:

- Boat, motorcycle, motor home, snowmobile, or travel trailer sales and service establishment
- Bus Depot

- Commercial Storage Warehouse
- Contractors' Yard
- Farm Produce Sales Outlet
- Garden Centre
- Landscaping and Gardening Supply
- Motor Vehicle Sales
- Parking Lot
- Retail Lumber and Building Establishment
- Service and Repair Shop
- Uses accessory to the permitted uses, not including a residential use.

5. This by-law shall come into force pursuant to Section 34(21) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY BY-LAW NO. 17-2026**

By-law No.17-2026 has the following purpose and effect:

1. The purpose of this zoning by-law amendment is to amend the zoning on the lands at Plan 432, Park Lot 6, Part Park Lot 7 (702 Josephine St N) as shown in the attached Schedules from the existing VC2 (Village Commercial – Highway Zone) to create two new special VC2 zones.

A corresponding consent to sever application (File No. C37-2024) has been provisionally approved to create one new commercial lot. As a condition of that severance, a re-zoning to recognize any resulting zoning deficiencies is required. The proposed severed land, which is currently vacant, is proposed to be re-zoned to VC2-18 (Village Commercial – Highway – Special Provisions) to permit a minimum lot frontage of 15.15 metres, limit permitted commercial uses and prohibit residential use. The proposed retained land, which contains an existing commercial storage building, is proposed to be re-zoned to VC2-19 (Village Commercial – Highway – Special Provisions) to limit permitted commercial uses and prohibit residential use.

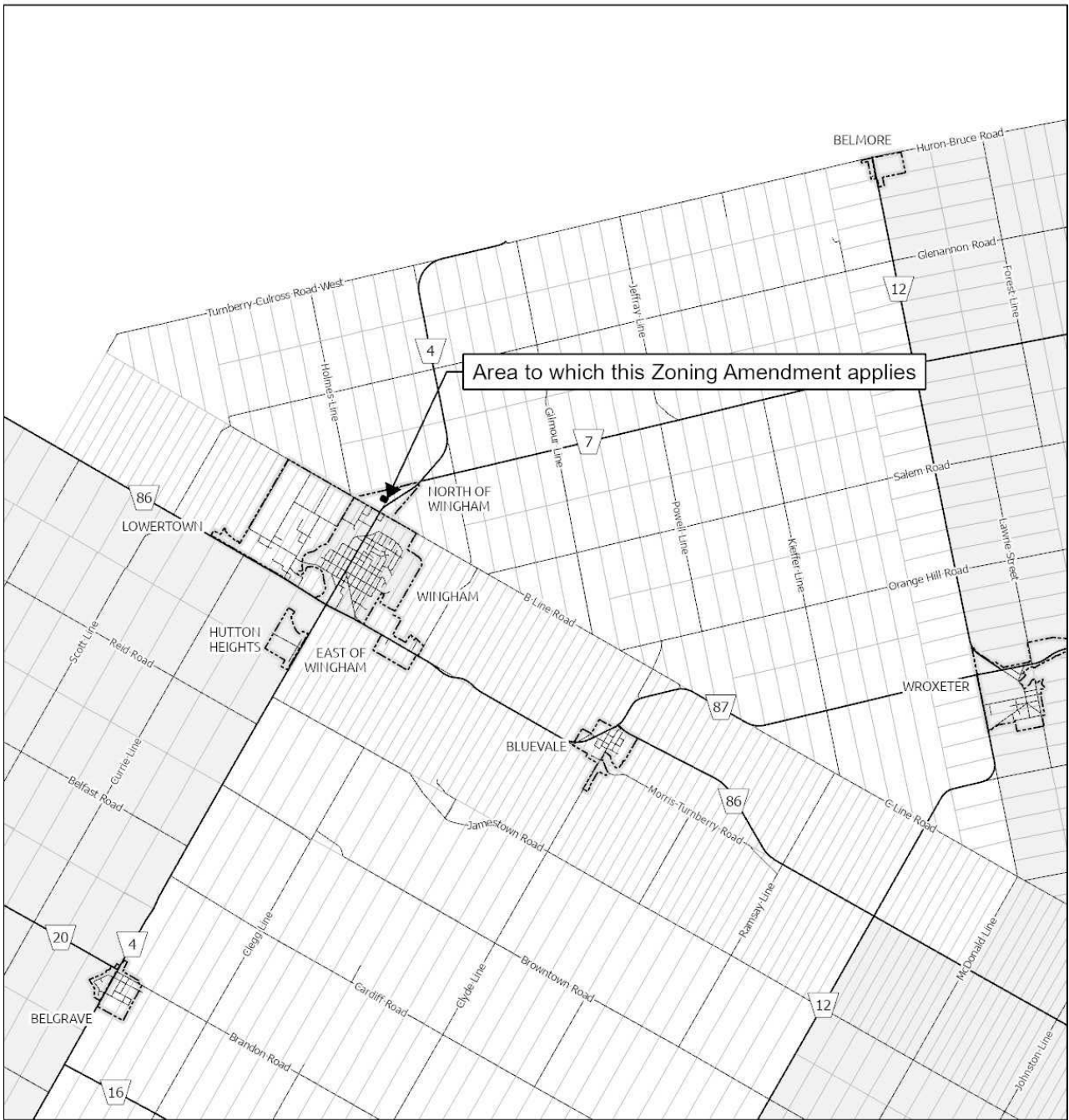
2. This by-law amends the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014. All other zone provisions apply.
3. The location map and key map showing the location to which this by-law applies are found on the following pages.


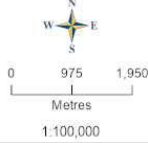








**SCHEDULE 2**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY  
BY-LAW NO. 17-2026**

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
Location Map

Turnberry Ward



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		 Urban Boundary	 Provincial Highway
		 Lots and Concessions	 County Roads
		 Property Boundary	 Municipal Roads

SCHEDULE 3



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY  
BY-LAW NO. 17-2026

Amendments  
1 Amended by By-law 42-2015  
2 Amended by By-law 42-2017  
3 Amended by By-law 15-2017  
4 Amended by By-law 61-2019  
Amended by By-law 48-2022

REVISION DATE February 09, 2026

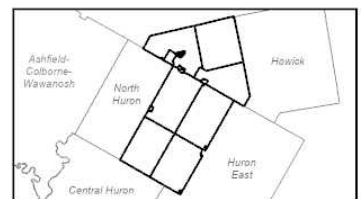
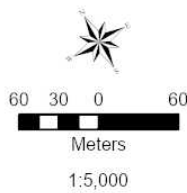
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
Schedule A

Key Map - North of Wingham

-  Zone change from VC2 (Village Commercial - Highway) to VC2-18 (Village Commercial - Highway - Special Provisions)
-  Zone change from VC2 (Village Commercial - Highway) to VC2-19 (Village Commercial - Highway - Special Provisions)



-  Zone - AG1 unless otherwise labeled
-  Zone - NE1 (Full Protection)
-  Zone - NE2 (Limited Protection)
-  Conservation Authority Regulated Lands
-  Former Railway Lands
-  Property Boundary
-  Lot Boundary
-  Water Body
-  River / Stream
- NAME**
-  Roads
-  Open Landfill
-  Closed Landfill
-  Landfill Buffer 500m
-  Floodfringe
-  Unopened Road Allowance
-  Municipal Wellhead Protection Area
-  5yr Time of Travel (Zone A, B, C)
-  Wells





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To: The Warden and members of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Council  
From: Sarah Kurtz, Planner  
Date: April 1, 2026

**Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application – File Z02-2026**

Legal Description: Concession 9 West Part Lot 18 East Part Lot;19,  
Municipal Address: 40560 Howick-Turnberry Road, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
Owner: Pinehorse Farms Ltd (David and Lynne Magee)  
Applicant: Eric and Hazel Vertseeg

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### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Zoning By-law Application Z02-2026 be **approved**.

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

This zoning by-law amendment is to amend the zoning on a portion of the lands at 40560 Howick-Turnberry Road (Concession 9 West Part Lot 18 East Part Lot 19) from the existing AG1 (General Agriculture) zone to create a new special AG4 (Agriculture Small Holding) zone.

A corresponding surplus farm dwelling severance (File No. C71-2025) has been approved with a condition to recognize any resulting zoning deficiencies. The proposed severed land, currently containing a residence, a detached additional residential unit (ARU), a horse barn and multiple run-in sheds, is proposed to be re-zoned to AG4-17 (Agriculture Small Holding – Special Provisions) to recognize the detached ARU as a permitted use.

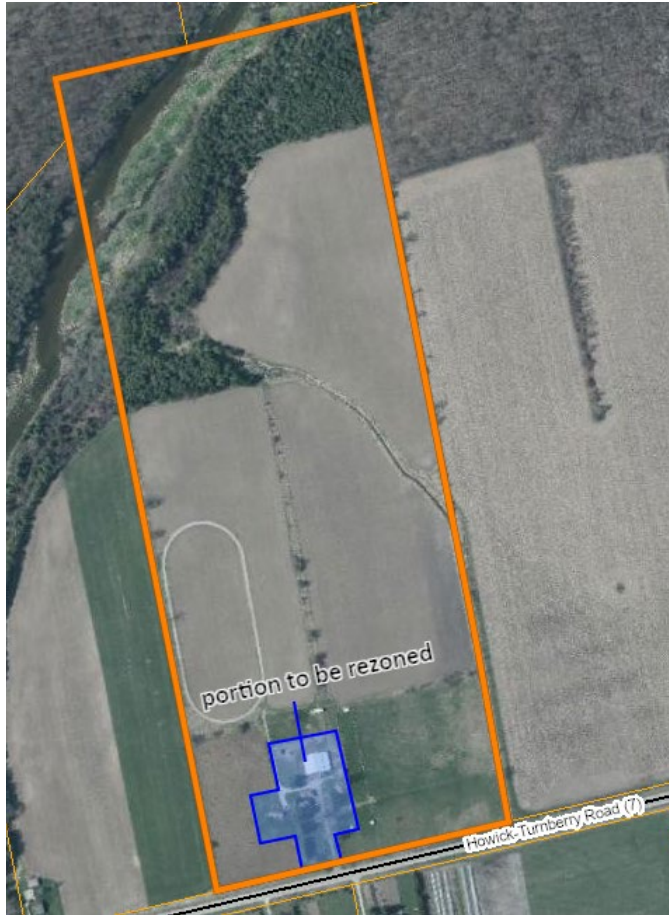
### REVIEW

The land to be re-zoned is designated “Agriculture” on Schedule B in the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan and is zoned AG1 (General Agriculture) on Key Map “Turnberry West” in the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. Figures 1-4 on the following pages contain an air photo and photographs of the subject lands.

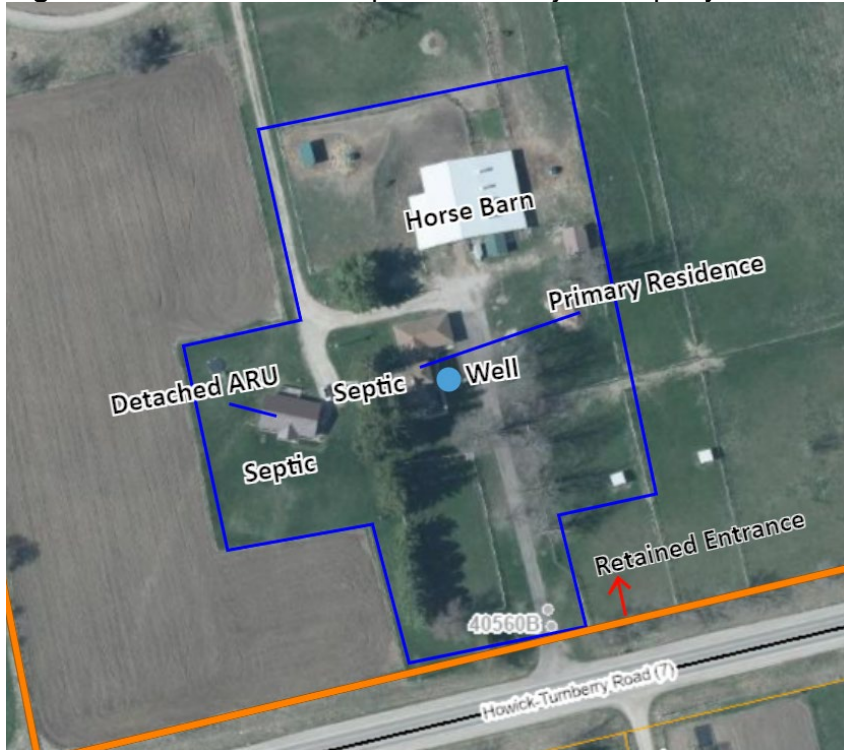
### AGENCY COMMENTS

	Not Received	No Objection	Comments
Neighbours	✓		
Municipal Staff		✓	
County Public Works Staff		✓	
MVCA		✓	
HCFA	✓		

**Figure 1.** 2020 Air Photo of Subject Property outlined in orange with the portion to be rezoned shaded in blue.



**Figure 2.** 2020 Air Photo of portion of Subject Property to be rezoned.



**Figure 3.** Google Maps (2024) site photo showing the horse barn, run in sheds, and the primary residence behind the trees.



**Figure 4.** Google Maps (2024) site photo showing the detached ARU and cropped agricultural land.



## PLANNING COMMENTS

### Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS)

Section 4.3.2.5 of the PPS states that: *Where a residential dwelling is permitted on a lot in a prime agricultural area, up to two additional residential units shall be permitted in accordance with provincial guidance, provided that, where two additional residential units are proposed, at least one of these additional residential units is located within or attached to the principal dwelling, and any additional residential units:*

- a) comply with the minimum distance separation formulae;*
- b) are compatible with, and would not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations;*
- c) have appropriate sewage and water services;*
- d) address any public health and safety concerns;*
- e) are of limited scale and are located within, attached, or in close proximity to the principal dwelling or farm building cluster; and*
- f) minimize land taken out of agricultural production.*

The detached ARU is consistent with the PPS policies of permitting up to two ARUs within the prime agricultural area. The existing detached ARU satisfies the criteria outlined above and will continue to do so under the proposed rezoning.

### Huron County Official Plan & Morris-Turnberry Official Plan

Similar to the PPS, Section 2.3.18 of the Huron County Official Plan states that: *Where residential uses are permitted in the prime agricultural area, up to two (2) Additional Residential Units are permitted subject to policies in Local Official Plans.*

Section 3.3.1 of the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan states that: *On parcels in the agricultural designation which are not engaged in commercial scale farming, a total of one (1) Additional Residential Unit is permitted within the main dwelling or within an accessory building*

April 1, 2026

*which is located in the immediate vicinity of the main dwelling, complies with Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, and utilizes the same access point and laneway. A consent for lot creation will not be permitted for Additional Residential Units.*

The proposal conforms with both the Huron County and Morris-Turnberry Official Plans. The ARU satisfies the applicable criteria, as it is located in the immediate vicinity of the main dwelling (approximately 20 metres), complies with MDS requirements, and utilizes the same laneway.

The corresponding surplus farm dwelling severance included the ARU within the severed parcel and did not permit the creation of a separate lot for the ARU, to conform with the Official Plan policies.

### **Zoning By-law**

The property is currently zoned AG1 in the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. The PPS requires that the construction of a new residence on the farmland parcel created by the surplus farm dwelling severance be prohibited. This is typically addressed through an automatic rezoning to rezone the residential parcel to AG4-1 (Agriculture Small Holding – Special Provisions) and the farmland to prohibit a new residence by being rezoned to AG2-1 (Restricted Agriculture – Special Provisions).

A detached ARU is not a permitted use within the AG4 zone under the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. As such, the standard administrative rezoning does not fully address the existing use and would result in a zoning deficiency. To address this, a condition requiring a site-specific rezoning was included as part of the surplus farm dwelling severance application.

The proposed rezoning is necessary to recognize the existing detached ARU and to bring the property into full compliance with the Zoning By-law. The rezoning resolves a technical non-compliance created through the severance process, without introducing new development or intensification beyond what has already been evaluated through the consent application. The rezoning is consistent with the PPS and conforms to both the Huron County and Morris-Turnberry Official Plans as all permit this use.

### **Conclusion**

As this application is consistent with the PPS and conforms with the County and local Official Plans, it is recommended that the application be **approved**.

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

Sincerely,



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Sarah Kurtz  
Planner



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**BY-LAW NO. 18-2026**

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Being a by-law to amend by-law 45-2014 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

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**WHEREAS** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry considers it advisable to amend Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014, as amended, of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry; and

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry ENACTS as follows:

1. This by-law shall apply to 40560 Howick-Turnberry Road, Concession 9 West Part Lot 18 East Part Lot 19, in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and is comprised of Schedules 1-4.
2. By-law 45-2014 is hereby amended on Zoning Key Map –“Turnberry (West)”, by changing the zone symbol from AG1 (General Agriculture) to AG4-17 (Agriculture Small Holding – Special Provisions) on the attached Schedule 2, 3, and 4 of this by-law.
3. All other provisions of By-law 45-2014 shall apply.
4. Section 7.9 of By-law 45-2014 is hereby amended by the addition of the following  
  
7.9.17 AG4-17  
Notwithstanding any provisions of this By-law to the contrary, on the lands zoned AG4-17, a detached Additional Residential Unit is permitted.
5. This by-law shall come into force pursuant to Section 34(21) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY BY-LAW NO. 18-2026**

By-law No.18-2026 has the following purpose and effect:

1. The purpose of this zoning by-law amendment is to amend the zoning on the lands at Concession 9 West Part Lot 18 East Part Lot 19 (40560 Howick-Turnberry Road) as shown in the attached schedules from the existing AG1 (General Agriculture) Zone to create a new special AG4 zone.

A corresponding consent to sever application (File No. C71-2025) has been provisionally approved to facilitate a surplus farm dwelling severance. As a condition of that severance, a re-zoning to recognize any resulting zoning deficiencies is required. The proposed severed land, currently containing a residence, a detached additional residential unit (ARU), a horse barn and multiple run-in sheds, is proposed to be re-zoned to AG4-17 (Agriculture Small Holding – Special Provisions) to recognize the detached ARU as a permitted use.

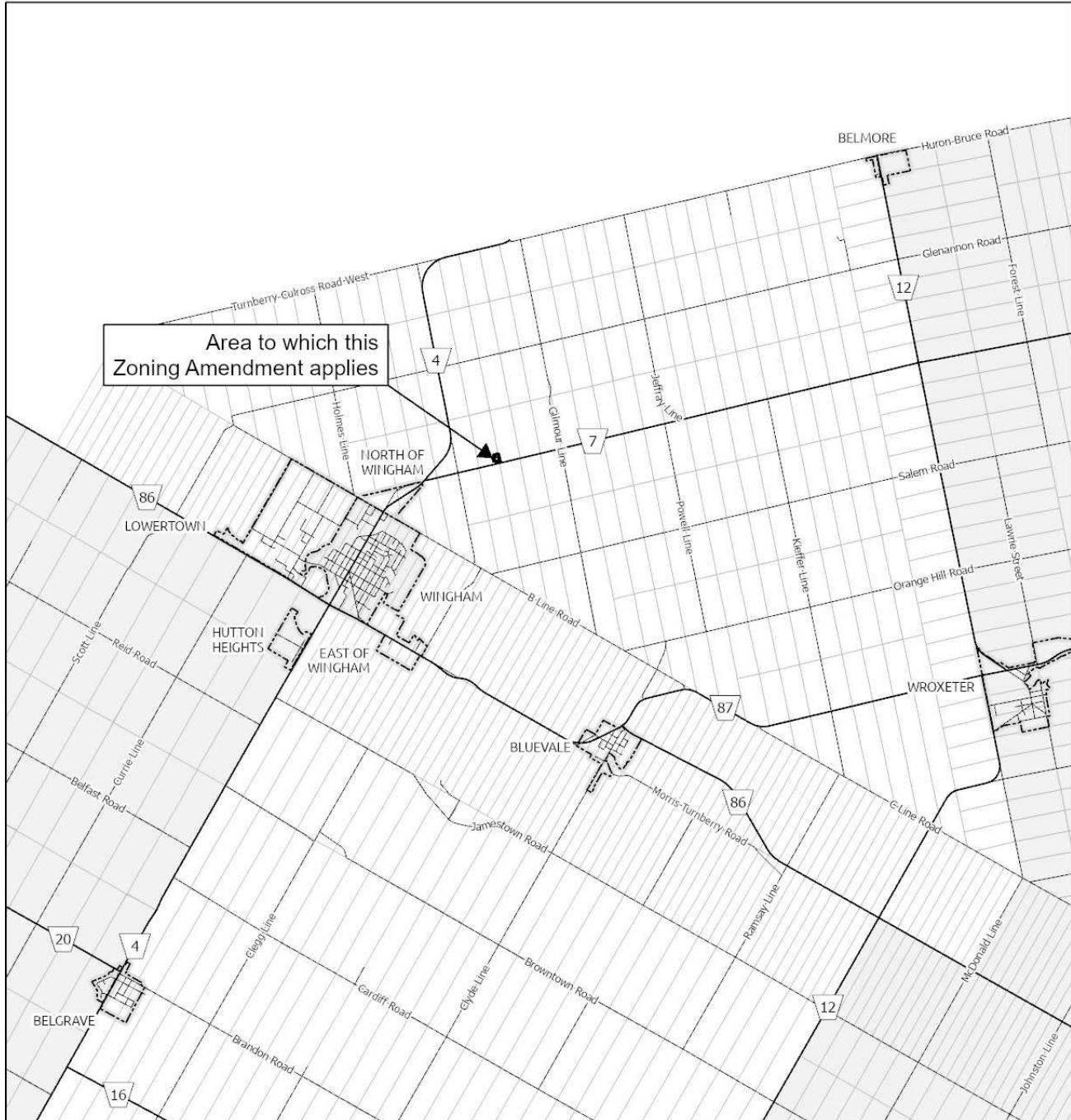
2. This by-law amends the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014. All other zone provisions apply.
3. The location map and key map showing the location to which this by-law applies are found on the following pages.


**SCHEDULE 2**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY  
BY-LAW NO. 18-2026**


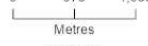








Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
Location Map

Turnberry Ward



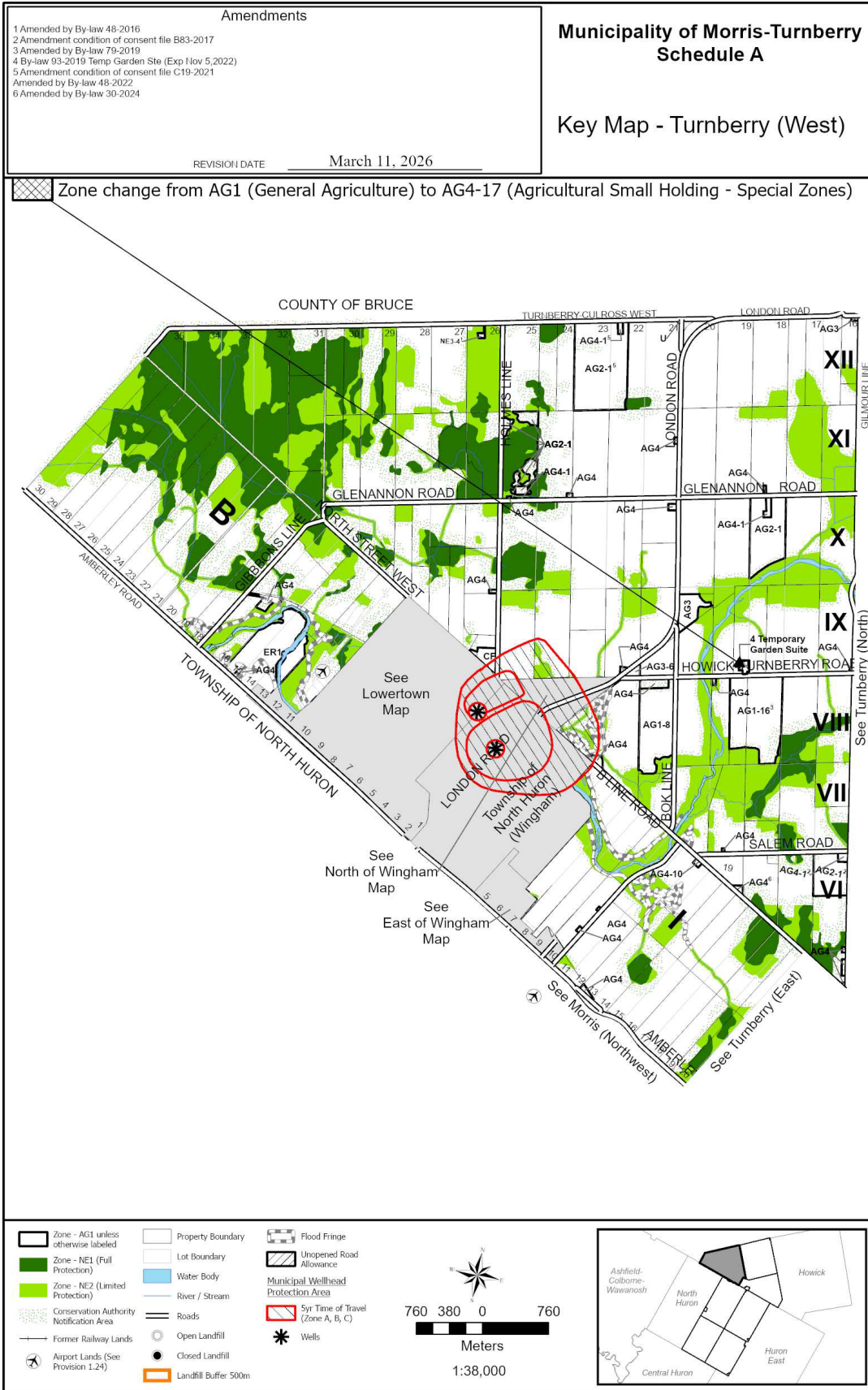
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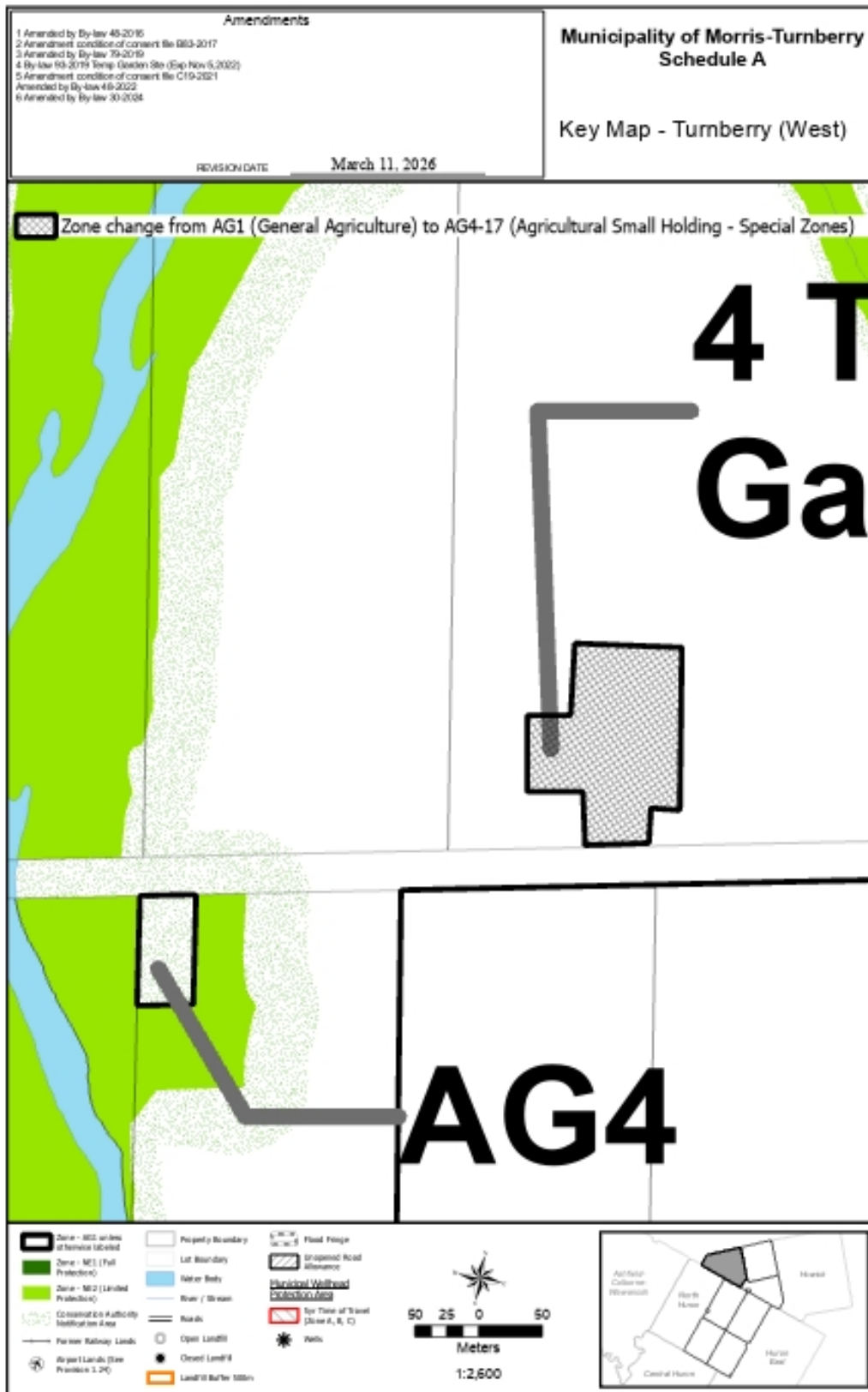
SCHEDULE 3

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
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SCHEDULE 4

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### Consent Application Report – File C14-2026

Owner/Applicant:	<b>Wayne and Linda Hopper</b>	Date:	<b>April 1, 2026</b>
Property Address:	<b>85506 Clegg Line, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry</b>		
Property Description:	<b>Concession 4 N Part Lot 6, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry</b>		

**Recommendation:** That provisional consent be:

- Recommended for approval with the attached conditions
- Recommended for deferral
- Recommended for denial (referred to Huron County Council for a decision)

**Purpose:**

- enlarge abutting lot
- create new lot
- surplus farm dwelling
- right-of-way / easement
- other:

Area Severed: 3 acres +/- (1.21 ha)	Official Plan Designation: Agriculture & Non-Prime Agriculture	Zoning: AG1 (General Agriculture)
Area Retained: 99 acres +/- (40 ha)	Official Plan Designation: Agriculture, Non-Prime Agriculture & Natural Environment	Zoning: AG1 (General Agriculture), NE2 (Natural Environment – Limited Protection)

**Review:** This application as applied for:

- Is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (s. 3(5) Planning Act);
- Does not require a plan of subdivision for the proper and orderly development of the municipality (s. 53(1) Planning Act);
- Conforms with section 51(24) of the Planning Act;
- Conforms to the Huron County Official Plan;
- Conforms to the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan;
- Complies with the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law (or will comply subject to a standard condition of rezoning or minor variance); and
- Has no unresolved objections/concerns raised (to date) from agencies or the public.

(Applications that are unable to meet all of the foregoing criteria will be referred to Huron County Council for a decision)

#### Agency Comments:

	Not Received	No Objections	Comments
Neighbours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Morris-Turnberry Staff		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See recommended conditions.
MVCA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HCFA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

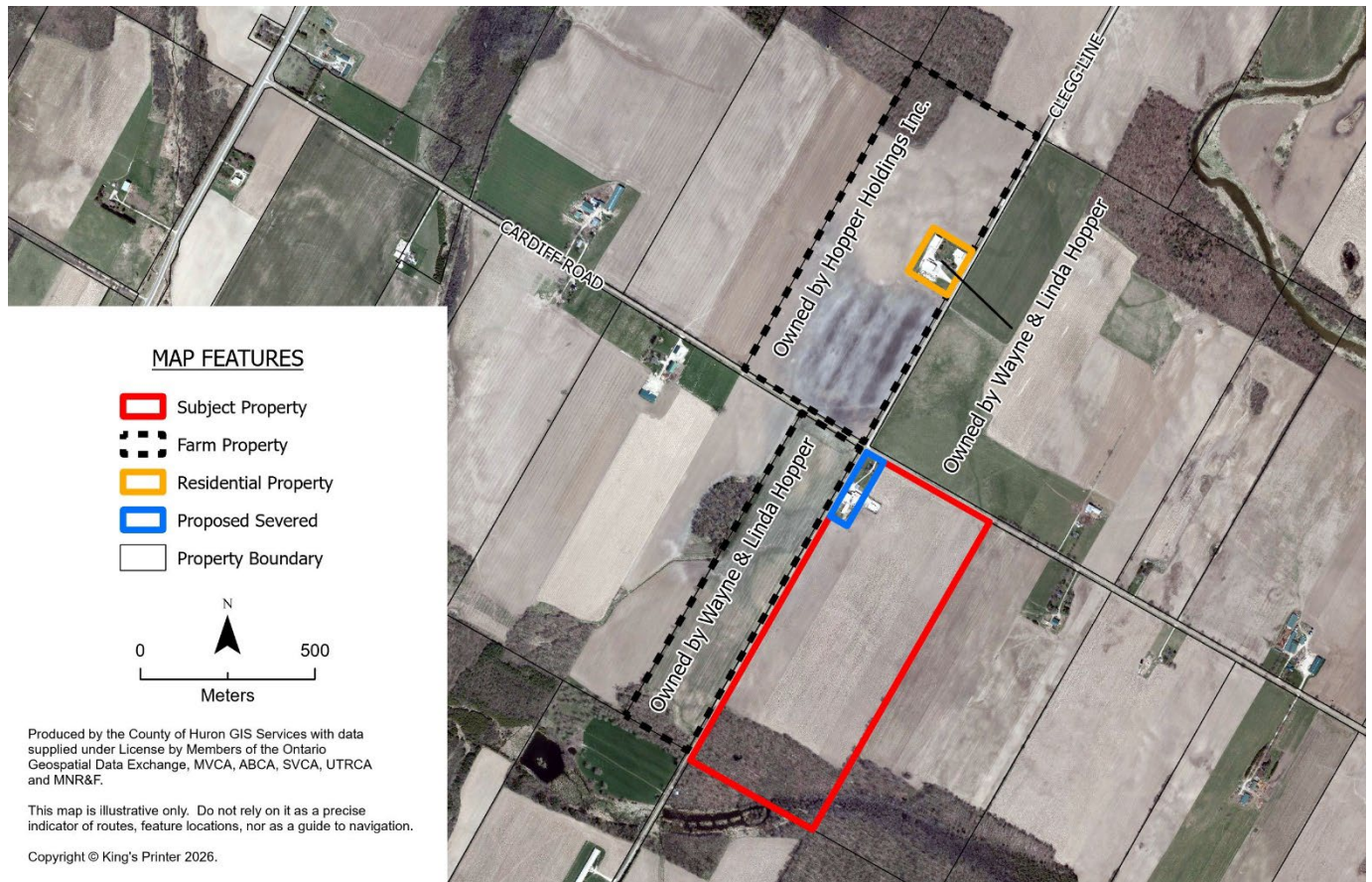
**Figure 1.** Air photo showing the severed parcel (in blue) and retained parcel (in red)



**Figure 2.** Air photo showing the severed parcel in blue



**Figure 3. Ownership Map**



### Planning Comments

- This application proposes to sever a surplus farm dwelling from the remaining farmland. The subject residence is not needed by the farmer, however, the applicant does not meet the requirement of farm consolidation as applied for.
- The proposed severed parcel is approximately 3 acres and contains a residence, sheds, and a bank barn converted for storage. The proposed retained parcel is 99 acres of vacant farmland with some natural environment features.
- The *Provincial Planning Statement, 2024* (PPS) permits the severance of surplus farm dwellings (a house surplus as a result of the acquisition of additional farm parcels to be operated as one farm operation). The PPS requires that the construction of a new residence on the severed farmland created by the severance be prohibited. This is addressed through the automatic rezoning provision to recognize the residential parcel (e.g. AG4-1) and the severed farmlands will be automatically rezoned to prohibit a new residence (e.g. AG2-1).
- The proposed consent is not consistent with the PPS, as it is not the result of farm consolidation (the owner does not own another farm with a house) and so the application fails to meet this fundamental test. The applicant owns farmland in proximity at Concession 4 Part N Lot 5 (no house), an AG4 parcel at 85641 Clegg Line (residential property), and the surrounding farmland to this residential property at 85645 Clegg Line. This ownership is illustrated in Figure 3.
- The Huron County Official Plan (OP) and the Morris-Turnberry OP both permit surplus residence severances subject to a list of criteria dependent on the result of a farm consolidation.
  - Residence: age, habitable, intended as a primary residence.
  - Farmland to be zoned to prohibit residence.

- Size of severed parcel minimized.
- MDS does not apply since there is no barn on the retained farmland.
- No previous residential severances after June 28, 1973, except in Settlement Areas.
- The application meets the remaining criteria in the Morris-Turnberry OP, but does not meet the requirement of farm consolidation, and as result, as applied for, the application does not conform to the Huron County and Morris-Turnberry Official Plans.
- A condition is recommended to merge the residential property at 85641 Clegg Line with the surrounding farmland property to meet the farm consolidation requirement, however the applicant opposes this condition.

### **Agency and Public Comments**

Notice of the consent was circulated to the public, agencies, and Morris-Turnberry staff. The following comments were provided:

- No comments were received from the public.
- No concerns were received from agencies, including Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Huron County Federation of Agriculture.
- The CBO provided comments regarding the septic system's inspection status and location, and a condition has been included to address the comment.
- The Drainage Superintendent submitted comments to require a drainage agreement, as the subject property is assessed into the Hopper Municipal Drain. A condition is included to address this.

### **Conclusion**

As applied for, the application is not consistent with the PPS and does not conform to the Huron County and Morris-Turnberry Official Plans. The application has the opportunity to be consistent with the policies through Condition #8. It is recommended that the Council of Morris-Turnberry recommend approval to the County of Huron subject to the following conditions:

### **Recommended Conditions**

#### **Expiry Period**

1. Conditions imposed must be met within two years of the date of notice of decision, as required by Section 53(41) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended. If conditions are not fulfilled as prescribed within two years, the application shall be deemed to be refused. Provided the conditions are fulfilled within two years, the application is valid for three years from the date of notice of decision.

#### **Municipal Requirements**

2. All municipal requirements, financial or otherwise, be met to the satisfaction of the Municipality (for example: servicing connections, cash-in-lieu of park dedication, property maintenance, compliance with zoning by-law provisions for structures).
3. The sum of \$500 be paid to the Municipality as cash-in-lieu of parkland.
4. Applicant to provide a letter from a licensed contractor advising that the septic tank has been pumped and is functioning properly for the severed parcel of land to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
5. That Section 65(2) of the Drainage Act be assessed to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

#### **Survey/Reference Plan**

6. Provide to the satisfaction of the County and the Municipality:
  - a) a survey showing the lot lines of the severed parcel and the location of any buildings thereon, and
  - b) a reference plan based on the approved survey.

**Zoning**

7. Where a violation of any municipal zoning by-law is evident, the appropriate minor variance or rezoning be obtained to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

**Other**

8. The land at 85641 Clegg Line described as (*MORRIS CON 3 PT LOT 5 AS IN PARTS 1 TO 3 AND 5 of 22R6765*) merge on title with the abutting property to the west to the satisfaction of the County.

**Note**

The applicant is hereby advised that the severed parcel will be automatically rezoned to recognize the residential parcel (e.g. AG4-1) and the retained farmlands will be automatically rezoned to prohibit a new residence (e.g. AG2-1) in the Municipal Zoning By-law.

Sincerely,



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Sarah Kurtz  
Planner

Date of Site Inspection: October 16, 2025

# MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor Heffer and Council

**PREPARED BY:** Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

**DATE:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Property Standards/By-Law Enforcement Report for January, February and March 2026

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

### **COMMENTS**

Belgrave – a complaint was received with respect to a neighbour walking their dog without a muzzle, as it has met the definition of a vicious dog.

Lowertown – a verbal complaint concerning rubbish, debris, vehicles and a truck body possibly being used for human habitation. Written complaint to be submitted prior to enforcement.

Lowertown – a verbal complaint regarding rubbish, debris, several vehicles and household garbage. Written complaint to be submitted prior to enforcement.

London Road – a complaint has been received regarding individuals living in travel trailers, as well as concerns about rubbish, debris, and safety hazards with respect to human health.

### **Outstanding Files and Ongoing Investigations**

Belgrave – I have followed up with the complainant and discussed their concern.

London Road – We are in the process of arranging an inspection of the property with all interested parties that will be required to attend.

Kennel Inspections – All kennel inspections for 2026 have been completed. Invoices and licenses have been sent out to all owners.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Livingston", is written over a horizontal line.

Kirk Livingston  
Chief Building Official

# MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**PREPARED BY:** Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

**DATE:** March 31, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Building Department Activity Report for January, February and March 2026

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Building Department Activity Report for January, February and March 2026, for information purposes.

## BACKGROUND

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

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

## COMMENTS

Permit #	Permit Type	Value of Project	Sq. Feet New Const.	Status
0001 -2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 7,500.00	0	issued
0002 -2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 20,000.00	3040	issued
0003 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 200,000.00	9600	issued
0004 -2026	Demolition	\$ 20,000.00	0	issued
0005 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 216,000.00	7200	issued
0006 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 120,000.00	3456	issued
0007 -2026	Attached Garage	\$ 400,000.00	1953	issued
0008 -2026	Feed Bin	\$ 30,000.00	803	issued
0009 -2026	Silo	\$ 100,000.00	568	issued
0010 -2026	Circular Manure Tank	\$ 1,000,000.00	87304	issued
0011 -2026	Agricultural Livestock Barn	\$ 6,000,000.00	61634	issued
0012 -2026	Detached Garage	\$ 60,000.00	2720	issued
0013 -2026	Agricultural Livestock Barn	\$ 925,000.00	12462	issued
0014 -2026	Residential Addition	\$ 250,000.00	632	issued
0015 -2026	Residential Addition	\$ 15,000.00	135	issued
0016 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 110,000.00	4000	issued

**Total Value of Construction to date:** \$9,473,500.00 with 16 building permits being issued  
(Last year; \$1,169,000.00 with 11 building permits being issued)

**Zoning Certificates issued for this year;** 2 (Last year 6)

Respectfully submitted,



Kirk Livingston  
Chief Building Official



# Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

2026 Budget

Public Budget Meeting

April 7, 2026



# Budget Timeline

The Budget Process Commenced on:

- December 16, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Draft to Council
  - January 27, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Meeting
  - March 17, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting
  - April 7, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Meeting & Public Meeting
- 
- Following Public Meeting, Council may give consideration to a By-Law to adopt the 2026 budget



# 2026 Capital Projects

## Belgrave Water System

- High Lift Pump \$ 10,000
- Computer Upgrades \$ 3,000
- Sludge Tank Repair \$ 10,000
- Pneumatic Valves \$ 4,000
- Funded with Belgrave Water Reserves \$ 27,000

## Morris Landfill

- Site Development for Future Landfill \$ 10,000
- Funded with Morris Landfill Reserves



# 2026 Capital Projects

## Delayed 2025 Road & Paving Projects

- Queen St, McKinnon Dr & Black Line Paving, Bluevale \$115,000

Funded by 2025 CCBF Funds in Reserve & Paving Reserve

## 2026 Road & Paving Projects

• Clyde Line Paving – South of Bluevale to Browntown Rd	\$615,000
Less: 2026 OCIF – Clyde Line Paving	(\$367,632)
Less: 2026 CCBF – Clyde Line Paving	<u>(\$117,573)</u>
Net Cost to Ratepayers	\$ 129,795

CCBF – Canada Community Building Fund (formally known as the Federal Gas Tax Fund)



# 2026 Capital Projects

## Bridge & Culvert Projects

- M100 – Design costs for Bridge Rehab on Martin Line \$ 37,000
  - Funded by Bridge & Culvert Reserve

## Vehicles & Equipment

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| • John Deere Motor Grader                | \$ 702,043         |
| • International Tandem                   | \$ 423,481         |
| • Pickup Truck                           | \$ 65,000          |
| • Emergency Trailers                     | \$ 35,000          |
| Less: 2026 Community Preparedness Grant  | <u>(\$ 32,390)</u> |
| • Funded by Vehicles & Equipment Reserve | \$1,193,134        |



# 2026 Capital Support - Fire

## Brussels Fire

- 2026 PPE, Decontamination Equipment, Radio Equipment,  
Extraction Equipment \$ 24,075

## North Huron Fire

- 2026 NH Capital Reserve Contribution \$ 34,710  
Funded By Fire Reserves \$ 58,785



# 2026 Support - Recreation

- Belgrave Playground Pledge \$ 50,000
  - Funded By Ratepayer Benefit Reserve

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## 2026 North Huron Recreation Support

- NHWCC - Arena \$ 33,247
  - NHWCC - Swimming Pool \$ 44,063
  - Blyth Arena \$ 27,330
- Total Support Provided to NH Recreation \$104,640



# 2026 Reserves - Net Withdrawal of \$59,161

	2025 Closing Balance	2026 Budgeted Contributions	2026 Budgeted Withdrawals	2026 Budgeted Closing Balance
General	1,193,120.22	9,400	(159,300)	1,073,220.22
Health Benefit	11,425.00	-	-	11,425.00
Building Department	107,540.93	5,000	-	112,540.93
Property Standards	6,030.60	-	-	6,030.60
Parks & Cemetery	87,479.12	7,500	-	94,979.12
Belgrave Water System	160,032.22	80,404	(27,000)	213,436.22
Waste Disposal	346,817.54	41,620	(14,000)	374,437.54
Roads Department	2,824,896.56	1,441,775	(1,286,024)	2,980,647.56
CCBF Reserve	104,546.06	-	(104,546)	-
Policing	51,325.37	18,573	-	69,898.37
Fire	526,768.49	64,300	(58,785)	632,283.49
Animal Control	9,195.54	-	(2,700)	6,495.54
Recreation & Grants	105,087.74	38,050	-	143,137.74
Education	74,446.60	-	(48,500)	25,946.60
Physician Recruitment	8,845.00	-	-	8,845.00
Development	836,755.12	-	(206,928)	629,827.12
Streetlights	114,532.41	12,000	-	126,532.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,568,844.52</b>	<b>\$ 1,848,622</b>	<b>\$ (1,907,783)</b>	<b>\$ 6,509,683.52</b>



# Asset Management Funding

	2025 AMP Annual Requirement	2026 Budget Summarized				Total	% of AMP Requirement
		Grants	Taxation		User Fees		
			Direct Expenditure	Taxation to Reserve			
<u>Taxation</u>							
Road Network	699,812	485,205	129,795	-	-	615,000	88%
Bridges & Culverts	1,352,344	-	-	750,000	-	750,000	55%
Stormwater	53,060	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	94%
Equipment & Vehicles	491,413	-	-	500,000	-	500,000	102%
Land & Buildings	110,192	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	23%
<u>User Fees</u>							
Water Network	47,018	-	-	-	75,779	75,779	52%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,853,839</b>	<b>\$ 485,205</b>	<b>\$ 129,795</b>	<b>\$ 1,325,000</b>	<b>\$ 75,779</b>	<b>\$ 2,015,779</b>	<b>71%</b>



# 2026 Municipal Tax Levy

## Municipal Tax Levy

2025

\$5,338,641

2026

\$5,656,096

Increase of

\$ 317,455 or 5.95%



# 2026 Residential Tax Rate

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>		
Municipal	0.00962157	0.01009138	4.88%	Increase
County	0.00541653	0.00556720	2.78%	Increase
Education	<u>0.00153000</u>	<u>0.00153000</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	No Change
Total	0.01656810	0.01656810	3.75%	Increase



# 2026 Taxes on Average Home

2016 Assessment on Average Single-Family Home in MT is \$226,031

2025 Estimated Taxes	\$3,744.90
2026 Estimated Taxes	<u>\$3,885.15</u>
Increase of	\$ 140.25 or 3.75%



Questions & Comments?



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**BY-LAW NO. 19 - 2026**

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Being a by-law to adopt the budget and tax rates for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the year 2026.

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**WHEREAS** Section 290 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, provides that local municipality shall, in the year or the immediately preceding year, prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the County of Huron, under the provisions of Section 308, 311 and 312 of the *Municipal Act, S.O., 2001, c.25* as amended, has established tax ratios and a county tax levy for 2026; and

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Finance, under the provisions of Ontario Regulation 400/98, under the *Education Act*, has prescribed the education tax rates; and

**WHEREAS** Section 326 of the *Municipal Act, S.O., 2001, c.25* as amended, authorizes that a municipality may designate the area of a municipality in which residents and property owners receive or will receive an additional benefit from the special service that is not received or will not be received in other areas of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS** Section 398 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25* as amended, provides that fees and charges imposed by the municipality, upper-tier municipality or local board may be added to the tax roll and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes;

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to levy on the whole rateable property according to the last revised assessment roll of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for General, County and Education purposes of the said Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the current year as set out in the 2026 Budget attached hereto as Schedule 'A';

**NOW THEREFORE**, The Council of the Corporation of Morris-Turnberry hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the revenue and expenditure estimates attached hereto as Schedule 'A' and forming part of this by-law be adopted as the Budget for the year 2026; and
2. That the tax rates as per Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law shall be levied and charged in 2026; and
3. That the streetlight rates as per Schedule 'C' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law shall be levied and charged in 2026; and
4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon passage.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

## Schedule 'A'

<b>Municipality of Morris-Turnberry</b>						
<b>2026 Budget</b>						
					<b>DRAFT</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>						
<b>Taxation:</b>						
Municipal Portion	4,932,597.23	5,338,641	5,338,642.01	1.01	5,656,096	317,455
County	2,903,707.37	3,005,427	3,005,423.41	(3.59)	3,120,349	114,922
Education	1,207,251.57	1,225,370	1,223,623.20	(1,746.80)	1,238,340	12,970
<b>Total Taxation</b>	<b>9,043,556.17</b>	<b>9,569,438</b>	<b>9,567,688.62</b>	<b>(1,749.38)</b>	<b>10,014,785</b>	<b>445,347</b>
<b>Taxation Adjustments:</b>						
Supplementary Tax Billings	149,558.57	90,000	75,892.81	(14,107.19)	75,000	(15,000)
Tax Rebates & W/O	(9,406.24)	(45,000)	(77,716.74)	(32,716.74)	(55,000)	(10,000)
Payments In lieu of tax	42,966.91	43,000	44,332.59	1,332.59	44,500	1,500
Street Lights	25,744.59	24,590	24,526.23	(63.77)	24,310	(280)
<b>Grants:</b>						
Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)	365,900.00	408,600	408,600.00	-	436,600	28,000
Court Security	1,139.00	1,139	1,404.00	265.00	1,139	-
Drain Superintendent Grant	13,246.45	17,760	12,927.00	(4,833.00)	14,750	(3,010)
Canada Community Building Fund	114,597.34	117,573	117,572.95	(0.05)	117,573	-
OCIF - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	307,160.00	353,234	353,234.00	-	367,632	14,398
Waste Grants	15,704.07	-	477.90	477.90	-	-
Enabling Accessibility Fund (Hall Door)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Early Investment in Education & Skills (NWMO)	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Community Emergency Preparedness Grant	-	-	-	-	32,390	32,390
Pothole Prevention & Repair Program	-	-	-	-	38,000	38,000
<b>Interest:</b>	<b>356,462.71</b>	<b>313,296</b>	<b>292,524.10</b>	<b>(20,771.90)</b>	<b>258,253</b>	<b>(55,043)</b>
<b>HST Recovered &amp; Collected on Sales</b>	<b>499,251.07</b>	<b>425,000</b>	<b>403,227.82</b>	<b>(21,772.18)</b>	<b>425,000</b>	<b>-</b>

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Municipal Drains:</b>						
Drain Maintenance Recoveries	167,899.99	240,000	297,295.14	57,295.14	240,000	-
Capital Projects Recoveries	637,218.49	700,000	673,250.34	(26,749.66)	700,000	-
<b>Building Department:</b>						
	145,466.70	158,000	207,206.12	49,206.12	198,744	40,744
<b>Property Standards:</b>						
	2,904.00	2,500	1,137.60	(1,362.40)	2,500	-
<b>Belgrave Water System:</b>						
Water User Fees	197,585.61	211,535	211,864.93	329.93	214,179	2,644
New User Connection Fees	200.00	500	100.00	(400.00)	200	(300)
New User Capital Payments	6,974.56	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Waste Disposal:</b>						
					-	
Morris Landfill Revenues	216,291.63	259,180	255,902.10	(3,277.90)	243,544	(15,636)
Curbside Pickup Program	178,472.50	160,760	158,778.75	(1,981.25)	159,000	(1,760)
Pit Property Revenues	98,480.39	2,000	4,080.00	2,080.00	7,800	5,800
<b>Roads:</b>						
Roads	9,283.24	10,000	6,247.27	(3,752.73)	10,000	-
Allocations to Landfill & BWS, (Packer, Pickup & Wa	84,500.00	90,000	90,000.00	-	90,000	-
Road Machinery Credit	308,940.00	308,000	394,530.00	86,530.00	330,000	22,000
Sale of Equipment	5,000.00	34,300	100,100.00	65,800.00	10,000	(24,300)
<b>Animal Control:</b>						
	20,118.12	21,500	23,008.66	1,508.66	15,500	(6,000)
<b>Cross Border Utilities:</b>						
	123,818.68	131,900	146,057.92	14,157.92	132,260	360
<b>Belgrave Development</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Reserve:</b>						
General Reserve - 5yr Ratepayer Benefit	58,800.00	58,800	58,800.00	-	58,800	-
5yr Ratepayer Benefit - Playground Support	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
General Reserve - Administration	-	6,000	-	(6,000.00)	45,500	39,500
Development Reserve	5,128.70	-	-	-	-	-
Cannabis Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Safe Start Funds	3,873.82	5,000	4,304.84	(695.16)	5,000	-
Fire Reserve	377,754.60	146,464	166,716.80	20,252.80	58,785	(87,679)
Police Reserve	13,578.00	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Control Reserve	-	7,500	-	(7,500.00)	2,700	(4,800)
Building Department Reserve	43,477.01	31,523	-	(31,523.00)	-	(31,523)
Belgrave Water Reserve	37,154.77	210,000	221,227.05	11,227.05	27,000	(183,000)
Waste Disposal Reserve	8,789.52	20,000	-	(20,000.00)	14,000	(6,000)
Roads Surplus - Pit Acquisition	360,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Roads AM - Pit Acquisition	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Roads Dept Reserve	-	35,000	-	(35,000.00)	-	(35,000)
Roads Dept - Paving	-	-	-	-	10,500	10,500
Roads Dept - Roads Reserve	255,142.40	315,000	274,288.24	(40,711.76)	1,225,524	910,524
Roads Dept - Bridge & Culvert Reserve	-	475,000	374,057.78	(100,942.22)	37,000	(438,000)
Roads Dept - Asset Management	19,481.34	-	-	-	13,000	13,000
Landfill - Packer Purchase	100,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)	-	-	-	-	104,546	104,546
Grants - Early Investments in Education (NWMO)	750.00	48,500	-	(48,500.00)	48,500	-
Leland & Thora Vance Fund - WGCC Upgrades	117,375.00	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation Reserve	59,100.00	143,220	66,993.05	(76,226.95)	-	(143,220)
Belgrave Development Reserve	72,918.28	206,929	64,929.00	(142,000.00)	206,928	(1)
Streetlights Reserve	-	3,000	4,082.72	1,082.72	-	(3,000)
Current Year Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Other Income:</b>						
Zoning Revenue	2,108.00	7,000	4,080.00	(2,920.00)	7,000	-
Tax Certificates	3,735.00	4,000	4,130.00	130.00	4,000	-
Misc. Licences	4,500.00	3,000	5,850.00	2,850.00	3,000	-
Statement Fees & Mortgage Company Fee	6,598.00	6,600	6,089.00	(511.00)	6,600	-
Planning Revenue	10,364.79	10,000	17,831.12	7,831.12	10,000	-
Planning Revenue - Lane Closure Revenue	-	-	61,646.00	61,646.00	-	-
Planning Revenue - Green St Sale	-	-	13,250.00	13,250.00	-	-
Planning Revenue - Willis Agreement	21,981.17	22,000	23,082.15	1,082.15	23,000	1,000
Gravel Royalties	28,127.63	24,000	32,649.61	8,649.61	28,000	4,000
In lieu of Parkland	4,300.00	5,000	1,500.00	(3,500.00)	5,000	-
Site Plan Enforcement	107,822.09	-	1,760.45	1,760.45	-	-
Bluevale Hall - Rentals Collected for BCC	3,850.00	3,500	3,680.00	180.00	4,000	500
Bluevale Hall - BCC Support for Roof	-	-	15,824.00	15,824.00	-	-
History Book Sales	142.88	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Revenue	9,541.30	9,200	9,330.00	130.00	9,200	-
WSIB Surplus Rebate	-	-	47,049.25	47,049.25	-	-
H&S Excellence Program	11,000.00	6,000	7,000.00	1,000.00	11,000	5,000
Service Line Warranty Royalty	28.31	28	29.32	1.32	30	2
Fire Call Recovery	1,577.49	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Marque Recoveries	661.00	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Levy Rebate - Prior Year	-	-	43,500.00	43,500.00	-	-
Policing Credits	3,682.64	-	3,307.37	3,307.37	-	-
Bluevale Homecoming Loan Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brussels Sewer Capital on Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
BWS Capital on Taxes & Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 15,107,378.29</b>	<b>15,461,069</b>	<b>\$ 15,331,237.86</b>	<b>\$ (129,831.14)</b>	<b>16,167,272</b>	<b>706,203</b>

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	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
<b>General Government:</b>	72,603.09	88,500	66,170.98	(22,329.02)	85,000	(3,500)
<b>Admin - Staff Expenses:</b>						
Staff Wages, Benefits & Expenses	459,439.73	475,204	466,559.30	(8,644.70)	482,157	6,953
<b>Administration Expenses:</b>						
Office, Utilities, Legal, Insurance, Misc. Exp...	167,372.80	195,856	169,850.88	(26,005.12)	212,295	16,439
<b>Taxation:</b>						
Collection Costs, Vacancy Refunds, Write Offs	2,243.98	7,602	2,843.94	(4,758.06)	7,602	-
<b>Planning &amp; Development</b>						
Planning, Economic & Development Exp.	144,661.60	55,700	46,556.55	(9,143.45)	55,200	(500)
<b>Conservation:</b>						
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority	105,407.00	112,962	112,962.00	-	123,840	10,878
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority	4,359.00	5,201	5,200.00	(1.00)	5,441	240
SVCA - Water Quality Program	191.00	207	207.00	-	212	5
Source Water Protection	6,682.75	6,700	6,682.75	(17.25)	6,700	-
<b>Emergency Services:</b>	12,801.57	15,500	14,128.85	(1,371.15)	15,500	-
<b>Recoverable HST Paid on Purchases:</b>	499,251.07	425,000	403,227.82	(21,772.18)	425,000	-
<b>Interest &amp; Service Charges</b>	36,582.96	36,090	36,351.22	261.22	34,953	(1,137)
<b>Police Services</b>	487,517.96	474,511	473,721.74	(789.26)	526,443	51,932
<b>Fire Budget:</b>	765,722.09	607,831	618,154.53	10,323.53	586,345	(21,486)
<b>Animal Control</b>	16,214.61	29,900	22,316.63	(7,583.37)	18,200	(11,700)
<b>Cross Border Utilities:</b>	123,818.68	131,900	146,057.92	14,157.92	132,260	360

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	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Grants:</b>	136,210.00	67,610	6,502.72	(61,107.28)	66,211	(1,399)
<b>Recreation:</b>						
Program Support	94,381.00	89,803	89,803.00	-	112,922	23,119
Commitments	164,315.32	264,836	151,115.02	(113,720.98)	155,469	(109,367)
Bluevale Hall - Expenses	1,056.61	1,850	49,177.02	47,327.02	1,950	100
Bluevale Hall - Rentals Pd to BCC	3,850.00	3,500	3,680.00	180.00	4,000	500
<b>Belgrave Development:</b>						
Carrying Costs, Consultant, Eng. & Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing (Rds., Hydro, Water)	7,987.84	142,000	-	(142,000.00)	142,000	-
Loan Payments	64,930.44	64,929	64,929.00	-	64,928	(1)
<b>Street Lights</b>	14,123.91	17,590	17,817.68	227.68	15,310	(2,280)
<b>Municipal Drainage:</b>						
Drain Superintendent & Expenses	64,660.62	76,205	70,042.28	(6,162.72)	71,850	(4,355)
Maintenance Projects	167,899.99	240,000	297,295.14	57,295.14	240,000	-
Capital Drain Projects	637,218.49	700,000	673,250.34	(26,749.66)	700,000	-
<b>Building Department:</b>	197,538.08	219,422	211,087.18	(8,334.82)	220,719	1,297
<b>Property Standards:</b>	19,355.53	22,800	15,407.00	(7,393.00)	19,800	(3,000)
<b>Park &amp; Cemetery Maintenance:</b>	12,032.59	13,750	13,877.13	127.13	14,250	500
<b>Belgrave Water System</b>	166,805.38	347,600	358,756.98	11,156.98	165,600	(182,000)
<b>Waste Disposal:</b>	1,106,892.86	467,830	420,785.80	(47,044.20)	451,280	(16,550)
<b>Roads</b>	3,733,843.84	4,117,000	3,889,262.09	(227,737.91)	4,796,524	679,524

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					<b>DRAFT</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Reserve Contributions:</b>						
Building Dept Reserves	10,000.00	10,000	36,017.94	26,017.94	5,000	(5,000)
Drainage Department Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Standards	-	-	6,030.60	6,030.60	-	-
Morris Landfill Reserves	68,061.71	42,040	63,938.44	21,898.44	40,750	(1,290)
Curbside Reserve	11,835.61	4,080	2,244.31	(1,835.69)	870	(3,210)
Turnberry Landfill Reserve	-	-	4,050.00	4,050.00	-	-
General Reserve	25,000.00	25,000	25,000.00	-	25,000	-
Staffing Reserve	100,000.00	10,000	10,000.00	-	10,000	-
Health & Safety Reserve	4,400.00	400	400.00	-	4,400	4,000
Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)	-	-	104,546.06	104,546.06	-	-
Roads Reserves	787,626.11	1,207,650	1,301,375.85	93,725.85	1,441,775	234,125
Streetlights Reserve	16,328.41	13,750	14,243.00	493.00	12,000	(1,750)
Policing Reserve	12,880.68	16,428	20,789.63	4,361.63	18,573	2,145
Animal Control Reserve	7,603.51	-	1,592.03	1,592.03	-	-
Parks Reserve	8,400.79	7,500	3,887.87	(3,612.13)	7,500	-
Belgrave Water Reserves	88,563.74	82,535	81,698.40	(836.60)	80,404	(2,131)
Belgrave Development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Reserve	141,923.50	263,400	317,661.54	54,261.54	164,300	(99,100)
Early Investments in Education (NWMO)	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Cemetery	-	-	12,612.28	12,612.28	-	-
Leland & Thora Vance Fund - WGCC Upgrades	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation Reserve	27,184.37	22,100	29,890.15	7,790.15	38,050	15,950
Annual Surplus to Reserve	163,638.53	-	142,432.66	142,432.66	-	-
<b>Levies:</b>						
County of Huron	2,903,707.37	3,005,427	3,005,423.41	(3.59)	3,120,349	114,922
Education	1,207,251.57	1,225,370	1,223,623.20	(1,746.80)	1,238,340	12,970
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,107,378.29</b>	<b>15,461,069</b>	<b>15,331,237.86</b>	<b>(129,831.14)</b>	<b>16,167,272</b>	<b>706,203</b>
Total Expenses	15,107,378.29	15,461,069	15,331,237.86	(129,831.14)	16,167,272	706,203
Total Revenue	15,107,378.29	15,461,069	15,331,237.86	(129,831.14)	16,167,272	706,203
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Balanced	Balanced	Balanced		Balanced	

**Schedule 'B'**

**Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
2026 Tax Rates & Levy**

RTC	Description	Assessment	Municipal Rate	Municipal Levy	County Rate	County Levy	Education Rate	Education Levy	Total Rate	Total Levy
RT	Residential, Occupied	305,624,562	0.01009138	3,084,174	0.00556720	1,701,473	0.00153000	467,606	<b>0.01718858</b>	5,253,252
R1	Residential, Farm Awaiting Development	188,000	0.00252285	474	0.00139180	262	0.00038250	72	<b>0.00429715</b>	808
FT	Farmland	773,552,538	0.00252285	1,951,557	0.00139180	1,076,630	0.00038250	295,884	<b>0.00429715</b>	3,324,071
TT	Managed Forest	6,356,500	0.00252285	16,036	0.00139180	8,847	0.00038250	2,431	<b>0.00429715</b>	27,315
CT	Commercial, Occupied	35,840,100	0.01110052	397,844	0.00612392	219,482	0.00880000	315,393	<b>0.02602444</b>	932,719
C7	Commercial, Small Scale on Farm Business	46,900	0.00277513	130	0.00153098	72	0.00220000	103	<b>0.00650611</b>	305
CU	Commercial, Excess Land	64,900	0.01110052	720	0.00612392	397	0.00880000	571	<b>0.02602444</b>	1,689
CX	Commercial, Vacant Land	483,500	0.01110052	5,367	0.00612392	2,961	0.00880000	4,255	<b>0.02602444</b>	12,583
IT	Industrial, Occupied	10,991,600	0.01110052	122,012	0.00612392	67,312	0.00880000	96,726	<b>0.02602444</b>	286,050
IH	Industrial, Occupied, Shared PIL	174,900	0.01110052	1,941	0.00612392	1,071	0.00980000	1,714	<b>0.02702444</b>	4,727
IU	Industrial, Excess Land	261,600	0.01110052	2,904	0.00612392	1,602	0.00880000	2,302	<b>0.02602444</b>	6,808
IX	Industrial, Vacant Land	432,500	0.01110052	4,801	0.00612392	2,649	0.00880000	3,806	<b>0.02602444</b>	11,256
IJ	Industrial, Vacant Land, Shared PIL	3,400	0.01110052	38	0.00612392	21	0.00980000	33	<b>0.02702444</b>	92
LT	Industrial, Large Industrial	3,663,900	0.01110052	40,671	0.00612392	22,437	0.00880000	32,242	<b>0.02602444</b>	95,351
VT	Aggregate Extraction	1,143,500	0.00903256	10,329	0.00498307	5,698	0.00511000	5,843	<b>0.01912563</b>	21,870
PT	Pipeline	2,421,000	0.00706397	17,102	0.00389704	9,435	0.00458716	11,106	<b>0.01554817</b>	37,642
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,141,249,400</b>		<b>5,656,101</b>		<b>3,120,349</b>		<b>1,240,087</b>		<b>10,016,537</b>

**Payment in Lieu (PIL)**

RTC	Description	Assessment	Municipal Rate	Municipal Levy	County Rate	County Levy	Education Rate	Education Levy	Total Rate	Total Levy
RF	Residential, Occupied PIL	512,000	0.01009138	5,167	0.00000000	-	0.00000000	-	<b>0.01009138</b>	5,167
CF	Commercial, Occupied PIL	625,800	0.01110052	6,947	0.00612392	3,832	0.00980000	6,133	<b>0.02702444</b>	16,912
CZ	Commercial, Vacant Land PIL	104,000	0.01110052	1,154	0.00612392	637	0.00000000	-	<b>0.01722444</b>	1,791
HF	Landfill PIL	212,100	0.01110052	2,354	0.00612392	1,299	0.00677916	1,438	<b>0.02400360</b>	5,091
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,453,900</b>		<b>15,622</b>		<b>5,768</b>		<b>7,571</b>		<b>28,961</b>

E	Exempt	36,000,300	0.00000000	-	0.00000000	-	0.00000000	-	<b>0.00000000</b>	-
<b>Total Assessment</b>		<b>1,178,703,600</b>								

	Acers	\$/Acres	Municipal Levy
<b>Utility &amp; Transmission Corridors</b>	370.32	\$ 54.33	20,119

**Schedule 'C'**

**Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
2026 Streetlight Rate & Levy**

<b>RTC</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Municipal Rate</b>	<b>Municipal Levy</b>
RT	Residential, Occupied	99,637,300	0.00018865	18,797
R1	Residential, Farm Awaiting Development	-	0.00004716	-
FT	Farmland	1,498,800	0.00004716	71
TT	Managed Forest	46,900	0.00004716	2
CT	Commercial, Occupied	12,274,500	0.00020752	2,547
C7	Commercial, Small Scale on Farm Business	-	0.00005188	-
CU	Commercial, Excess Land	16,600	0.00020752	3
CX	Commercial, Vacant Land	34,500	0.00020752	7
IT	Industrial, Occupied	7,029,600	0.00020752	1,459
IH	Industrial, Occupied, Shared PIL	-	0.00020752	-
IU	Industrial, Excess Land	118,300	0.00020752	25
IX	Industrial, Vacant Land	432,500	0.00020752	90
IJ	Industrial, Vacant Land, Shared PIL	-	0.00020752	-
LT	Industrial, Large Industrial	-	0.00020752	-
<b>Total Taxable</b>		<b>121,089,000</b>		<b>23,000</b>

**Municipality of Morris-Turnberry  
2026 Brussels Properties Streetlight Rate & Levy**

<b>RTC</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Municipal Rate</b>	<b>Municipal Levy</b>
RT	Residential, Occupied	3,668,000	0.00018859	692
R1	Residential, Farm Awaiting Development	-	0.00004715	-
FT	Farmland	-	0.00004715	-
TT	Managed Forest	-	0.00004715	-
CT	Commercial, Occupied	88,000	0.00020745	18
C7	Commercial, Small Scale on Farm Business	-	0.00005186	-
CU	Commercial, Excess Land	-	0.00020745	-
CX	Commercial, Vacant Land	-	0.00020745	-
IT	Industrial, Occupied	-	0.00020745	-
IH	Industrial, Occupied, Shared PIL	-	0.00020745	-
IU	Industrial, Excess Land	-	0.00020745	-
IX	Industrial, Vacant Land	-	0.00020745	-
IJ	Industrial, Vacant Land, Shared PIL	-	0.00020745	-
LT	Industrial, Large Industrial	-	0.00020745	-
<b>Total Taxable</b>		<b>3,756,000</b>		<b>710</b>



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**BY-LAW NO. 20 - 2026**

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Being a by-law to confirm the year-end 2025 reserves and establish reserves and reserve funds for the year 2026.

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**WHEREAS** Section 290(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, (S.O. 2001 c. 25) provides that a local municipality shall prepare and adopt a budget and Section (4) (g) states that in preparing the budget for a year, the local municipality may provide for such reserves as the municipality considers necessary;

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

1. **Total Reserves:** that the Schedule 'A' as attached, is a complete listing of the reserves and reserve funds for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, for the year 2026
2. **Excess Funds:** that any excess or deficiency of revenue over expenditure at the year end for the year 2026, be transferred to/from the applicable reserves:
  1. General Reserves
  2. Investments Reserve
  3. Health Benefit Reserve
  4. Drainage Department Reserve
  5. Building Department Reserve
  6. Property Standards Reserve
  7. Cemetery Reserve
  8. Parks Reserve
  9. Belgrave Water System Reserves
  10. Landfill Reserves
  11. Roads Reserves
  12. Canada Community Building Fund Reserve
  13. Policing Reserve
  14. Fire Reserve
  15. Animal Control Reserve
  16. Grants Reserve
  17. Education Reserve
  18. Physician Recruitment Reserve
  19. Recreation Reserve
  20. Development Reserves
  21. Streetlight Reserve
3. This by-law comes into force on the final passing thereof and supersedes By-Law #18-2025.
4. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

## Schedule 'A'

### Municipality of Morris Turnberry Reserves

	2025 Opening Balance	2025 Contributions	2025 Withdrawals	2025 Closing Balance	2026 Budgeted Contributions	2026 Budgeted Withdrawals	2026 Budgeted Closing Balance
<b>General Reserves</b>							
General Reserve	463,035.46	167,432.66	-	630,468.12	25,000	(45,500)	609,968.12
Ratepayer Benefit	176,400.00	-	(58,800.00)	117,600.00	-	(108,800)	8,800.00
LT Staffing Reserve	100,000.00	10,000.00	-	110,000.00	10,000	-	120,000.00
Health & Safety Reserve	8,400.00	400.00	-	8,800.00	4,400	-	13,200.00
Cannabis Funds	18,579.00	-	-	18,579.00	-	-	18,579.00
COVID - Safe Start Funds	61,977.94	-	(4,304.84)	57,673.10	-	(5,000)	52,673.10
<b>Investments:</b>	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
<b>Health Benefit:</b>	11,425.00	-	-	11,425.00	-	-	11,425.00
<b>Drainage Department:</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Building Department:</b>							
Accumulated Surplus	31,522.99	26,017.94	-	57,540.93	-	-	57,540.93
Vehicle Replacement	40,000.00	10,000.00	-	50,000.00	5,000	-	55,000.00
<b>Property Standards:</b>	-	6,030.60	-	6,030.60	-	-	6,030.60
<b>Cemetery:</b>	27,199.54	12,612.28	-	39,811.82	-	-	39,811.82
<b>Parks:</b>							
Parks Reserve	12,400.79	3,887.87	-	16,288.66	7,500	-	23,788.66
Belgrave Kinsmen Park	26,336.64	-	-	26,336.64	-	-	26,336.64
Patton Park	5,042.00	-	-	5,042.00	-	-	5,042.00
<b>Belgrave Water System:</b>	254,576.87	75,563.40	(221,227.05)	108,913.22	74,269	(27,000)	156,182.22
BWS - Asset Management	44,984.00	6,135.00	-	51,119.00	6,135	-	57,254.00
<b>Landfill:</b>							
Turnberry Ward Landfill	5,950.00	4,050.00	-	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
Morris Ward Landfill	125,749.63	46,765.38	-	172,515.01	24,350	(14,000)	182,865.01
MT Perpetual Care	111,501.96	14,466.70	-	125,968.66	13,900	-	139,868.66
HE Closure Reserve	21,547.59	2,706.36	-	24,253.95	2,500	-	26,753.95
Curbside Program	11,835.61	2,244.31	-	14,079.92	870	-	14,949.92
<b>Roads Reserves:</b>	282,326.99	44,515.09	-	326,842.08	25,700	-	352,542.08
Paving	-	10,500.00	-	10,500.00	-	(10,500)	-
Bridges & Culverts	1,046,094.10	571,097.03	(374,057.78)	1,243,133.35	790,000	(37,000)	1,996,133.35
Equipment	613,075.20	624,963.73	(274,288.24)	963,750.69	525,150	(1,225,524)	263,376.69
Stormwater	-	-	-	-	50,625	-	50,625.00
Winter Damage - Gravel Reserve	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
Asset Management	180,370.44	50,300.00	-	230,670.44	50,300	(13,000)	267,970.44
<b>Canada Community Building Fund</b>	-	104,546.06	-	104,546.06	-	(104,546)	0.06
<b>Policing:</b>	30,535.74	20,789.63	-	51,325.37	18,573	-	69,898.37
<b>Fire:</b>	375,823.75	317,661.54	(166,716.80)	526,768.49	164,300	(58,785)	632,283.49
<b>Animal Control Reserve:</b>	7,603.51	1,592.03	-	9,195.54	-	(2,700)	6,495.54
<b>Grants:</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leland & Thora Vance Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Education:</b>							
Belgrave, Blyth & Brussels School Fair	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
School Award	11,926.60	-	-	11,926.60	-	-	11,926.60
Ross Nicholson 140th	4,020.00	-	-	4,020.00	-	-	4,020.00
Early Investment in Education	48,500.00	-	-	48,500.00	-	(48,500)	-
<b>Physician Recruitment:</b>	8,845.00	-	-	8,845.00	-	-	8,845.00
<b>Recreation:</b>	142,190.64	29,890.15	(66,993.05)	105,087.74	38,050	-	143,137.74
<b>Development:</b>							
Cullen Reserve	20,623.00	-	-	20,623.00	-	-	20,623.00
Development Reserve	24,915.15	-	-	24,915.15	-	-	24,915.15
Belgrave Development - Loan	714,133.81	-	(64,929.00)	649,204.81	-	(64,928)	584,276.81
Belgrave Dev. - Future Cap Work	142,012.16	-	-	142,012.16	-	(142,000)	12.16
<b>Streetlights:</b>	104,372.13	14,243.00	(4,082.72)	114,532.41	12,000	-	126,532.41
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>5,625,833.24</b>	<b>2,178,410.76</b>	<b>(1,235,399.48)</b>	<b>6,568,844.52</b>	<b>1,848,622</b>	<b>(1,907,783)</b>	<b>6,509,683.52</b>

# MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk  
**DATE:** April 7, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Election Signs Bylaw

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council review the draft Election Signs bylaw and direct staff to return the bylaw for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

In preparation for the 2026 Municipal Election, the Clerk's Department has been reviewing applicable by-laws and policies that are required to be reviewed and updated prior to the start of the Nomination Period (May 1, 2026). One of these by-laws is the Election Signs By-law which was reviewed and updated in conjunction with the Huron County Municipal Election Working Group.

Specifically, the Huron County Municipal Election Working Group formed a sub-group to review and update the Election Signs By-law for consideration by the respective Councils. A comprehensive review of election sign regulations was completed by the sub-group with the intention of modernizing sign regulations to align with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and current best practices among municipalities. The attached draft Election Signs By-law is being considered by the Huron County member municipalities before the 2026 municipal election.

### **COMMENTS**

The proposed election sign bylaw increases clarity and modernizes regulations governing the placement and use of election signs within the Municipality. Overall, it aims to improve public safety, ensure fairness in election advertising and provide clearer, more enforceable regulations.

Adoption of the updated Election Signs By-law provides an important framework to ensure consistent regulation of election signs across all municipalities within Huron County. By standardizing rules regarding placement, size, duration, and removal of election signage, the by-law supports fairness and clarity for candidates, political parties, and the public while also ensuring safety.

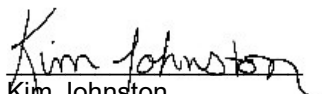
### **ATTACHMENTS**

Draft Bylaw – Election Signs

### **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Huron County Municipal Election Working Group  
Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kim Johnston,  
Deputy Clerk



## CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### BY-LAW NO. -2026

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Being a by-law to manage and regulate the use and erection of Elections Signs and campaign advertisements including third party advertising within the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

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**WHEREAS** subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 10(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 10(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting among other items structures, including fences and signs;

**AND WHEREAS** section 23.2 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, permits a municipality to delegate certain legislative and quasi-judicial powers;

**AND WHEREAS** sections 88.3 and 88.4 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended, sets out requirements for Candidate's election campaign advertisements and Third Party advertisements;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is of the opinion that the delegation of legislative powers under this by-law to the Clerk, including without limitation the power to prescribe procedures for the retrieval and/or destruction of Election Signs removed under this by-law are powers of a minor nature having regard to the number of people, the size of geographic area and the time period affected by the exercise of the power in accordance with subsection 23.2(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended;

**AND WHEREAS** section 63 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended provides that a by-law may prohibit or regulate the placing or standing of an object on or near a highway, and may provide for the removal and impounding or restraining and immobilizing of any object placed or standing on or near a highway;

**AND WHEREAS** section 425 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, establishes that any person who contravenes any by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is guilty of an offence;

**AND WHEREAS** section 445 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may make an order requiring a person who has contravened a by-law or who caused or permitted the contravention, or the owner or occupier of land on which the contravention occurred to do work to correct the contravention;

**AND WHEREAS** section 446 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that where a municipality has the authority to direct or require a person to do a matter or thing, the municipality may also provide that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, the matter or thing shall be done at the person's expense, and that the municipality may recover the costs of doing a matter or thing by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;

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

## 1. Definitions

- 1.1. **“Billboard”** means an outdoor sign erected and maintained by a person, firm, corporation, or business engaged in the sale or rental of the space on the sign to a clientele, upon which space is a displayed copy that advertises goods, products, or services not necessarily sold or offered on the property where the sign is located, and the sign is either single faced or double faced.
- 1.2. **“Boulevard”** means that portion of every Street which is not used as a Sidewalk, driveway access, travelled Roadway or shoulder.
- 1.3. **“Campaign Office”** means a building or structure, or part of a building or structure, used by a Candidate to conduct an election campaign.
- 1.4. **“Candidate”** means
  - (i) a Candidate within the meaning of the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario) or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended; and
  - (ii) shall be deemed to include a person seeking to influence other persons to vote for or against any question or by-law to the electors under section 8 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended.
- 1.5. **“Clerk”** means the Clerk of the municipality or a person delegated by them for the purpose of this By-law.
- 1.6. **“Crosswalk”** means
  - (i) that part of a Street at an intersection that is included within the connections of the lateral lines of the Sidewalks on opposite sides of the Street measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs from the edges of the Roadway; or
  - (ii) any portion of a Roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs, school crossing signs (as per the Ontario Traffic Manual – Book 5 Regulatory Signs) or by lines or other markings on the surface thereof; and
  - (iii) shall include pedestrian crossovers.
- 1.7. **“Election Sign”** means any sign, poster, banner, or device that promotes, opposes, or takes a position with respect to a candidate, political party, by-law question, or election related issue and shall include, but is not necessarily limited to:
  - (i) any Candidate or political party in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario) or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;
  - (ii) an issue associated with a person or political party in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario) or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; or
  - (iii) a question, law or by-law submitted to the electors under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario) or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- 1.8. **“Electoral District”** means a geographic area represented by a Member of Municipal Council, Member of School Board, Member of Provincial Parliament in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and Member of Federal Parliament in the House of Commons.
- 1.9. **“Enforcement Officer”** means a By-law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Municipal Council of the Municipality.
- 1.10. **“Median Strip”** means the reserved area that separates opposing lanes of traffic on divided roadways.
- 1.11. **“Municipality”** means The Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.
- 1.12. **“Nomination Day”** means the deadline to file a nomination with the Clerk under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended.

- 1.13. **“Owner”** means any candidate, registered third party, campaign, or individual responsible for placing or permitting the placement of an Election Sign. For the purposes of this By-law there may be more than one Owner of an Election Sign.
- 1.14. **“Place”** means attach, install, erect, build, construct, reconstruct, move, display or affix.
- 1.15. **“Public Property” (or “Municipal Property”)** means all lands, buildings, parks, facilities, parking lots, boulevards, road allowances, and any other real property owned, leased, or controlled by the Municipality, excluding Streets unless otherwise specified.
- 1.16. **“Roadway”** means the part of a Street improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, including the traveled portion and shoulder.
- 1.17. **“Sidewalk”** means any municipal walkway, or that portion of a Street between the Roadway and the adjacent property line, primarily intended for the use of pedestrians.
- 1.18. **“Sign Area”** means the area of one side of a sign where a copy can be placed.
- 1.19. **“Sign Height”** means the vertical height of a sign from the lowest point of finished grade to the highest part of the sign.
- 1.20. **“Street”** means a highway, road allowance, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, lane, square, place, bridge, viaduct, trestle or other public way under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and this term includes all road works and appurtenant to municipal land.
- 1.21. **“Utility”** means water, sewer, artificial or natural gas, petrochemical, electrical power or energy, steam or hot/chilled water, and telecommunication networks, and includes the works, structures, buildings and appurtenances necessarily incidental to the supplying of such services.
- 1.22. **“Voting Place”** means any location designated by the Clerk for voting, including any property on which the voting location is situated and any abutting roadway.
- 1.23. **“Writ of Election”** means the date as defined in the Canada Elections Act and the Elections Act (Ontario).

## **2. Short Title**

- 2.1. This by-law may be referred to as the “Election Signs By-law”.

## **3. General Prohibitions**

- 3.1. All candidate signs shall include:
  - (i) name of candidate.
- 3.2. All registered third-party advertisement signs shall include:
  - (i) name of registered third party;
  - (ii) the municipality where the registered third party is registered; and
  - (iii) telephone number, mailing address or email address at which the registered third party may be contacted regarding the advertisement.
- 3.3. No person shall display on any Election Sign a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the Municipality.
- 3.4. No person shall cause an election campaign advertisement to appear which contravenes sections 88.3, 88.4, or 88.5 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- 3.5. No election sign shall contain any word, image, symbol, or representation that:
  - (i) Is obscene, profane or vulgar;
  - (ii) Threatens, intimidates, or promotes or incites violence against any person or identifiable group;

- (iii) Expresses or promotes hatred, discrimination, or harassment against a person or identifiable group based on a prohibited ground under the Ontario Human Rights Code, including race, ancestry place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or disability;
- (iv) Promotes racism or other forms of discrimination contrary to law; or
- (v) Otherwise contravenes applicable federal or provincial legislation.

#### **4. Locations, Size, and Distance**

- 4.1. No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign that:
- (i) is illuminated;
  - (ii) has a Sign Area of more than 6 square metres;
  - (iii) interferes with the safe operation of vehicular traffic or the safety of pedestrians; or
  - (iv) impedes or obstructs the municipality's maintenance operations.
- 4.2. No person shall Place or permit to be placed an Election Sign outside of the Electoral District where the Candidate is running for office.
- 4.3. Subsection 4.3 does not apply to an Election Sign within fifty (50) metres of any Electoral District that is adjacent to the Electoral District where the Candidate is running for office.
- 4.4. No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign on or within fifty (50) metres of the property boundary of a Voting Place, unless otherwise permitted by law.
- 4.5. No person shall display an election sign on private property,
- (i) where it obstructs or interferes with a door or fire escape of a building; or
  - (ii) without the consent of the owner or occupant of such property.
- 4.6. Notwithstanding clause 4.6(ii), a lessee or tenant of property may display an election sign as such conditions to reasonable size or type a landlord, building manager, condominium corporation deems appropriate.
- 4.7. No person shall park or place any vehicle displaying a vehicle election sign within the parking lot of the Morris-Turnberry Municipal office on the voting day of a Municipal election.
- 4.8. Election Signs on Public Property and Streets:
- (i) No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign on Public Property as defined in Subsection 1.15 of this By-law.
  - (ii) No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign:
    - (a) in a Roadway;
    - (b) within 3 metres of a Roadway;
    - (c) between a Roadway and a Sidewalk;
    - (d) in a way that impedes or obstructs the passage of pedestrians on a Sidewalk;
    - (e) in a Median Strip;
    - (f) less than 3 metres from a Crosswalk;
    - (g) on a tree, or a fence, or a wall, or a gate, or a utility pole located on Public Property or a Street;
    - (h) to a permanent or an official sign or to the guide rail or other highway structure or facility;
    - (i) in a way that interferes with an official sign or with traffic lights or other safety devices.
- 4.9. No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign that has a Sign Height:
- (i) of more than 1.8 metres when Placed within 3 to 8 metres of the Roadway;
  - (ii) of more than 4 metres when Placed beyond 8 metres of the Roadway.

## **5. Timing and Sign Removal**

- 5.1. No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign for a federal or provincial election or by-election earlier than the day the Writ of Election or by-election is issued.
- 5.2. No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign for a municipal election, except an Election Sign which is Placed on a Campaign Office:
  - (i) earlier than the day all nominations have been certified by the Clerk of the Township in the year of a regular election; or
  - (ii) earlier than the day all nominations have been certified by the Clerk of the Township for a by-election.Nominations will be certified by the Clerk before 4:00 p.m. on the Monday following Nomination Day or, if the number of nominations filed for an office and certified is less than the number of persons to be elected to the office, those additional nominations will be certified before 4:00p.m. on the Thursday following Nomination Day.
- 5.3. Despite subsections 5.1. and 5.2. of this By-law, signs identifying the candidate's campaign offices may be displayed once the candidate has filed his or her nomination papers and paid all required fees and been registered as a candidate.
- 5.4. No person shall Place or permit to be Placed an Election Sign for a municipal election on a Campaign Office earlier than the day that Candidate has filed their nomination with the Clerk and paid all required fees and been registered as a candidate.
- 5.5. Removal of Election Signs:
  - (i) No person shall display an election sign later than seventy-two (72) hours after the polls close on Election Day.
  - (ii) All candidates and third-party advertisers shall remove their election signs from display on public and private property within seventy-two (72) hours after the polls close on Election Day.
- 5.6. Where an Election Sign is erected or displayed in contravention of this by-law, the Municipality may remove the sign without notice.
  - (i) All election signs removed by the Municipality shall be retained for a minimum period of fourteen (14) days from the date of removal to permit retrieval by the candidate or third-party advertiser.
  - (ii) During the retrieval period, the candidate or third-party advertiser may reclaim the sign during regular municipal business hours.
  - (iii) Any election sign not retrieved within the prescribed retention period may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Municipality without further notice and without compensation.
  - (iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where an election sign poses an immediate risk to public safety or interferes with emergency access, traffic control devices, or municipal operations, the Municipality may remove and dispose of the sign immediately.

## **6. Vandalism**

- 6.1. The investigation or prosecution for any acts of vandalism to election signs or campaign material of the candidates should be referred to the Ontario Provincial Police by the complainant.

**7. Other Approval Authorities**

- 7.1. Election signs or similar campaign material that will be installed or affixed to the Ministry of Transportation Road system or the County of Huron Road system will require the permission of these respective approval authorities.

**8. Administration and Enforcement**

- 8.1. The administration of this by-law is delegated to the Clerk.
- 8.2. This by-law may be enforced by the Clerk or designate or a By-law Enforcement Officer of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.
- 8.3. In accordance with the process established in subsection 5.6 of this By-law, if an Election Sign is erected or displayed in contravention of this By-law, or is not removed within the required time, the Municipality may remove and store the sign at the risk of the responsible party. All costs of removal, handling, storage, and disposal (if applicable), including labour, equipment, and administrative fees, are payable by the sign owner and/or the Candidate, registered third party advertiser, or person who caused or permitted the sign to be placed. The Municipality may require payment before releasing the sign and may recover unpaid costs by invoicing and/or by any other means authorized by law, including adding the costs to the tax roll where permitted.
- 8.4. Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33.

**9. Severability**

- 9.1. In the event that a section or sections of this by-law thereof are found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or ultra vires, such section, sections or parts thereof shall be deemed to be severable, with all other sections or parts of this By-law remaining in full force and effect.

10. **THAT**, this By-Law shall take effect and come into force immediately upon its passing.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time this      day of      2026**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this      day of      2026**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

# MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk  
**DATE:** April 7, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Use of Corporate resources for election purposes

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the draft Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes policy.

*Moved by  
Seconded by*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the policy providing guidelines on the Use of Corporate resources for election purposes for the 2026 Municipal Election.*

## **BACKGROUND**

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, establishes the election campaign finance rules for Candidates running in a municipal election. Section 88(8)(4) prohibits municipalities such as The Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry from making campaign contributions.

As campaign contributions may take the form of money, goods or services, any use of corporate resources for election related purposes, by candidates, third party advertisers or Municipal staff, is not permitted.

Section 88.18 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, states that before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities and local board shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal or board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign period. 2016, c.15, s.56,

No candidate or registered third party advertiser shall use the facilities, equipment, supplies, services, staff, or other resources of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for any election campaign or campaign-related activities.

## **COMMENTS**

As in previous elections, there are numerous policies and procedures developed for the Municipal Elections. Many policies and procedures are approved by the Clerk or designate.

Since this policy relates to Corporate Resources of the Municipality, the Council must pass a motion to approve this policy for Election purposes.

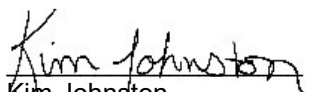
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Policy – Use of Corporate Resources for Election purposes.

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Trevor Hallam, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kim Johnston,  
Deputy Clerk

# Morris-Turnberry 2026 Municipal Election

## USE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES FOR ELECTION PURPOSES



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## **Policy Statement:**

The Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is committed to ensuring that municipal resources are used in a manner that is fair, transparent, and compliant with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and all other applicable legislation.

Municipal resources—including but not limited to property, facilities, equipment, supplies, staff time, communication systems, websites, and social media channels—shall not be used for any election-related purpose that supports, promotes, or opposes a candidate, registered third party, or political position in a municipal election.

The Municipality is committed to maintaining neutrality during election periods and ensuring that no candidate or third party receives any advantage through the use of municipal resources.

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, establishes the election campaign finance rules for Candidates running in a municipal election. Section 88(8)(4) prohibits municipalities such as The Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry from making campaign contributions.

The *Election Finance Act, 1990*, as amended, and the *Canada Elections Act, 2000* as amended, establish regulations for candidates and parties running in provincial and federal elections. Section 29(1) of the *Election Finance Act* and Section 363 (1) of the *Canada Elections Act* prohibit a municipal corporation from making campaign contributions to any candidate, political party or constituency association in a provincial or federal election.

## **Purpose/Application:**

The policy provides direction to candidates, third party advertisers, members of Council and all Municipal staff on the administration of Corporate resources and members' budgets with respect to election-related matters. The purpose of this policy is to clarify that all election candidates at the municipal, provincial and federal level, including Members of Municipal Council and Third Party Advertisers are required to follow the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as amended, *the Election Finance Act, 1990* as amended, *Elections Act, 1990* and the *Canada Elections Act, 2000* as amended, as applicable.

The Policy is intended to:

- Ensure compliance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, *Elections Finance Act, 1990* and the *Canada Elections Act, 2000*, in regards to the role of the Municipality contributing to a candidates or registered third party campaign;
- Ensure that candidates and registered third parties are treated fairly and consistently within the municipality;
- Ensure the integrity of the election process is maintained at all times;
- Establish the appropriate uses of resources during an election period, in order to:
  - Protect the interests of the members of Council, Candidates, Registered Third Parties, Municipal staff and the Corporation; and
  - Ensure accountable and transparent practises

This policy is applicable to all candidates (including any candidate acclaimed), Members of Morris-Turnberry Council (including a member who is not seeking re-election), Third Party Advertisers and Municipal staff.

## **Definitions:**

**Election Campaign-Related Activities and Materials** means any resources used to promote, support or oppose a candidate or a “yes” or “no” vote related to a question on the ballot, including but not limited to literature, banners, posters, pictures, buttons, clothing or other paraphernalia.

Activity means any action or event by or on behalf of a candidate, political party, or third party advertiser meant to promote, support or oppose a candidate or a “yes” or “no” vote related to a question on the ballot during the election period. Campaign-related activities do not include the appearance of elected officials acting in their capacity of Councillor, School Board Trustee, Member of Provincial Parliament, or Member of Parliament.

**Campaign Period** means the official campaign period of an election.

- For a municipal election, the campaign period commences on the May 1 of an election year and ends on December 31 of an election year.
- For a provincial or federal election, the election period commences on the day the writ for the election is issued and ends on voting day.
- For a by-election, the period commences the day the by-election is called and ends on voting day.

**Candidate** means any individual running for an elected office, including Mayor, Councillor, School Board Trustee, Member of Provincial Parliament and/or Member of Parliament or anyone acting on their behalf.

**Election-related purpose** refer to the occurrence of a municipal election or by-election. It also includes any participation in federal and provincial elections that is partisan in nature.

**Nomination Day** refers to the third Friday in August in a municipal election year.

**Third Party or Third Party Advertiser** means an individual, corporation or trade union that promotes, supports or opposes a candidate or a “yes” or “no” vote related to a question on the ballot in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*.

## **Specific Requirements:**

### **Communications Related Provisions**

At no time shall Corporate resources and/or Members' budgets be used to sponsor or produce any election campaign-related materials (municipal, provincial and federal).

Members of Council are responsible for ensuring that the content of any communication material, printed, hosted or distributed by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is not election campaign-related.

Members of Council shall not deliver any unsolicited material where the printing and/or distribution costs are being paid by the municipality. This provision shall be effective not only during an election year, but at all times.

Members of Council shall not:

- Create, print, publish, sponsor or distribute any material paid by municipal funds that illustrates that a Member of Council or any other individual is registered in any election or where they will be running for office;
- Profile (name or photograph), or make reference to, in any material paid for using municipal funds, any individual who is registered as a candidate in any election; and
- Create, print, publish, sponsor or distribute any material using municipal funds that makes reference to, or contains the names or photographs, or identifies registered candidates for municipal elections.

In a municipal election year or in the event of a by-election, Corporate resources or the Members' budgets are not to be used to sponsor any advertisements, flyers or newsletters from the day prior to Nomination Day up to and including the final voting day.

Candidates shall not create, print, publish sponsor or distribute any election campaign-related materials using municipal funds. This prohibition also applies to the use of any Municipal equipment, facilities, social media or websites, if the access is Municipally-sponsored/funded.

In any material created, printed sponsored or distributed by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, candidates are not permitted to:

- Illustrate that an individual (either a Member of Council or any other individual) is a candidate registered in any election;
- Identify where they or any other individual will be running for office; or
- Profile or make reference to candidates in any election.

Notwithstanding the above, the minutes of Council and Committee meetings shall be exempt from this policy.

The municipality's logo, crest, coat of arms, slogan, etc. shall not be printed or distributed on any election campaign-related materials, or included on any election campaign website, except in the case of a link to the Municipality's website to obtain information about the municipal election.

Photographs produced for and owned by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry shall not be used for any election campaign-related purposes.

Photographs taken utilizing Morris-Turnberry equipment or sent through Municipal accounts shall not be utilized.

Candidates and Third- Party Advertisers are not permitted to engage in election campaign-related activities directed at municipal employees while those employees are at their workplace or engaged in work for the Municipality.

Where an emergency occurs, a non-emergency related community issue arises or where an annual community event is held during the period beginning the day prior to Nomination Day up to and including final voting day, a Member of Council may use Corporate resources to advise or contact their constituents with the approval of the Municipal Clerk.

### **Use of Municipal Facilities, Services and Property Provisions**

Candidates shall not campaign and/or distribute campaign literature during any function hosted by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, whether on municipal property or not.

Members of Council, Candidates and Third Party Advertisers shall not use any municipally provided facilities for any election-related purposes unless the facility is generally available for rent by the public and it is rented in accordance with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry's rental procedures.

In accordance with the Election Sign By-law, no election campaign-related signs nor any other election-related material shall be displayed in any municipally owned facilities.

Notwithstanding, the ability to use the interior of any Municipally-owned or run facility for election related purposes, if rented in accordance with the provisions noted above, no election related activities, including campaigning and the distribution of campaign literature are permitted to take place inside or on the property of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Municipal office.

## **Technology Related Provisions**

Candidates, Members of Council and Third Party Advertisers shall not use Corporate resources or services such as computers, cell/smart phones, telephones, tablets, printers, scanners, copiers, email, file storage, voicemail, or any other equipment or technology owned by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, for election related purposes.

Websites or domain names that are operated or funded by the Municipality shall not include any election campaign-related materials or links to any sites that feature election campaign-related information, including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook and other social media accounts to any sites that feature election campaign-related material.

The municipality's voice-mail system or voice-mail set up on any Municipally issued phone shall not be used to record election related messages or the computer network (including Morris-Turnberry's email system) to distribute election related correspondence.

Distribution lists or contact lists developed utilizing Corporate resources or through a contact in a Member of Council's role shall not be utilized for election purposes.

## **Morris-Turnberry Staff**

In keeping with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Staff Code of Conduct, Municipal Staff are expected to preserve the public trust and confidence in Morris-Turnberry. Employees engaged in political activities must take care to separate those personal activities from their official positions.

Employees may participate in political activity at the federal, provincial or municipal levels providing that such activity does not take place during work hours or utilizing Municipal assets, resources, or property. Notices, posters or similar material promoting, supporting or opposing a particular Candidate or political party are not be produced, displayed or distributed by employees of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

Employees shall not canvass or actively work in support of a Candidate or political party during normal work hours, unless they are on a leave of absence without pay, lieu time, flex time or vacation leave.

Employees shall not canvass or actively work in support of a municipal Candidate or political party while wearing a uniform, badge, logo or any other item identifying them as an employee of the Corporation, or using a vehicle owned or leased by the Municipality.

Employees wishing to run for federal, provincial or municipal office must request and obtain a leave of absence without pay and abide by the respective legislation governing such elections.

## **Limitations**

Nothing in this Policy shall preclude a Member of Council from performing their duties as Mayor or Councillor, nor inhibit them representing the interests of the constituents who elected them.

## **Responsibilities**

The Clerk (or designate) is responsible for communicating the policy to members of Council, Candidates, Third Party Advertisers and Municipal staff.

Members of Council, Candidates, Third Party Advertisers and Municipal staff are accountable to comply with this policy.

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, the Clerk is authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to this policy.

## **Rationale and Legislative Authority**

Section 88.18 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as amended requires a municipality before May 1 in the year of a regular election, to establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal or board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign period. The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as amended establishes regulations governing campaign finance for candidates running in a municipal election. Section 88(8)(4) prohibits municipalities from making campaign contributions to municipal candidates.

The *Election Finance Act, 1990*, as amended, and the *Canada Elections Act, 2000* as amended, establish regulations for candidates and parties running in provincial and federal elections. Section 29(1) of the *Election Finance Act* and Section 363(1) of the *Canada Elections Act* prohibit a municipal corporation from making campaign contributions to any candidate, political party or constituency association in a provincial or federal election.

## **Date Approved by Council**

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# MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: April 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Introduction of bring-your-own alcohol permits for certain events

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

For information only.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Province has [introduced](#) amendments to regulations under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* to expand “bring-your-own alcohol” (BYO) permissions at certain outdoor public events. In a press release, the province provided examples such as farmer’s markets, movie screenings, art exhibits and neighbourhood festivals.

Previously, alcohol consumption at public events was generally limited to licensed areas where alcohol was sold and controlled by a permit holder. Effective April 30, 2026, event organizers may permit attendees to bring and consume their own alcohol within designated areas of municipally approved cultural or community events if certain provincial and municipal requirements are met.

### **COMMENTS**

The new framework is essentially an extension of the “tailgate” event permit program already in existence, but with expanded eligibility.

Participation is not automatic. Municipalities must first adopt or confirm enabling by-laws that permit alcohol consumption in designated public spaces for events that are formally recognized by Council as eligible “cultural” or “community” events before proceeding.

If municipal authorization is granted, event organizers are required to obtain a permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for the consumption of alcohol within clearly defined and designated areas of an event, which retains oversight of compliance with provincial standards.

If Council wishes to allow BYO permits to be issued within Morris-Turnberry, the municipality must first opt in through an enabling by-law, which could involve amendments to the existing alcohol policy that addresses public consumption, parks, and event-related regulations, last amended in 2014.

From an administrative perspective, municipalities assume a more active role in the event approval process. This includes developing a process for receiving applications, evaluating, and designating eligible events, coordinating with organizers, and aligning municipal approvals with provincial permitting requirements.

Risk management considerations are more pronounced under a BYOB model, as the municipality is permitting, though not directly supplying, alcohol consumption on public lands. This raises issues related to public safety, potential overconsumption, and enforcement complexity. Further consultation with the Municipality’s insurer would be required before proceeding.

As the official announcement was only released on March 17<sup>th</sup> and Council has not yet directed staff to investigate further, community groups such as the Bluevale Community Committee have not been consulted. It should be noted, however, that the proceeds from alcohol sales at events are an important revenue source for such groups, and allowing eventgoers to bring their own alcohol may have a negative impact in this regard.

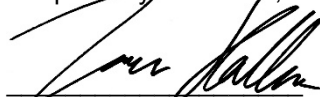
### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. None.

### **OTHERS CONSULTED**

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Trevor Hallam,  
CAO/Clerk

# MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk  
**DATE:** April 7, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Access Agreement – 260 Princess Street

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the proposed draft road user and access agreement, and pass by-law 21-2026 authorizing its execution.

### **BACKGROUND**

260 Princess Street in Lowertown does not have frontage on an open and maintained municipal road. As a result, the property does not meet the Municipality's standard requirements for access in support of building permit issuance. In response to the landowner's application for a building permit, staff identified a Road User Agreement as the appropriate mechanism to permit access over the unopened road allowance while limiting liability and maintaining the Municipality's long-standing position that such roads are not assumed or maintained for public use.

This type of agreement is not new to the Municipality and has been used in similar circumstances where development is proposed on lands without direct access to an improved public road. The agreement allows development to proceed while ensuring that the Municipality does not assume unintended obligations with respect to road maintenance, liability, or long-term servicing.

### **COMMENTS**

The agreement is structured to place responsibility for access and maintenance on the landowner. The landowner is required to undertake all maintenance of the road, including grading and snow removal, or alternatively to post appropriate signage indicating that winter maintenance is not provided. Where the Municipality undertakes emergency work, it does so at the owner's expense, and such work does not constitute an assumption of the road. The agreement further confirms that any use of the road or associated works by the Municipality or others does not imply acceptance of the road as part of the municipal road system.

From a risk management perspective, the agreement contains several important protections for the Municipality. The landowner is required to carry liability insurance naming the Municipality as an additional insured, thereby ensuring that the Municipality is protected in the event of claims arising from use of the road. The agreement also includes provisions whereby the landowner waives claims against the Municipality for damage that may occur as a result of maintenance activities or emergency interventions. In addition, the agreement explicitly limits the Municipality's responsibility with respect to any existing structures that may be located within or adjacent to the road allowance, clarifying that no maintenance or liability obligations are assumed by the Municipality in that regard. The agreement further provides that its obligations run with the land, ensuring that future owners are bound by the same terms and conditions.

It is recommended that Council pass by-law 21-2026, authorizing the execution of the Road User Agreement between the Municipality and the landowner.

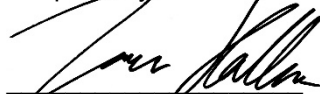
### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. By-Law 21-2026

### **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works

Respectfully submitted,



Trevor Hallam,  
CAO/Clerk



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**BY-LAW NO. 21-2026**

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Being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and Grace Vanden Heuvel regarding access over and maintenance of an untraveled road allowance.

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**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 that or any other Act;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry deems it necessary and desirable to enter into and execute an agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and Grace Vanden Heuvel regarding access over and maintenance of an untraveled road allowance;

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

1. That the Mayor and Clerk of the Municipality are hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to enter into the Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and Grace Vanden Heuvel, attached hereto as Schedule 'A', and forming part of this by-law; and
2. That this by-law shall come into effect on the day it is passed.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 A.D.

B E T W E E N:

**GRACE VANDEN HEUVEL**

Hereinafter called the "Developer" of the first part

AND

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

Hereinafter called the "Municipality of the second part

WHEREAS the Developer is the registered owner of the property (hereinafter called the "Lands") described in Schedule "A" to this Agreement (hereinafter called the "Agreement").

AND WHEREAS the Developer requires access over the opened, untraveled road allowance (hereinafter called the "Road") known as the easterly extension of Princess Street described in Schedule "B" to this Agreement.

AND WHEREAS the Municipality requires the Developer to agree to maintain the "Works" as set out in Schedule "C" to this Agreement.

AND WHEREAS the word "Developer" where used in this Agreement includes an individual, an Association, a Partnership, or a Corporation and wherever the singular is used herein, it shall be construed as including the plural.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of other good and valuable consideration and the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) of lawful money of Canada, now paid by each of the parties hereto to each of the other parties hereto, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged), the parties hereto hereby covenant, promise and agree with each other as follows:

**1. Road Maintenance**

- a. The Developer will be responsible for the maintenance of the road until such time as the Municipality accepts responsibility for maintenance.
- b. Summer road maintenance shall include grading, dust control and general clean-up of the site.
- c. Winter road maintenance shall include all plowing, sanding and salting to ensure proper vehicular access to the Lands.
- d. In lieu of actual winter maintenance, notification of no winter maintenance using a sign measuring at least 450mm x 600mm at the east end of the travelled portion of Princess Street is acceptable. The sign shall read as follows:  
  
"NO WINTER MAINTENANCE BEYOND THIS POINT"
- e. In the event that proper maintenance or snow removal is not provided by the Developer, the Municipality, through its servants, contractors or agents may provide maintenance and/or remove snow without notice to the Developer. Such work will be carried out at times deemed to be an emergency by the Municipality's Road Superintendent. All costs of such work shall be paid by the Developer within thirty (30) days of date of billing. All expenses incurred by the Municipality in doing such work shall become a charge against the Lands, and may be recovered by court action or in a like manner as taxes.
- f. The Developer further agrees that any work done by the Municipality pursuant to this agreement before the Municipality accepts responsibility for maintenance on the road shall not be deemed in any way as an acceptance of responsibility for maintenance by the Municipality of the Road.

- g. The Developer acknowledges that the Municipality, in providing maintenance or during snow removal, may damage or interfere with the works of the Developer and cause damage to such works, and the Developer hereby waives all claims against the Municipality that they might have arising therefrom and covenants that they will make no claim against the Municipality for such interference or damage.

## **2. Signs**

- a. A sign at least 450 mm x 600 mm shall be erected by the Developer in an approved location at the east limit of the travelled portion of Princess Street. The signs shall read as follows:

“UNTRAVELLED ROAD NOT MAINTAINED BY MUNICIPALITY –  
AUTHORIZED USE ONLY”

This sign shall remain for the duration of this agreement.

## **3. Use of Works by Municipality**

- a. The Developer agrees that:
  - i. The Works may be used by the Municipality, or other authorized persons for the purposes for which such works were designed.
  - ii. Such use shall not be deemed an acceptance of the Works by the Municipality

## **4. Emergency Repairs**

- a. Employees or agents of the Municipality may enter onto the Road at any time or from time to time for the purpose of inspecting and / or making emergency repairs to any of the Works. Such entry and repairs shall not be deemed an acceptance of any of the Works by the Municipality or an acceptance by the Municipality of any liability in connection therewith, or a release of the Developer from any obligations under this Agreement.

## **5. Insurance**

- a. The Developer shall obtain and maintain insurance against all damages or claims for damages with an insurance company satisfactory to the Municipal Clerk. Such policy or policies shall name the Municipality as an additional insured, and the form and content shall be subject to the Municipality's approval. The minimum limit of liability under such policies shall be \$2,000,000 all-inclusive; however, the Municipality may require higher limits at its discretion.
- b. The said insurance policy shall include a provision that requires the insurance company to provide the Municipality with thirty (30) days notice of termination of such policy. The policy shall be in effect for the period of this Agreement.
- c. The issuance of such a policy of insurance shall not be construed as relieving the Developer from responsibility for other or larger claims, if any, for which they may be held responsible.

## **6. Structure – No Responsibility**

- a. For greater certainty, the Parties acknowledge that a certain structure (the “Structure”) is located adjacent to or potentially within the Road Allowance, the exact location and ownership of which has not been confirmed by the Municipality. The Developer shall have no responsibility or obligation whatsoever for the maintenance, repair, replacement, or condition of the Structure, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as imposing any such duty or liability upon the Developer.
- b. The Developer shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or deterioration to the Structure, howsoever caused, except to the extent that such loss or damage is

directly caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Developer or persons for whom the Developer is in law responsible.

- c. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as an acknowledgment by the Municipality of the location, ownership, or legal status of the Structure, nor as granting any right to the Developer with respect to the Structure.

**7. Successors and Assigns**

- a. The covenants, agreement, conditions, and undertakings herein contained on the part of the Developer shall run with the land and shall be binding upon it and upon its successors and assigns as owners and occupiers of the said lands from time to time.

**8. Assignment**

- a. The Developer shall not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Municipality, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.

**9. Amendment**

- a. Without in any way limiting the rights of the Municipality, the Developer agrees that the Municipality may, with the consent of the then registered owner of the Lands, amend this Agreement insofar as it specifically affects such Lands or any part thereof.

**10. SIGNATURES**

THIS AGREEMENT shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

GRACE VANDEN HEUVEL

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Trevor Hallam

SCHEDULE 'A'

Developer's Property known as:

260 Princess Street, Wingham, Ontario

FIRSTLY: LOT 134 PLAN 410 WINGHAM; SECONDLY: PART LANE LYING BTN LOTS 134 - 135 & LOTS 136 - 138 PLAN 410 WINGHAM, PART 2, 22R6376, CLOSED BY HC116260; THIRDLY: PART WATER STREET PLAN 410 WINGHAM BTN GREEN ST & MARY ST TURNBERRY, PART 7, 22R6376, CLOSED BY HC116260; MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

PIN: 41051-0380 (LT)

SCHEDULE 'B'

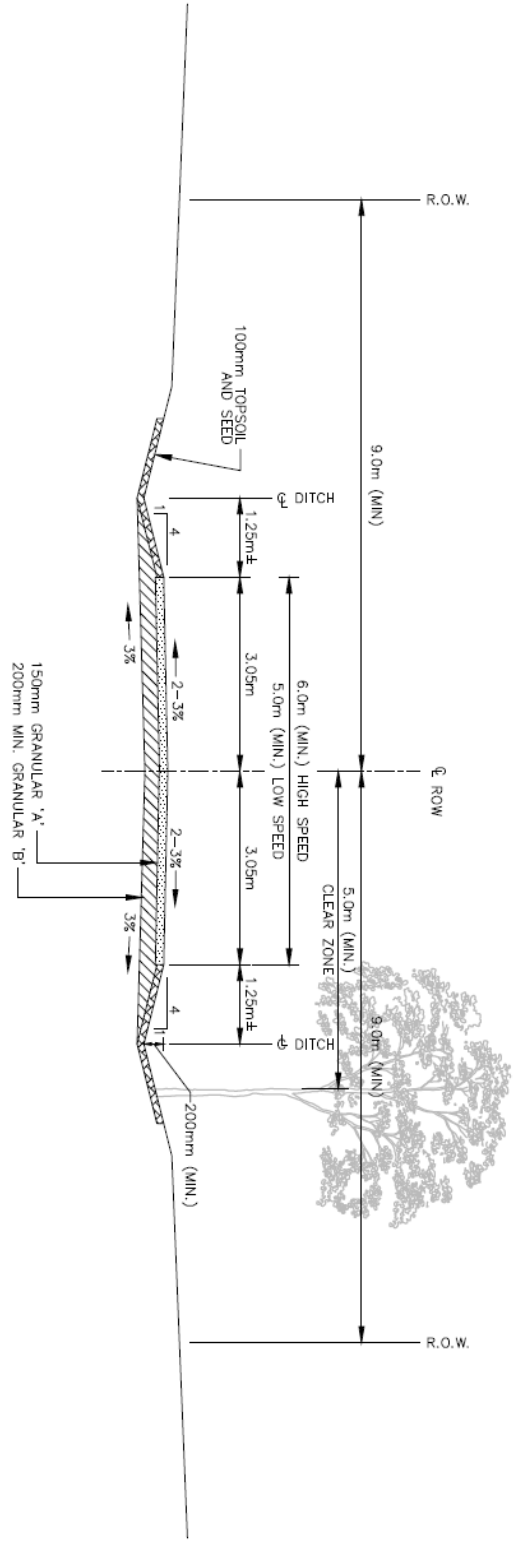
Municipal Lands known as:

PART OF PRINCESS ST PL 410 WINGHAM BEING PART 8, 22R6376; TURNBERRY;  
MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

PIN: 41051-0379 (LT)



**SCHEDULE 'C'**  
**MUNICIPAL SERVICING STANDARDS**



- NOTES:**
1. ROAD RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN TO BE CONFIRMED BY GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN.
  2. THIS SECTION IS INTENDED FOR USE ALONG EXISTING UNASSUMED ROADS ONLY.

No.	DATE	REVISION		
1.	Sept 13, 2016	Issued for Discussion with Staff		



**Municipality of Morris-Turnberry**  
Township of North Huron  
Typical Road Section  
Unassumed Road

SCALE  
1:100

PROJECT No.  
07126/07131  
Drawing No.  
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Quarter 1, 2026

## Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority



*Saugeen River through Durham Conservation Area, light frazil ice formation visible.*

### January – March 2026

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) provides ongoing watershed services to its 15 member municipalities throughout the year. From flood monitoring and water quality tracking to development review, conservation lands management, and municipal collaboration, this work happens continuously across the watershed. This quarterly update highlights key activities from the first quarter of 2026 across SVCA's four departments.

#### **Governance and Municipal Engagement**

SVCA staff continued regular engagement with municipal councils and regional partners throughout the quarter.

Staff presented the 2026 SVCA Budget to Chatsworth Council on January 7 and Wellington North Council on February 9. A meeting was also held with Bruce Power on January 16 regarding permitting matters.

SVCA participated in several regional discussions regarding the Province's proposed conservation authority amalgamation framework. General Managers from Southwest Ontario and Lake Huron

conservation authorities met to share information and discuss potential implications for watershed governance, staffing, and liability should changes proceed. A follow-up discussion on the issue was held with MPP Lisa Thompson on February 26.

SVCA staff also attended the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting on January 28, recognizing their continued work during a period of significant change for conservation authorities across Ontario.

### **Corporate Services**

Corporate Services focused on strengthening financial systems, payroll accuracy, and year-end financial reporting. Municipal apportionment invoices were issued, invoices were cleared, first quarter filings were completed. Administrative staff also supported governance activities, including Board meeting preparation and updates to municipal contact records.

IT infrastructure improvements also continued, including a network firewall upgrade at the Formosa office in February.

GIS work remains focused on hazard and regulatory mapping updates, particularly in Huron-Kinloss, where new floodplain data is being incorporated through the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program. A public consultation mapping tool for Durham Creek is expected to be released in April.

SVCA continued to maintain an active public presence through social media, website updates, and community programming.

SVCA's digital channels also continue to provide an important service platform for the public, supporting conservation area information, hazard updates, camping reservations, and employment opportunities.

### **Environmental Planning and Regulations**

Environmental Planning and Regulations staff continued to support development review, permit approvals, and education regarding regulated areas. Updated regulation mapping for seven watercourses west of Lake Range Drive in Huron-Kinloss is now in effect. Staff are continuing work on additional mapping updates for the Pine River upstream of Lake Range Drive, with public consultation expected later this year.

Staff also hosted a webinar for real estate law offices on January 22, attended by representatives from 15 law offices, to improve awareness of regulated areas and permitting requirements during property transactions.

Outreach work also continued with Amish and Mennonite communities, with meetings completed with six communities and additional outreach underway.

Permitting activity remained steady and service levels remained strong. In 2025, SVCA issued 295 permits, compared with 293 permits in 2024. Staff issued permits within an average of 3.51 calendar days once all required information was received, and met legislated decision timelines 99.7 percent of the time, reflecting a consistently high level of service delivery.

EPR staff toured the Durham frazil ice monitoring locations to increase familiarity with locations and protocols in preparation for future events when staff could be called upon for assistance.



*EPR staff touring frazil ice monitoring locations.*

### **Flood Forecasting and Warning**

Winter river conditions required ongoing monitoring across the watershed. A Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook was issued on January 13 due to the potential for frazil ice formation upstream of Durham. As ice accumulated downstream of the Durham Lower Dam, a Flood Watch Statement was issued on January 20 and remained in effect until January 27.

From January 20 to January 25, SVCA activated its Flood Event Operations Centre, with staff monitoring conditions around the clock and working closely with the Municipality of West Grey. Excavators were used to reduce flooding risk during the frazil ice event.

A second Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook was issued on February 18 due to freezing rain and concerns related to potential ice movement and ice jams. Snow surveys conducted on February 15 confirmed above average snowpack conditions, reinforcing the importance of continued monitoring as spring melt approaches.

More recently, following rainfall of up to 23 mm and rapidly warming temperatures, SVCA upgraded to a Flood Watch Statement for all watershed municipalities on March 7. Water levels were expected to continue rising across the watershed, with smaller watercourses likely to reach bankfull conditions and larger rivers responding more slowly through the weekend.

SVCA's Flood Event Operations Centre was activated again on March 7 and 8, with strong staff coverage across the watershed monitoring conditions, reporting to municipal partners, and providing public updates as conditions evolved. This coordinated monitoring effort allowed SVCA staff to provide timely updates to municipal partners and the public while maintaining close oversight of changing watershed conditions.



*High water levels experienced during spring freshet.*

### **Infrastructure and Capital Projects**

SVCA secured additional funding through the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program, bringing total 2025–2026 WECI funding to \$116,345.50. Additional funding supported work including Durham Upper Dam erosion control repairs, Paisley Dyke CCTV inspections, and a tree remediation assessment across SVCA properties.

On February 1, staff discovered that the Durham Lower Dam walkway gates had been stolen. Temporary fencing was installed the following day and replacement gates were installed on February 10.

SVCA water control structures across the watershed have been prepared for spring freshet, including inspections of flap gates and removal of dam boards where appropriate.

### **Forestry and Lands**

Forestry and Lands staff continued to manage conservation areas, forestry programs, and public recreation opportunities across the watershed.

Winter programming at conservation areas remained very popular. Two Candlelight Night Hikes at Sulphur Spring Conservation Area drew strong participation from the public. The Wolf Moon hike on January 3 attracted more than 300 participants, while the Snow Moon hike on January 31 welcomed over 600 attendees, despite temperatures approaching  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . These events were made possible through the support of staff volunteers from across SVCA departments.

At Durham Conservation Area, winter camping continues to grow in popularity. With the park open through the winter season, staff were able to participate in Frazzlefest activities over Family Day weekend, offering free snowshoe rentals, disc golf, guided outdoor activities, and hot beverages. More than 100 participants attended the free community event.

Forestry staff continue to receive steady interest in the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, tree purchases, and tree planting projects across the watershed. Forest inventory work is ongoing and early indications suggest 2026 will be a strong tree planting year.

SVCA has also received funding through the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) to support restoration projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include watercourse buffers, windbreaks and shelterbelts, and marginal land tree planting, all aimed at improving soil health, reducing erosion, protecting water quality, and supporting pollinator habitat. The program entirely covers the cost of trees and shrubs, contractors, and project coordination, helping landowners implement projects that strengthen the resilience of working agricultural landscapes.

Staff also attended the Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show, promoting camping opportunities and outdoor recreation available across SVCA conservation areas to a broader audience.



*SVCA staff at the Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show. Event attendance supported through RTO7.*

## Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring programs continued through the winter months. SVCA staff are currently presenting municipal delegations summarizing findings from the 20-Year Water Quality Report, sharing long-term trends across the watershed.

Winter surface water sampling continues through the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network, supported by funding from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

SVCA is also partnering with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Ontario Farmland Trust to support water quality monitoring work at the Bourgeois Farm in Tiverton.

## Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

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*From left to right: Snow Moon night hike; foxes resting at Formosa Conservation Area; Sulphur Spring Conservation Area.*

## Huron East Fire Department – February 2026 Report

### February Fire Call Summary

Number	Date	Response Type	Address	Location
26-032	February 6	MVC	McNaught Line/Blyth Road	Grey
26-033	February 8	CO Alarm	79 Coleman Street	Seaforth
26-034	February 11	MVC	Brussels Line/Moncrieff Road	Brussels
26-035	February 12	No Loss Outdoor Fire	125 Market Street	Seaforth
26-036	February 12	Alarm Call	24 Centennial Drive	Seaforth
26-037	February 16	Other Precondition Fire	29 Market Street	Seaforth
26-038	February 17	MVC	Hydro Line Road/North Line	Seaforth
26-039	February 17	Gas Leak	72 Sports Drive	Brussels
26-040	February 19	Gas Leak	75049 Hensall Road	Seaforth
26-041	February 22	Medical	85486 Molesworth Line	Grey
26-042	February 24	Medical	40 Flora Street	Brussels
26-043	February 24	Alarm Call	3963 Road 183	West Perth
26-044	February 25	CO Alarm	45 Brantford Street	Seaforth
26-045	February 27	Medical	71 Harpurhey Road	Seaforth

### Significant Calls

Huron East Fire Department Seaforth station responded to a two-vehicle motor vehicle collision at North Line and Hydro Line Road on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Upon arrival patients in one vehicle were self-extricated; however, the second vehicle required extrication of two patients. Both patients of the second vehicle were transported to Seaforth Community Hospital. Unfortunately, one of the patients later succumbed to their injuries.

### Training Report

All three stations focused their training this month on firefighter survival, scene size-up, and communications. Our three new recruits also began their Huron County training in Blyth, with instruction focusing on PPE and SCBA donning and doffing, search and rescue techniques, basic first aid, and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) JPRS.

Huron East was successful in securing an April 11<sup>th</sup> AS&E testing date, which will take place at the Seaforth Station. Approximately 29 members of the Huron East Fire Department will be writing a variety of certification exams, including Firefighter Level 1, Firefighter Level 2, Hazardous Materials, and Instructor 1.

An invitation was also extended to fire departments across Huron County to participate in the testing. Currently, the departments of Goderich, Bluewater, North Huron, and Howick have confirmed participation, with an additional 20–30 members expected to write exams. The testing will be conducted in a digital format, allowing participants to receive immediate results.

Instructor 1 in-class training has already begun, with two additional training dates scheduled for March.

### **Equipment & Budget Updates**

The Huron East Fire Department has partnered with Vector Check It, a software platform that specializes in fire service equipment checks, apparatus inspections, and record management. The department will be transitioning to a digital-based system to better manage assets, track equipment maintenance, and improve documentation of required inspections and checks.

The department has also completed demonstrations of several electric-hydraulic (e-hydraulic) extrication tool systems. Based on these evaluations, Huron East Fire Department will be bringing forward its findings and preparing a proposal for Council that best suits the operational needs of the department. It is anticipated that this proposal will be presented to Council in late March or early April.

Additionally, the Chief Officers met to begin developing a long-term apparatus replacement plan for all three stations, taking into consideration the future needs of the department. The department intends to establish a committee with representation from each station to assist in designing specifications for a new front-line apparatus. The goal is to have these specifications developed by the summer, allowing a proposal to be prepared for the replacement of two front-line engines with anticipated delivery timelines in 2028–2029.

### **Chief's Update**

In February, Huron County Emergency Services and the Huron East Fire Department met to discuss the potential design of a shared EMS/Fire Station in Seaforth. These discussions focused on exploring options that would support both services and meet the future needs of the community.

Huron East Fire Department also updated their tiered agreement with Huron County Emergency Services to better align with the needs of residents and to standardize service levels across all three stations.

Chief Boyer attended a five-day training course focused on fire inspections, further enhancing the department's capacity to conduct fire prevention and inspection activities.

It was also determined that the fire siren located in Seaforth would be removed to allow Festival Hydro to address required work on the hydro pole where the siren was mounted.

Additionally, Huron East Fire Department has adopted the West Perth Fire Department agreement.

The department would also like to welcome Sydney Dalton, our new co-op student, who will be assisting at our stations daily until the end of the school year.

## Coming Up

In the coming months, the Huron East Fire Department will focus on the following priorities:

- Continuing development and updates of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs)
- Conducting school inspections and fire drills
- Finalizing the purchase of extrication equipment
- Administering the AS&E testing on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Seaforth Station
- Completing 2026 training lesson plans



## Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention: CHIP

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Minutes

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Huron Perth Public Health

Clinton Site

Moved to virtual due to weather: [Join the meeting now](#)

**Present:** Gloria Wilbee, Andrew Maver, Wayne Forster, Jodi Snell, Laura Edgar

**Regrets:** Kristy Kastelic, Greg Lamport, Craig Soldan

**Minute Taker:** Laura Edgar

### 1. Welcome and call to order by Chair

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

### 3. Review of Minutes of September Meeting

Motion to approve: Snell

Seconded: Maver

Disposition: Carried

### 4. Financial Reports and Updates (HPPH)

Current balance \$5,119.94. Updates given on anticipated withdrawals and deposits from ORV Map. Will be posted to account by March meeting

Motion to approve: Forster

Seconded: Wilbee

Disposition: Carried

### 5. Business Arising

#### 5.1 Off-Road Vehicle Mapping Project

##### *a) Distribution & Project Wrap-Up*

Maps (1000) are printed and delivered to the Clinton site of Huron Perth Public Health.

Discussion of quantities, complementary communications and alternate formats.

- 100 for Huron OPP use to support enforcement
  - o Edgar to follow-up with Soldan on feasibility of OPP distributing at ORV roadside stops
    - If amenable, send more to OPP to aid distribution directly to the audience
- Initial delivery of 25 – 50 / municipality (x10)
  - o Letter drafted
  - o Option to upload pdf to website. Edgar to connect with Huron East to troubleshoot possible supports / formats required.
- Edgar to approach OFATV re: uploading to their bylaw repository & send any updated bylaws/materials
- Additional recommendation to distribute a small quantity through the 12 Library Branches
  - o Edgar to prep FAQ comm for librarians

Edgar to capture in a Communications Plan for implementation March 2026.



**b) Report back on mobile application feasibility**

Initial investigation indicates app development may have an initial cost around \$10,000; followed by yearly updates/maintenance costs. Feasibility would be dependent on having a sustainable funder to support.

**5.2 Recurring Time Slot for 2026 Meetings**

Edgar to send recurring meeting invitation for 2026 on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; March, June, September, December

**5.3 Road Safety Collaborations beyond 2026: Review & Renew**

Review of in progress environmental scan of road safety groups.  
Input received on how to direct survey within municipalities.

**5.4 Burnout Safety Planning**

Defer follow-up to Spring 2026.

**5.5 Huron-Perth MVC Data Project**

Encountering delays, however still progressing. Shared and showcased [City of Guelph's Vision Zero Dashboard](#), and the vision to make mapped motor vehicle collision data readily available for use by municipal staff in reports to councils.

**6. Organizational Round Table Updates**

**6.1 ACW**

Related to new residential development in Dunlop, speed reduced to 70 km/hr. Tour hosted earlier in the year to review the various road projects completed.

**6.2 Bluewater**

**6.3 Huron East**

New Fire Chief Steve Boyer. Phase 1 Link (Seaforth Detour) complete. Regular road travel resumes.

**6.4 Huron Perth Public Health**

Anticipating release of new Ontario Public Health Standards January 2, 2026 and will be able to give an update at March meeting. Third year of layoffs; this year impacted Registered Dietitian FTEs.

**6.5 Huron County Public Works**

Dashwood Reconstruction project complete.

Anticipating roundabout construction in 2026 at Hwy83 & Airport Line; spring start

Budgeted for Intersection Safety review of 2 intersections for 2026:

(1) Cty Rd 15 & Cty Rd 8 (Londesborough Line & Baseline Road);

(2) Cty Rd 83 & Cty Rd 11 (Thames Rd & Hern Line)

Resurfacing (cold in place) of Cty Rd 17 in 2026.

**6.6 Huron OPP**

**6.7 Ministry of Transportation Ontario**

**6.8 Morris-Turnberry**



Salem Line sink hole issue resolved.

Discussions re: plow maintenance. They were down one plow during the last heavy snow.

**6.9 North Huron**

**7. New Business**

7.1 Local partner projects

Brief sharing of updates re: local projects related to mandate including:

7.1.1 Huron County Federation of Agriculture’s application to the Revive Fund for a “Give Space” campaign.

7.1.2 North Perth’s promotion of [Emily Project / Farm 911](#) – [North Perth](#) which has been implemented in other agricultural regions.

**8. Correspondence & FYIs – n/a**

**9. Meeting Summary:**

- 1) Expanding and solidifying plans for ORV Map distribution for March 2026
- 2) Two intersection safety audits anticipated in 2026
- 3) New recurring meeting date selected for 2026

**10. Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 in-person at the Health Unit, Clinton: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Minutes Taker:** MTO

**Motion to Adjourn:** Forester

**Seconded:** Maver

**Disposition:** Carried

Future meeting dates:

<b>Municipality / Organization - Minutes Taker</b>	<b>Date</b>
OPP	September 10, 2025
<i>(substitute Huron Perth Public Health)</i>	December 10, 2025
MTO	March 10, 2026
Bluewater	June 2026
Huron County Public Works	September 2026
Morris-Turnberry	December 2026



North Huron	March 2027
Huron Perth Public Health	June 2027
Huron East	September 2027

# Belmore Arena Board Meeting MINUTES February 16, 2026

*Time: 8:00pm Location: Lounge, Belmore Community Centre*

**Board Members:** Jeremy Underwood (*Chair*), Jenn Van Dyk (*Treasurer*), Kim Harris (*Rentals/Event Coordinator*), Kyra Wright (*Grants*), Brett McPherson (*Parks & Rec*), Marvin Grimes (*Howick Rep*), Mark Ireland (*South Bruce Rep*), Chris Inglis (*Catering*), Ian Inglis (*Director at Large*), Jamie McCallum (*Morris-Turnberry Rep*), Randy Scott (*Vice Chair*), Lorne Underwood (*Chamber Rep*), Wanda Inglis (*Director at Large*), Heidi Dupuis (*Figure Skating*), Dave Eadie (*Curling*), Lindsay Underwood (*Communications & Programming*), Darlene Loos (*Secretary*)

**Attendees:** Jeremy Underwood (*Chair*), Jenn Van Dyk (*Treasurer*), Kim Harris (*Rentals/Event Coordinator*), Kyra Wright (*Grants*), Brett McPherson (*Parks & Rec*), Marvin Grimes (*Howick Rep*), Mark Ireland (*South Bruce Rep*),

**Guests:** Nigel Van Dyk, Abe Versteeg

**Regrets:** Chris Inglis (*Catering*), Ian Inglis (*Director at Large*), Jamie McCallum (*Morris-Turnberry Rep*), Randy Scott (*Vice Chair*), Lorne Underwood (*Chamber Rep*), Wanda Inglis (*Director at Large*), Heidi Dupuis (*Figure Skating*), Dave Eadie (*Curling*), Lindsay Underwood (*Communications & Programming*),

**Secretary/Recorder:** Darlene Loos

<b>Time</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>(Discussion, Approval, Information Sharing)</b>	<b>Meeting Notes/Action Items</b>
8:00pm	<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Approval of February 16, 2026 Agenda</b> - <i>Jeremy Underwood</i>		Meeting called to order: 8:04pm Any Additions to Agenda? None Motion to approve agenda by Kim Harris, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyra Wright.
8:02pm	<b>Approve Previous Mtg Minutes December 15, 2025 (attached)</b> - <i>Board</i>		Motion to approve Marvin Grimes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Warren Weber.  <i>* January Meeting cancelled due to weather. Arena Board Members agreed over email to pay bills. Motion by Dave Eadie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Harris. Carried.</i>

## Agenda Items

8:03	<b>Update Previous Action Items (below agenda items)</b> - <i>Jeremy Underwood</i>	<b>Standing</b>	Reviewed action Items below.
8:10	<b>Correspondence</b> - <i>All</i>	<b>Standing</b>	Structural Condition Assessment Update for the Belmore Community Centre - from Caitlin Gillis, Twp of Howick. Board will review report and create a To-Do List.
8:20	<b>2027 Rental Rate Increase</b> - <i>Kim Harris</i>	<b>Discussion</b>	Proposed Price Increase: Lounge: \$25/hour - \$130/day Small Hall: unlicensed \$95, licensed \$135 Large Hall: unlicensed \$275, licensed - \$350 Celebrations of Life: \$200, licensed \$275 Bartenders \$20/hr Corkage: Beer will stay the same, Alcohol up to \$15/40 Add a line to contract: <i>Additional fees may apply for damages, and or extra clean up.</i>

			Motion that increases be made as suggested: Kyra, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Brett. Carried. Jenn will reach out to Amy at Howick and see if they are updating their fees bylaw before the fall. If so, we will update our fees as well. If not, we will update in the fall.
8:25	<b>Grants Update</b> - <i>Kyra Wright</i>	<b>Standing</b>	<b>Discussion:</b> 2026 OTF Grant Application Howick and Belmore will be working on a joint application.  Majority of Board Members feel we should be applying for the Chiller. Kyra will talk to Howick to see what work they will be applying for through the grant. Work would have to be completed July 2026 to July 2027.
8:35	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> - <i>Jenn VanDyk</i>	<b>Standing</b>	<i>* January Meeting cancelled due to weather. Arena Board Members agreed over email to pay bills. Motion by Dave Eadie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Harris. Carried.</i>  Bill for brine header was received. \$70,000 for MWS. Bills to be paid: 4823.69 + \$70,000 = \$74,823.69 Motion to pay bills by Jenn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kim Harris. Carried  When Lottery Committee donates money to Chamber, it should flow to Arena Board for Curling Club dehumidifier.
8:45	<b>Belmore Catering</b> - <i>Chris Inglis/Kim Harris</i>	<b>Committee Report</b>	Catering has been busy. Inside door of walk-in cooler has been fixed.
8:55	<b>General Maintenance</b> - <i>Jeremy Underwood/Warren Weber</i>	<b>Committee Report</b>	Nothing to report.
9:05	<b>Parks Board</b> - <i>Brett McPherson</i>	<b>Committee Report</b>	Nothing to report
9:15	<b>Rentals - Hall &amp; Lounge</b> - <i>Kim Harris</i>	<b>Committee Report</b>	New Years Eve Stag & Doe was cancelled. Tolton's donated their downpayment to Arena Board. Also donated hotdogs to arena booth.  Speaker was repaired. Bil Graham looked at all defibrillators.  Many events are coming up where bartenders will be needed. In future would like men's bonspiel to stay away from Wing Night.  Kim would like to purchase rechargeable, wireless microphone for \$85. Motion to purchase by Kim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyra.  Wing Night requesting to purchase additional Rubbermaid garbage bins (black with wheels) with tax \$45.20. Would like to purchase 10 of them. These can be stored in the ball diamond booth or above rock room.

			Motion to purchase by Jenn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kyra. Carried
9:25	Ice Rentals & Installation - <i>Warren Weber</i>	Committee Report	January – 15 hours cancelled due to weather. Walkerton Figure Skating coming March 7 <sup>th</sup> . Next year – a lot of interest expressed for ice rental. \$5000 in ice sponsorships this winter.  Mike does all the shoveling for complex. Arena Board to purchase two AGM Meal tickets for him.
9:35	Belmore Curling - <i>Dave Eadie</i>	Committee Report	Things are going well. Very appreciative that the dehumidifier was fixed and now working well.
9:45	Belmore Figure Skating - <i>Heidi Dupuis, Andrea Warwick</i>	Committee Report	No report.
9:55	South Bruce - <i>Mark Ireland</i>	Committee Report	Budget was completed. 2.4-2.5% increase
10:00	Morris-Turnberry - <i>Jamie McCallum</i>	Committee Report	No report.
10:05	Howick - <i>Marvin Grimes</i>	Committee Report	Budget finalized. 7% increase
10:10	Communication - <i>Lindsay Underwood</i>	Committee Report	No report.
10:15	Belmore Chamber of Commerce - <i>Lorne Underwood / Chamber Member</i>	Committee Report	AGM – March 6 <sup>th</sup> . \$30/ticket (includes \$5 membership)

**Next Meeting – March 16, 2026 at 8pm**

**Adjournment of Meeting:** 9:14pm

**Motion to adjourn by:** Marvin

**Previous Action Items**

Lead	Agenda Item/Topic	Actions for Follow Up
Jeremy/ Warren /Kim	General Maintenance	<p><b>20241118:</b> Glass broken along top of timekeepers' box.</p> <p><b>20251117:</b> Outside lights at the main hall – water pools within the light fixtures. Will need to have a look and find replacement fixtures.</p> <p><b>20251117:</b> Constant drip in ladies bathroom (hall side), first sink.</p>
Arena Board	Terms of Reference	<p>20250721: Everyone to take home, review and bring back feedback and suggestions to next meeting</p> <p>20250721: Committee will be established to review the Draft Terms of Reference and bring suggestions back to this group.</p>

		<p>20250818: Committee is still reading through policies and procedures. This will take time. Making a list of questions to discuss with Caitlin and Amy.</p> <p>20251020: Committee met last Thursday with Caitlin and Amy. Better communication needed between arena board and Howick. A lot of talk about insurance and the insurance provider is available to attend the November arena board meeting to answer questions. Suggestion to start November meeting at 7:30pm – Wanda will confirm insurance representatives availability with Caitlin. Board members are encouraged to send insurance questions ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>20251215: Committee would like to ask Gord Harris and Bil Graham to fill two vacancies on committee. Motion to add Gord Harris and Bil Graham to committee: Randy, Kyra. Carried.</p>
Kyra	<b>Grants</b>	<p>20250818: Kyra will begin the grant application process for the Vance Grant. Will need 3 quotes for materials. Will be applying for 100% (<i>will proceed with project if receive 50% or more from the grant</i>).</p> <p>20250818: Motion made to apply for this grant through Howick.</p>
Board	<b>Structural Condition Assessment</b>	20260216: Board will review report and create a To-Do List.
<b>Parking Lot</b>		
Jeremy / Brett	<b>Parks Board</b>	<p>20240715: Willow tree in back corner needs to be taken down before it crashes down. Should do this before winter.</p> <p>20251117: suggestion to contact an arborist for work to be done in 2026.</p>
Jeremy/ Warren	<b>General Maintenance – for Summer</b>	<p>20230228:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Brine header – preventative maintenance by 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 20230821: Need to let Municipali.es know (in November/December) about Brine Header replacement project before their budgets are made.</li> <li>○ 20231016: working on a couple of quotes for brine headers.</li> <li>○ 20240617: spoke with Ben and his company should have time to repair it. Moving ahead with this.</li> <li>○ 2024118: Q1-Q2 should hear whether or not we received grant money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If we don't receive grant, we need to put it into a budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 20250520: Jeremy will confirm with Ben if he can repair. Chamber will need to know by early June.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>20250915: BRINE HEADER will be going ahead now and will be completed within a month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will need new boards over the Curling Header. Kyra will look for Gord's drawings from a few years ago. Then Kim will ask Gord to look at it.</li> </ul> <p>20251020: briner header is going in "as we speak"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Boards around the ice surface need to be replaced.</li> </ol> <p><b>PUT INTO PARKING LOT</b></p>
<b>Adjournment: 9:14pm</b>		
<b>Next Meeting - Monday, March 16, 2026 at 8pm</b>		

## Huron OPP Detachment Board

### Minutes

**Monday, January 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Huron OPP Detachment Office**  
**325 Albert Street, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0**

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

Member Regrets: Jennette Walker, Member - Community Representative

Staff Present: Stacey Jeffery, Administrator/Recording Secretary  
S/Sgt Andrew MacIsaac, Huron OPP

1. Call to Order

Administrator Jeffery called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Member Frayne nominated Member Dietrich for position of Chair. Member Petteplace nominated Member Lamport for the position of Chair. supported the election of Member Dietrich for position of Chair. Member Lamport declined the nomination for the position of Chair. Administrator Jeffery asked Members two more times if there are any other nominations for position of Chair. No additional nominations were identified.

**Motion:** 01-2026

**Moved:** DFrayne

**Seconded:** MAnderson

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board elect Member Dietrich as the Chair of the Board for 2026.**

**Disposition: Carried**

Member Bazinet nominated Member Anderson for position of Vice-Chair. Member Petteplace nominated Member Lamport for the position of Vice-Chair. Administrator Jeffery asked Members two more times if there are any other nominations for position of Vice-Chair. No additional nominations were identified. Voting took place with the two nominations.

Results of Vice-Chair voting: Member Anderson (5), Member Lamport (4).

**Motion:** 02-2026

**Moved:** TBazinet

**Seconded:** GLamport

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board elect Member Anderson as the Vice-Chair of the Board for 2026.**

**Disposition: Carried**

Members discussed that one year in the position of Chair or Vice-Chair isn't long enough to learn the position and build relationships. Members agreed that the Board discuss this matter in detail at a future meeting.

Chair Dietrich took over the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** 03-2026

**Moved:** JClark

**Seconded:** JSteffler

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the Agenda, as presented.**

**Disposition: Carried**

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

5. Approval of Past Minutes

**Motion:** 04-2026

**Moved:** JPetteplace  
**Seconded:** TBazinet

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board adopts the minutes of December 15, 2025, as printed and circulated.**

**Disposition: Carried**

6. Presentations/Delegations

7. Business from Previous Meetings

7.1 2026 Administration Budget

**Motion:** 05-2026

**Moved:** JPetteplace  
**Seconded:** MAnderson

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Financial Report titled 2026 Administration Cost, as presented; and**

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the Administration cost of \$6,369.14 for inclusion in the 2026 Huron OPP Detachment Board budget.**

**Disposition: Carried**

7.2 Procedural By-law Amendment

**Motion:** 06-2026

**Moved:** AvanHittersum  
**Seconded:** TBazinet

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board approve the amendment to the Procedural By-law, as presented.**

**Disposition: Carried**

8. Report

8.1 Inspector's Report

Member Steffler left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

**Motion:** 07-2026

**Moved:** DFrayne  
**Seconded:** GLampont

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

**Disposition: Carried**

8.2 Financial Report

**Motion:** 08-2026

**Moved:** MAnderson  
**Seconded:** JClark

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Financial Report titled Board Financial Actuals - January 1 to December 31, 2025, as presented; and**

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board authorizes the Administrator to bill the 2025 Board expenses to the lower-tiers using the OPP property count billing method, as outlined in the report.**

**Disposition: Carried**

9. New Business

9.1 Ontario511 and Municipal511

Members discussed that Municipal511 is the preferred communication method for closed roads, as OPP are now using this system for road closures. It was discussed that the Ministry of Transportation decides where road closure signs may be placed in the event of a closed road and that these locations are already determined.

10. Board Member Comments

11. Correspondence

11.1 Letter from Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, and the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Strong Mayor Powered Municipalities

11.2 Inspector General Memo #8: Public release of the first Decisions by the Inspector General of Policing with accompanying Findings Reports

**Motion:** 09-2026

**Moved:** MAnderson

**Seconded:** AvanHittersum

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

**Disposition: Carried**

12. Closed Session

S/Sgt Maclsaac left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

**Motion:** 10-2026

**Moved:** JClark

**Seconded:** DFrayne

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board proceeds in Closed Session at 11:06 a.m. for the purpose of review of the draft Detachment Commander Performance Evaluation for 2025 calendar year, as it relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual, in accordance with Section 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and**

**That the Detachment Commander and the Administrator remain in attendance.**

**Disposition: Carried**

13. Report from Closed Session

S/Sgt Maclsaac returned to the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

**Motion:** 11-2026

**Moved:** DFrayne

**Seconded:** JClark

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board acknowledges receipt of the finalized Detachment Commander Performance Evaluation, as amended by the Board in closed session, for the 2025 calendar year and approves its submission to the OPP Regional Superintendent; and**

**That Chair Dietrich be authorized to sign and submit the finalized Detachment Commander Performance Evaluation to the Regional Superintendent on behalf of the Board.**

**Disposition: Carried**

14. Next Meeting

March 23, 2026

15. Adjournment

**Motion:** 12-2026

**Moved:** TBazinet

**Seconded:** JPetteplace

**That Huron OPP Detachment Board hereby adjourns at 11:51 a.m., to meet again on March 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.**

**Disposition: Carried**

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Jim Dietrich, Chair

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Stacey Jeffery, Recording Secretary

## Membership Meeting #1-2026

January 28, 2026

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

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator  
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Cory Bilyea, Midwestern News Media  
Glenn Sheppard, Marsh

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, requested Vice Chair, Matt Duncan, chair the meeting. Matt Duncan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

### 3. Minutes

#### Motion FA #1-26

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Anita Van Hittersum

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #12-2025 held on December 17, 2025, be approved.  
(carried)

### 4. Business out of the Minutes

- a) Discussion re: Advocacy regarding proposed Consolidation: Report #1-2026

Report #1-2026 was presented and the following motions was made:

**Motion FA #2-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Vanessa Kelly

THAT the chair, vice chair and staff proceed with the actions listed in Report #1-2026 to continue with advocacy.

(carried)

b) Process for Requesting an Exemption for Chair and Vice Chair: Report #2-2026

Report #2-2026 was presented for the members and the following motion was made with a recorded vote:

**Motion FA #3-26**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the members request an extension to the 2026 term for the Chair and Vice Chair as required by the Conservation Authorities Act.

(carried)

Member	Yes	No
Ed McGugan, Township of Huron-Kinloss & South Bruce	x	
Alvin McLellan, Municipality of Huron East	x	
Megan Gibson, Township of Howick	x	
Matt Duncan, Municipality of North Perth	x	
Anita Van Hittersum, Township of North Huron	x	
Evan Hickey, Township of Ashfield- Colborne-Wawanosh	x	
Ed Podniewicz, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington N & Township of Mapleton	x	
Vanessa Kelly, Town of Goderich & West Perth	x	
Andrew Fournier, Township of Perth East	x	
Alison Lobb, Municipality of Central Huron	x	
Sharen Zinn, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry	x	

c) Public Consultation: Closure of Wawanosh Campground: Report #3-2026

Report #3-2026 was presented and the following motions was made:

**Motion FA #4-26**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Ed Podniewicz

THAT the authority implements the recommendations as outlined in Report #3-2026.

(carried)

d) Final Agenda-Annual Meeting: Report #4-2025

Report #4-2026 was presented to the members for their consideration.

## 5. Presentations

- a) Directors and Officers Liability & Cybersecurity: Glenn Sheppard, Marsh

Glenn Sheppard of Marsh presented information about Directors and Officers Liability & Cybersecurity.

- b) 2025 Work Plan Highlights: Jayne Thompson, Communications/IT/GIS Coordinator

Jayne Thompson presented about the highlights of the 2025 Work Plan.

## 6. Business Requiring Direction and or a Decision:

- a) Review of Members 2025 Work Plan: Report #5-2026

Report #5-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

### **Motion FA #5-26**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the review of the 2025 Members work plan progress report be approved as outlined in Report #5-2026.

- b) 2025 Year End Revenue/Expenditure Report: Report #6-2026

Report #6-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

### **Motion FA #6-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the year-end surpluses and deficits outlined in Report #6-2026 be directed to the appropriate accumulated surplus categories;

AND THAT all deferred revenue be directed to the designated projects in the 2026 draft budget.

(carried)

- c) Annual Review of the Members Manual: Report #7-2026

Report #7-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #7-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson                      **Seconded by:** Evan Hickey  
THAT no changes be made to the Members Manual.  
(carried)

d) Declarations for Second Vice Chair: Report #8-2026

Report #8-2026 was presented for the members for their consideration. Evan Hickey declared his interest in Second Vice Chair.

**7. Consent Agenda**

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

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for October: Report #9-2026
- b) Agreements Signed: Report #10-2026

**Motion FA #8-26**

**Moved by:** Ed Podniewicz                      **Seconded by:** Vanessa Kelly  
THAT Report #9-2026 to Report #10-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.  
(carried)

**8. Chair and Member Reports**

Ed McGugan shared his experience at the ROMA Conference.

**9. Closed Session: Personnel Matter-Performance Review General Manager Secretary Treasurer**

**Motion FA #9-26**

**Moved by:** Vanessa Kelly                      **Seconded by:** Anita Van Hittersum  
THAT the meeting be moved into a closed session at 8:45 PM.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #10-26**

**Moved by:** Sharen Zinn                      **Seconded by:** Megan Gibson  
THAT the meeting be moved into open session at 8:53PM.  
(carried)

**10. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00pm at the Blyth Memorial Hall in Blyth.

**Motion FA #11-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Vanessa Kelly

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:55PM

(carried)



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Ed McGugan  
Chair



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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

## Annual Meeting of the Membership#2-2026

February 25, 2026

**Members Present:** Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Ed Podniewicz, Anita Van Hittersum, Andrew Fournier, Evan Hicky, Sharen Zinn, Matt Ducnan, Alvin McLellan

**Members Absent:** Megan Gibson, Vanessa McMillan, Evan Hicky

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, Jayne Thompson, Michelle Quipp, Stewart Lockie, Barry Skinn, Donna Clarkson, Elizabeth Huber-Kidby, Patrick Huber-Kidby, Karlene Zurbrigg, Tim Prentice, Dave Nuhn, Laura Hopkins, Amber Leis, Adam Youngblut, Erin Gouthro, Jason Moir, Cheryl Dobbyn, Danielle Livingston, Alaina Lennox

**Others Present:** Chris Akiwenzie, Dylan White, Cory Bilyea, Peter Shepherd, Art Versteeg, John Thompson, Walter McKenzie, Jim Ginn, Jamie Heffer, Paul Heffer, Marg Beard, Emily, Sophia and Finnley Hopf, Davin Heinbuck, Ray Chartrand, Erik Downing, Susan Chan, Wendy Hoernig, Steve McCabe, Shawn Loughlin, Glen McNeil, Dean Trentowsky, Jordan Nairn, Richard Keeso, Kriss Snell, Deb Shewfelt, David Yates

### 1. Welcome by the Chair

Chair, Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

### 2. Introduction of the Members of Maitland Conservation for 2026

Chair McGugan invited all the Members of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority to introduce themselves and the Municipalities that they represent.

### 3. Introduction of Guests: Chair, Ed McGugan

Chair McGugan invited the following dignitaries to bring remarks:

Jamie Heffer –Warden of County of Huron

Dean Trentowsky – Warden of the County of Perth

Jim Ginn – Mayor of Central Huron  
Walter McKenzie – Mayor of West Perth  
Paul Heffer – Reeve of the Township of North Huron  
Ray Chartrand – Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority  
Steve McCabe – Councillor, Township of Wellington North  
John Thompson – Councillor, Town of Goderich  
Glen McNeil – Mayor of the Municipality of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh  
Erik Downing – General Manager, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

#### **4. Remarks from Angela Coleman, Executive Director, Conservation Ontario**

Chair McGugan provided remarks on her behalf as Angela and Lisa Thompson as they were unable to attend the meeting.

#### **5. Chair's Remarks: Ed McGuan**

Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for being here today.

It has become common practice nowadays to do a land acknowledgment at the beginning of any public meeting. I would like to expand that today a little bit.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the indigenous peoples who have been here on this land for a long time and continue to live here.

I would like to acknowledge the pioneers who settled this land and who in many cases were escaping to here, from severe abuse and tyranny.

I would like to acknowledge the immigrants who have come to this land and this Country both for the opportunities and again, to escape war and starvation.

And I would like to acknowledge all of our veterans, who have fought and died and suffered unspeakably so that we may live in freedom here in this country.

We have made mistakes. Lots of them. Big ones too. Such is the stuff of history throughout this world and the sweep of history. And in this nation.

However, this country, this land, has been a beacon of hope and promise to very many people around the world.

This is a beautiful land that has been given to us to steward. It is a productive land. A land populated by a vast array of people who are industrious, hardworking and caring.

And they care for this land. Including its lakes and streams, rivers and forests.

And where we live, here in Ontario, as our Premier so recently pointed out, we are quite unusual in North America at least, in that we have Conservation Authorities.

That is not normal. Most places do not have dedicated, statutory organizations specifically focused on flood and erosion hazard protection of people and property. Organizations that protect environmentally sensitive lands and preserve beautiful areas where the public can go and enjoy the woods, the streams, rivers and lakes.

We have a great deal to be thankful and grateful for.

And today, I want to continue by thanking each one of you. All who support this Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. Those who work for the Authority, those who support the Authority, those on the Maitland Conservation Foundation and those Members of the Board.

A tremendous amount of thought, planning, consultation and work goes into the care of the land we are responsible for.

Sometimes we are obligated to make tough decisions. Decisions that are not necessarily popular. But decisions that follow our Mission and our Vision, decisions that **prioritize** the safety of the people we share some responsibility for.

We have strived to always keep in mind that it is rarely the wrong time to do the right thing. And to do the right thing, to make the right decision, in the right way. With lots of discussion, careful consideration and compassion.

Because it matters. The people affected matter. The land, the environment matter. Again because the people who live here, who live in this land matter.

One of the phrases I've heard this past year is: A Healthy Environment equals a Healthy People, which equals a Healthy Economy.

If you have any doubt about that, look around the world. Look at the sub-Saharan regions among others. The environment, while sensitive, is in bad shape. And consequently the people are not healthy. And the economy is in tatters.

A Healthy Environment, a Healthy People, and a Healthy Economy. That is one of the key things we bring to the table. We understand the principles and the details of our watershed.

There is a whole lot to be learned and in the last few years we have done a Forest Health Assessment and we are now underway with a streams and watercourses study.

We are continuing to work with the Wildlife Conservation Society, the University of Guelph and the One Health Institute on the environmental component of the Healthy Watersheds, People and Wildlife initiative.

We are continuing our efforts to collaborate with first nations and Metis Councils through the Shared Pathways initiative.

We are continuing to update our flood hazard mapping and working on the Restoring Natural Sediment Pathways project at the Goderich Harbour.

And, along with our partners, work is continuing and expanding on the Watershed Stewardship Services program that incorporates better farming and land management practices that keep the soil on the land for future generations and out of the streams, rivers and lakes.

There was a participatory seminar recently where the round table was shared between three indigenous leaders and one white haired guy in a wheelchair. And they explained their understanding of the Seven Generation Principle to me in a way that was somewhat revelatory.

And the Principle, as they stated it, goes like this:

You are one generation.

And you normally know your parents, and hopefully their parents, your grandparents.

That is three generations.

And you are blessed if you got to meet your great-grandparents. I don't remember them but I did know where they lived and knew quite a bit about them. They were real to me. And that's four generations.

And, on the other side, we normally know our children and hopefully their children, our grandchildren.

And, you are indeed blessed if you get to meet your great-grandchildren. That makes for seven generations.

So you know where you came from. You know your history. And you know the people directly involved in the future.

And that informs the indigenous decision making. Every decision is filtered through the understanding that it is affected by the people in our past and will affect the people in our future. People we are intimately connected to.

And it makes for better decisions.

May we learn from our indigenous brethren to remember the past and consider the future on a larger and longer scale.

2026 is our 75th Anniversary. Let's celebrate this year. Let's celebrate our connectedness, our past, and our future.

## 6. Staff Service Awards

Chair McGugan presented staff service awards to the following staff:

- a) Sarah Gunneweik, Water Resources Engineer-5 years
- b) Alaina Lennox, Administrative Assistant-5 years

## 7. Election of Officers: Maitland Conservation & Maitland Source Protection Authority

### a) Appointment of Presiding Officer and Scrutineers

Chair McGugan called for an appointment of a Presiding Officer for the election of Chair.

#### **Motion FA #12-2026**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT Jamie Heffer act as the Presiding Officer for the election of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and the Maitland Source Protection Authority (MSPA).

(carried)

### b) Election of Chair for 2026

Presiding Officer, Heffer, called for the appointment of two scrutineers for the election of officers.

#### **Motion FA #13-26**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

**Seconded by:** Andrew Fournier

THAT Walter McKenize and Deb Shewfelt be scrutineers for the elections of officers;  
AND THAT the scrutineers be responsible for destroying ballots after an election, if needed.

(carried)

The Presiding Officer called for nominations for the position of Chair for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.

#### **Motion FA #14-26**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum

THAT Ed McGugan be nominated for Chair of the MVCA and the MSPA for 2026.

(carried)

The Presiding Officer called for nominations for the Chair position two more times. There were no further nominations and the Presiding Officer called for a motion to close nominations.

#### **Motion FA #15-26**

**Moved by:** Sharen Zinn

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026 be closed.  
(carried)

Ed McGugan agreed to stand for the position of Chair in 2026.

Presiding Officer, Heffer declared Ed McGugan as the Chair of the MVCA and MSPA for 2026.

**c) Election of Vice-Chair for 2026**

Ed McGugan, Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.

**Motion FA #16-26**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT Matt Duncan be nominated for Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.  
(carried)

The Chair called for further nominations for Vice-Chair two more times and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #17-26**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum                      **Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026 be closed.  
(carried)

Matt Duncan accepted the Vice-Chair position.

The Chair declared Matt Duncan Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.

**d) Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair for 2026**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.

**Motion FA #18-26**

**Moved by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT Evan Hickey be nominated for 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.  
(carried)

The Chair called for further nominations for 2nd Vice-Chair two more times and no others were made so then called for a motion to close nominations.

**Motion FA #19-26**

**Moved by:** Andrew Fornier

**Seconded by:** Matt Duncan

THAT nominations for the position of 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026 be closed.

(carried)

Chair McGugan declared Evan Hickey as 2nd Vice-Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Maitland Source Protection Authority for 2026.

**8. Celebrating Partnerships”: Introductions-Chair & Vice Chair**

- a) Maitland Conservation Foundation: Jordan Nairn, MCF Chair
- b) Ecosystem Approaches to Health: Dr. Jane Parmley, Associate Professor, Ontario Veterinary College
- c) Building Relationships: Chris Akiwenzie, Lead - Aki-Guardian, & Dylan White, Biologist, Bagida'waad Alliance
- d) Lake Huron Forever Pledge – Working towards a healthier Lake Huron Ecosystem: John Thompson, Town of Goderich

Chair, McGugan thanked each of the presenters.

**9. Closing Remarks: Chair, MVCA**

Chair, McGugan thanked everyone for attending the MVCA's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The Chair added that he is looking forward to working with the Members and staff in 2026 as we celebrate MVCA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**10. Adjournment:**

Next meeting: March 18, 2026, at 7:00pm at MVCA's Administration Centre located in Wroxeter.

**Motion FA #20-26**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 3:45pm.

(carried)



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Ed McGugan  
Chair

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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



## Good News

### FE Madill Hosts Living Library

Vice Chair Patricia Smith shared that FE Madill SS hosted their third Living Library event which enables students to interact with experts to learn about a particular topic, rather than reading about the topic in a book. A wide variety of guests attended including AMDSB Indigenous Team members Matt Baker and Jessie Dew, past AMDSB staff member Paul Finkelstein, OPP Constable Jamie Stanley and others. Students completed an information sheet in order to interact with the guests and many reported learning something new!



### New Agri-Food Discovery Centre Coming to North Perth

Trustee Nancy Rothwell was pleased to share that a first-of-its-kind Ag Science Centre will be opening in Listowel under the leadership of a design team from Moriyama Teshima Architects (proposed design below). Students and community members of all ages will benefit from the educational opportunities that this Centre will bring in the agriculture and food sector in Ontario.



## Leroy Hibbert Presents to Students About the Importance of Acceptance

Superintendent Riley Culhane highlighted that in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21), AMDSB hosted presentations led by Leroy Hibbert of [LUSO Community Services](#). Over 900 students and 40 educators participated, including live Grades 6-8 audiences from Seaforth PS, with a separate session engaging Grades 10-12 students and 60 central office staff. The learning emphasized our collective responsibility to end racial discrimination by deepening understanding through education and amplifying stories shared by individuals with lived experience, reinforcing that differences in skin colour or melanin should never divide us. Next year, the goal is to expand the audience to include Grades 4 and 5.



## Local Municipal Council Members Support Trustees Call for Provincial Consultation

Chair Michael Bannerman was pleased to share that the council members of the Municipality of North Perth and the City of Stratford have both endorsed the AMDSB request for public consultation and transparency regarding potential changes to English public school board governance. He wished to publicly thank the members of both councils for their support.

## North Perth Access Centre Improves Service for Families in North Perth

Trustee Nancy Rothwell highlighted a new Access Centre that brings together services from Children's Aid Society, the Well Community Collective, the Optimism Place Women's Shelter, the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance. Access Centres across Huron and Perth counties support families and residents with better access to critical services. Full details in a recent [Stratford Beacon Herald article](#).

## School Showcase

Communications Manager Chera Longston highlighted **École Bedford Public School**, located in Stratford (Chair Michael Bannerman and Trustee Deepika Mishra), and serves approximately 465 elementary students (grades K to 6). Its progression schools are Stratford Intermediate School for grades 7 and 8 and then Stratford District SS for grades 9 to 12. The current building opened in 1966 and is led by Principal Mike Stanley and Vice Principal Melissa DeBrouwer under the supervision of Superintendent Paul Langis.

### Highlights from Bedford include:

- A Focus on Numeracy and Literacy: Primary and French Immersion classes are focusing on literacy skills including phonemic awareness, decoding and encoding as well as reading comprehension. Their French Immersion teachers participate in a Professional Learning Community in order to build their skills and improve collaboration. Junior classes are focusing on math with specific attention given to: numeracy, spatial sense and thinking questions.
- Character Counts: Each month Bedford focuses on a Board Character Trait. Daily announcements highlight the monthly trait and the importance of a positive growth mindset. Teachers select students who demonstrate the character trait of the month and those students are celebrated on the Bedford Character Board and presented with a donut!
- Nutrition Program and Special Food Days: Bedford has an amazing group of parent volunteers who prepare fruit and vegetables weekly for students. Also, throughout the year, students enjoy special food days including: pancake day, yogurt parfait day, quesadilla day, Booster Juice day and popcorn day.
- Successful fundraising campaign for a new playground: A new playground was installed in June 2025 for students and the community to enjoy. It features an accessible rubber base and separate hill slide with artificial grass.



### Days of Significance Wrap-Up (March)

Schools celebrated important days throughout March. The video below provides a sampling of these activities! [March DOS Wrap-up Video - 2026](#) by AMDSB Communications

# Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Julia Havenga reported that the student senate hosted a variety of bake sale initiatives in order to raise funds for each school's equity (or benevolent) fund. She explained that students are now more aware that there is a fund that can support them. She also highlighted that later in the evening the Senate will meet with AMDSB Mental Health Lead Heather Hirdes to discuss their mental health social media campaign that will focus on existing support available to students and encourage students to reach out for support when needed in order to reduce the stigma.

## Future Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held in person unless otherwise noted. Links to join the Regular Board meetings online will be posted on the [Board Meeting page](#) the day before the meeting.

- Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - Governance and Strategic Planning Committee
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. - Regular Session, followed by Committee of the Whole, Closed Session
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - Governance and Strategic Planning Committee
- Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. - Regular Session, followed by Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

## Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (online)
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (online)
- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) – Monday, April 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.



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Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

**Resolution No. 75-03-2026**

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

**Whereas** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

**Whereas** the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

**Whereas** the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

**Whereas** the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried

**Outstanding Action Items**  
**Open Session**

April 7

Meeting Date	Action Item	Action By	Current Status	Next Step
February 17, 2026	Maitland Granite Grant Applications	CAO	Application submitted.	Report to Council with result when known.



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**BY-LAW NO. 22-2026**

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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 April 7, 2026.

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**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 April 7, 2026, meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

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

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at its meeting held on April 7, 2026, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Minutes and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at the meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law; and
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorize and direct all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council to the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry referred to in the preceding section thereof;
3. The Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

**Read a FIRST and SECOND time, April 7, 2026**

**Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, April 7, 2026**

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam