

#### **MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

#### **COUNCIL AGENDA**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet in Council Chambers in regular session on April 8, 2025, 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 8, 2025, as circulated.

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#### 3.0 <u>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

#### 4.0 MINUTES

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the March 18, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

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#### 5.0 ACCOUNTS

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the April 8 accounts for payment as presented.

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#### 6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

#### 6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Application MV01-2025 – Williams (Pottruff and Kamrath) CON 8 N Pt Lot 5; RP 22R2807 Parts 2 and 3 (42287 Howick-Turnberry Rd)

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their Council Meeting, to be reconvened following a meeting of the Committee of Adjustment to review application for Minor Variance MV01-2025, submitted by Baillie Williams on behalf of Susan Pottruff and Michael Kamrath.

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#### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

#### 6.1.1 Call to Order

#### 6.1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

#### 6.1.3 Purpose

The purpose of this application is to increase the permitted separation distance between the main dwelling and a proposed additional residential unit from the required 60m to 90m.

#### 6.1.4 Comments

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

#### 6.1.5 Recommendation

It is recommended that application MV01-2025 be approved with the following conditions:

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

#### 6.1.6 Committee of Adjustment Decision

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT The Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, considering the variance to be minor, to maintain the appropriate development of the lands, and to maintain the general intent of the Morris-Turnberry Zoning Bylaw 45-2014 and the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan, hereby approves application for minor variance MV01-2025, submitted by Baillie Williams on behalf of Susan Pottruff and Michael Kamrath:

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

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#### 6.1.7 Close Committee of Adjustment

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT The Committee of Adjustment hereby adjourns their meeting.

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#### 7.0 STAFF REPORTS

#### 7.1 PLANNING

Draft County Official Plan Amendment No. 6 (PPS Conformity)

A report has been prepared by Huron County Planners Jenn Burns and Sarah Kurtz for the information of Council.

#### 8.0 BUSINESS

#### 8.1 2025 BUDGET

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

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 17-2025 being a bylaw to adopt the budget and tax rates for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the year 2025, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.

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#### 8.2 2024 RESERVES

In anticipation of Council approving amounts to be transferred to reserves in the 2025 budget, by-law 18-2025 has been prepared to establish those reserve funds.

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 18-2025 being a bylaw to confirm the year-end 2024 reserves and establish reserve funds for the year 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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#### 8.3 TENDER RESULTS - MT-25-113 – SURFACE TREATMENT

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

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepSt the tender of Duncor Enterprises Inc. for Contract No. MT 25-113, Supply and Place Surface Treatment in the amount of \$498,957.50 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

AND FURHTER THAT any budget surplus be transferred to the roads reserve for future projects after completion of this project.

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#### 8.4 ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

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

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law to the next meeting of Council, authorizing internet and telephone voting methods for the 2026 municipal election.

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#### 8.5 BY-LAW HOUSEKEEPING

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

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law to repeal and replace by- law 81-2019, regarding Seasonal Road Closures, and a by- law repealing by-law 84-2017, regarding Off Road Vehicles, to the next meeting of Council.

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#### 8.6 EARLY INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION AND SKILLS PROGRAM

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

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return the \$48,500.00 currently held by the municipality for the Early Investment in Education and Skills program to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

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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 Minutes CHIP 11 December 2024
- 10.2 Minutes Huron County Detachment Board January 27, 2025
- 10.3 Board Meeting Highlights AMDSB March 25, 2025
- 10.4 Huron OPP Detachment Board and Policing Activities 2024 Annual Report
- 10.5 Invitation Thrive Summit (Registration link included)
- 10.6 Resolution Tariff Response Western Ontario Warden's Caucus

#### 11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

#### 12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

#### 13.0 CLOSED SESSION

#### 13.1 Enter closed session.

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

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

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

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13.2 Return to open session.

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

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

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13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

#### 14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 19-2025, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 8, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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#### 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by ~ Seconded by ~

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

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#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:30 pm



#### **MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

#### Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on March 18, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

#### **Council in Attendance**

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

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk Sean Brophy Treasurer

#### Others in Attendance

Rachel Hammermueller The Wingham Advance Times

Scott Stephenson The Citizen

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

#### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 58-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of March 18, 2025, as circulated.

Carried.

#### 3.0 <u>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

None

#### 4.0 MINUTES

Motion 59-2025

Moved by Jodi Snell Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the March 4, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

#### 5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 60-2025

Moved by Jodi Snell Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the March 18 accounts for payment as presented.

Carried.

#### 6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

#### 7.0 STAFF REPORTS

#### 7.1 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### 7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – January and February 2025

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for January and February was provided for the information of Council.

#### 7.2 BUILDING

#### 7.2.1 Building Department Activities – January and February 2025

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for January and February was provided for the information of Council.

#### 7.3 FIRE

#### 7.3.1 Fire Chief's Monthly Report - North Huron Fire Department

Monthly reports for January and February 2025 prepared by Fire Chief Chad Kregar were provided for the information of Council.

#### 8.0 BUSINESS

#### 8.1 2024 YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Councillor Zinn asked for clarification on the long-term staffing reserve, which was provided by Mr. Hallam.

Motion 61-2025

Moved by Jodi Snell Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approve the recommended year-end reserve transfers as:

- -\$100,000 to the Long-Term Staffing Reserve
- -\$50,000 to the Fire Reserve
- -\$20,000 to the Recreation Reserve
- -\$112,232.90 to the General Reserve

Carried.

#### 8.2 2025 BUDGET UPDATE

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

Councillor Zinn asked for clarification about why the reserve transfers in the previous report were not considered to offset the levy in the budget, she also asked what the impact of accepting the recommended option for bridge reserves would have on an average household. Mr. Brophy explained that the reserve amounts in the previous report were one time transfers, while those in the budget are annual. He calculated that the

recommended option 3 in the report for fridge reserves would represent an increase of approximately \$145.00 for the average household.

Councillor Snell inquired what impacts reducing contributions to bridge reserves would have on future projects. Mr. Hallam explained that any reduction will reduce the Municipality's ability to respond to repair and replacement needs in the future. He also noted that the current contributions fall far short of what is recommended by the municipality's asset management plan.

Councillor Freiburger expressed concern with reducing the reserve contributions below what was recommended as option 3 in the staff report.

Motion 62-2025

Moved by Jodi Snell Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepts option 3 for bridge and culvert reserves, as recommended in the staff report.

Carried.

Motion 63-2025

Moved by Jodi Snell Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a final draft of the 2025 budget, containing the recommended changes including option 3, to the April 8, 2025 council meeting.

Carried.

#### 8.3 REQUEST TO PURCHASE GREEN STREET

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

Motion 64-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby gives notice of its intention to permanently stop up, close, and convey a portion of Green Street;

AND FURHTER THAT notice of Council's intention to permanently close said portion of Green Street be published in accordance with the municipality's notice policy under by-law 89-2019.

AND FURHTER THAT a by-law be returned for consideration at future meeting of Council to stop up, close and convey part of Green Street identified as Part 2 of 22R-7466.

Carried.

#### 8.4 BELGRAVE WATER ANNUAL REPORT AND SUMMARY

The Belgrave Well Supply 2024 Operation and Maintenance Annual Report, and Compliance Summary prepared by Veolia Water were provided for the information of Council.

Motion 65-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry adopts the Belgrave Well Supply 2024 Operation and Maintenance Annual Report, as prepared by Veolia Water.

#### 9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jodi Snell

Attended two meetings of the Listowel Wingham Physician Recruitment Committee.

Attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention.

Jamie Heffer

No report

#### 10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Minutes Belmore Arena Board December 16, 2024
- 10.2 Monthly Report Belgrave Water February 2025
- 10.3 Outstanding Action Items

#### 11.0 <u>ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u>

At the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting Councillor Zinn requested a discussion regarding the use of steel wheels on municipal roads. Following the meeting Councillor Zinn withdrew her request.

#### 12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

#### 12.1 NICHOL MUNICIPAL DRAIN FINAL READING

Motion 66-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 04-2025, being a bylaw to adopt an engineer's report to vary original assessments for drainage works in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.

Carried.

#### 12.2 DATAFIX/VOTERVIEW AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Motion 67-2025

Moved by Jodi Snell Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 14-2025, being a bylaw to authorize an amending agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and Comprint Systems Incorporated, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

#### 12.3 AMENDMENTS TO APPOINTMENT BY-LAW

Motion 68-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 15-2025, being a bylaw to appoint officials, members of committees and boards, and other such persons as are required, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

#### 13.0 CLOSED SESSION

#### 13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 69-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:01 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

a) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality;

Carried.

#### 13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 70-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Carried.

#### 13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received and reviewed a draft cross border servicing agreement for water and wastewater services and gave direction to staff.

#### 14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 71-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 16-2025, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on March 18, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

#### 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 72-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Carried.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

# Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Account List for

April 8 2025

Conoral				
<u>General</u> Bell Canada	Emergency Lines		121.89	
Bell Canada	Morris Office		493.06	
Bell Mobility	Cell Phone		25.07	
Enbridge	Morris Office		339.25	
Tuckersmith Communications	Office Internet & Security		180.80	
MicroAge Basics	Office Supplies & IT Support		990.08	
Orkin Canada	Morris Office/Shop & Bluevale Hall		202.25	
Huron Clean	Office Cleaning		401.64	
CIBC VISA	Online Council Meetings	24.28		
	Water	69.22		
	<u> </u>	450.87		
	3	420.00		
		368.42	1,332.79	
Midwestern Newspapers Corp	Tax Sale of Land Advertisements		308.50	
North Huron Publishing Company Inc			250.18	
Realtax Inc.	Tax Sale of Land Advertisements		536.75	
Krantz Law Professional Corp	Legal		1,742.12	
	Bluevale Hall Asbestos Re-Survey & AMP		2,574.14	
Josh Bruton	Coyote Bounty		1,000.00	
Minister of Finance	Policing - February		38,253.00	
Maitland Conservation	2025 Conservation Levy		112,962.00	
Township of North Huron	Fire Calls - February		3,154.50	
Township of North Huron	Fire Levy Q1 & Q2		178,909.98	
Township of North Huron	2025 Q1 Recreation Support		20,380.25	
WSIB	WSIB - March 2025		1,248.01	
Minister of Finance	EHT - March 2025		863.26	
Payroll				
March 26 2025	Payroll		23,921.14	
	Expenses		151.42	
	General	Total		390,342.08
Building Department				
Bell Mobility	Cell Phone		109.82	
Property Owner	Refund Permit Fee - Cancelled Permit		1,115.62	
MicroAge Basics	IT Support		62.15	
CIBC VISA	MMAH 2025 Membership		128.00	
Leslie Motors	Vehicle Maintenance		192.13	
WSIB	WSIB - March 2025		274.59	
Minister of Finance	EHT - March 2025		173.29	
Payroll				
March 26 2025	Payroll		5,303.90	
	Expenses		-	
	Building	Total		7,359.50
Property Standards				
Keppelcreek	Property Standards & Bylaw Enforcement-Ma		1,571.79	
Drainage	Property Standards	<b>Fotal</b>		1,571.79
<u>Drainage</u>	Honnor Dump		AAE 04	
Hydro One	Hopper Pump		445.31	
GEI Consultants	Nichol Municipal Drain	Total _	941.11	1 206 40
	Drainage	rotai		1,386.42
Parks & Cemeteries				

Parks & Cemeteries Total

Rogers	Belgrave Water & Humphrey Well Internet	180.78	
Veolia Water	February Operations	5,899.72	0.000.00
	Wate	r Total	6,268.96
<u>ındfill</u>			
Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	8.91	
PE Inglis Holdings Inc.	Portable Unit	152.55	
	Landfil	l Total	161.46
<u>pads</u>			
Bell Canada	Morris Shop	246.53	
Bell Canada	Turnberry Shop	121.88	
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	59.05	
Enbridge	Turnberry Shop	478.19	
Enbridge	Morris Shop	678.49	
HuronTel	Turnberry Shop Internet	66.56	
PBJ Cleaning Depot Inc.	Office Cleaning	168.28	
CIBC VISA	Tablet Charger & Cables	171.45	
Hodgins RONA	Shop Supplies	14.68	
Comco Fasteners Inc.	Shop Supplies	3,750.70	
Huronia	Annual Contract & Shop Supplies	414.12	
Radar Auto Parts	Shop Supplies & Parts 15-10 Loader, 10-25 & 06-04 Gra	aders 490.70	
Maitland Welding & Machining	Parts for 19-06 Tandem	406.80	
Joe Kerr Ltd.	Repair for 19-06 Tandem	5,112.78	
Altruck International Truck Centres	Parts for 19-06 Tandem	1,014.81	
Huron Tractor	Parts for 13-03, 09-02 & 17-01 Graders	2,287.36	
Brandt London	Parts for 13-03 Grader	1,070.28	
White's Wearparts Ltd.	Parts for 15-10 Backhoe	560.39	
BM Ross & Associates	T100 - Willit Bridge, Salem Rd	711.90	
Sepoy Trade Solutions	Streetlight Repair	239.58	
WSIB	WSIB - March 2025	1,710.27	
Minister of Finance	EHT - March 2025	1,079.30	
Payroll			
March 26 2025	Payroll	29,835.72	
	Expenses	56.48	
	Roads	s Total	50,746.30
	Acco	unt Total	457,836.51
Approved By Council:	April 8 2025		
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To: The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

From: Jenn Burns, Planner Date: March 31, 2025

Re: Minor Variance Application MV01/25 (Baillie Willams for Susan Pottruff)

Property Address: 42287 Howick-Turnberry Rd

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that Application MV01/25 be approved with the following conditions:

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

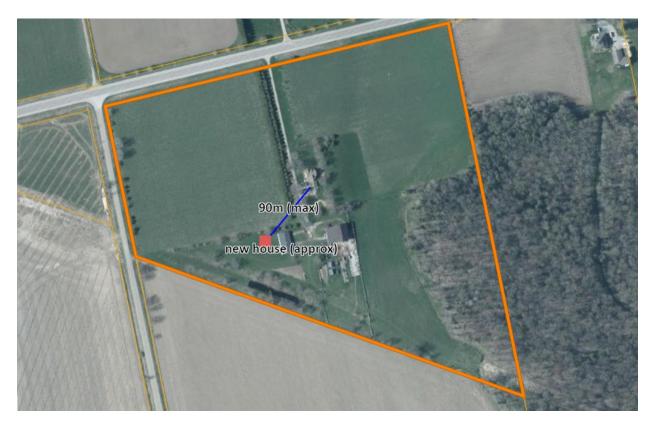
#### Review

The subject property is municipally known as 42287 Howick-Turnberry Road & is zoned AG1 (General Agriculture) and NE2 (Natural Environment – Limited Protection) in the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. The applicant is requesting a Minor Variance to increase the permitted separation distance between the main dwelling and a proposed additional residential unit from the required 60m to 90m (see Figure 1 - air photo).

Proposed relief from the following Sections of By-law 45-2014:

Relief is requested from Section 4.4.4a & Section 3.54 of the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law (By-law 45-2014) to permit an additional residential unit up to 90m from the existing main dwelling.

**Figure 1: Subject Parcel** – Airphoto of property showing existing house and proposed new additional dwelling unit.



#### **COMMENTS**

This variance is sought to allow for the second dwelling to be located away from the workable agricultural land. The additional residential unit must share the existing driveway with the primary residence and is not eligible for severance.

Minor variances are required to satisfy four tests under the Planning Act before they can be approved. To be approved the requested variance must be:

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

This application satisfies all four tests for a minor variance. There are no anticipated adverse impacts on surrounding properties, as the subject property already contains an existing house. The proposed additional residential unit (ARU) will be situated away from the agricultural land while utilizing the same driveway as the main dwelling, minimizing any disruption to farming operations. Additionally, the existing house is closer to neighbouring barns than the proposed ARU, further reducing potential impacts.

The proposed location ensures that the new dwelling unit remains separate from workable agricultural land, preserving its productivity. The development is appropriate for the property, as it maintains its primary agricultural use while allowing for an additional residential unit, in alignment with the policies of the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan and the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law. As such, the requested variance upholds the intent of both planning documents.

Staff commented on the application and have no concerns. No concerns were received from neighbours or agencies.

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

#### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that Application MV01/25 be approved with the following conditions:

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

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

Sincerely,

"original signed by"

Jenn Burns Planner



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**To:** The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

From: Jenn Burns, Planner, Sarah Kurtz, Planning Student, & Denise Van Amersfoort,

Manager of Planning

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Draft County Official Plan Amendment No. 6 (PPS Conformity)

#### Recommendation

That the report, titled Draft County Official Plan Amendment No. 6 (PPS Conformity) be received for information.

#### **Background**

Council received a report on the new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) in late 2024 (attached for reference).

Huron County Council initiated an amendment to the County Official Plan for the purpose of bringing it into conformity with the new provincial direction. The draft amendment is attached to this report for Council's consideration; it includes both policy amendments as well as updated Resource Maps.

#### **Comments**

In October 2024, the Province released the Provincial Planning Statement which replaces the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019. The proposed amendment to the County of Huron Official Plan seeks to align with the new direction in the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS).

There are many important policies that remain the same in the 2024 PPS as in the 2020 PPS, including:

- Decisions of Planning Authorities are required to be 'consistent with' the 2024 PPS;
- Settlement areas continue to be the focus of growth and development;
- Active transportation (e.g. walking & cycling) is important for healthy, active communities;
- Policies addressing natural areas and mineral aggregates are largely unchanged;
- · Huron County is a prime agricultural area; and
- Surplus dwelling severances are permitted in prime agricultural areas.



The 2024 PPS contains new direction for many policy areas. The following is a list which are most applicable for the County of Huron:

- Comprehensive reviews are no longer required for converting employment lands or for expanding settlement areas;
- Focus is on creating complete communities;
- Planning time horizon is at least 20 years and no longer than 30 years;
- More specific direction on promoting wide range of types and forms of housing, including additional residential units in agricultural areas;
- Indigenous Nations are to be consulted early in the planning process; and
- Enhanced direction for consideration of impacts of a changing climate in the planning process.

#### County Official Plan Proposed Amendment No. 6

County Planning staff have reviewed the existing Huron County Official Plan in light of the new Provincial Planning Statement and outlined necessary amendments. The following list summarizes the key differences between the existing Huron County Official Plan and the proposed Official Plan Amendment No. 6:

- Addition of the County's Land Acknowledgement.
- The Agriculture section is amended with the addition of stronger support for agricultural systems planning, new requirements for agricultural impact assessments and to reflect the County's Housing Friendly Lens work relating to Additional Residential units in agricultural settings.
- The Extractive Resource section is amended to reflect the Scoped Update to the Huron County Aggregate Strategy;
- The Natural Environment section is amended to reduce the adjacent lands policies to 30 metres for all natural area types.
- The Settlement Patterns section is amended to remove the comprehensive review requirement at the time of a settlement area expansion and/or alteration to an employment area.
- The Implementation section is amended to update the complete application requirements.

The draft amendment incorporates specific direction from County Council regarding the surplus farm residence criteria for the age of the residence and amends from 15 years to 10 years. If approved, this change could impact surplus farm dwelling severance applications in Morris-Turnberry. Council has the option to adopt the County approach or to be more restrictive should they feel it is necessary to meet local priorities.

The amendment also updates the Appendices Tables with population and housing projections from the 2024 Watson & Associates Economists Study. The updated Resource Maps reflect changes to settlement area boundaries, level of servicing available, aggregate mapping and sourcewater protection.

#### **Next Steps**

The Public Meeting for this amendment will be held at Huron County Council on May 7, 2025. The Municipality will receive a formal Notice of Public Meeting. In the meantime, should Morris-Turnberry Council wish to provide comments on the draft amendment, direction to staff to prepare a response should be given.

Following the amendment to the County Official Plan, Planning & Development staff will work with each local municipality to amend the local Official Plans and bring policy frameworks into conformity.

Sincerely, 'Original signed by' Jenn Burns, Planner & Sarah Kurtz, Student Planner

'Original signed by'
Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning



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**To:** The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

From: Jenn Burns, Planner

**Date:** Oct 10, 2024

**Subject:** New Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the report, titled New Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) be received for information.

#### **Background**

The Province released the final, new Provincial Planning Statement on August 20, 2024. The new PPS will take effect on October 20, 2024; it replaces the Provincial Policy Statement which came into effect on May 1, 2020.

#### Comments

This report contains a summary of the amendments to the Provincial Planning Statement, focusing on those changes most impactful for the County and local municipalities within Huron.

The new PPS consolidates the Provincial Policy Statement and 'A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe' into a new Provincial Planning Statement. This has led to a series of new definitions (eg. "large and fast-growing municipalities") and policies which will not have impact for the County of Huron.

#### Key Changes by Section, Relevant to Huron County:

#### Planning for People and Homes

Policy 2.1.1 provides that planning authorities shall base population and employment growth forecasts on Ontario Population Projections published by the Ministry of Finance and may modify these projections as appropriate.

Policy 2.1.3 provides that, at the time of creating a new official plan and each official plan update, sufficient land shall be made available to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses to meet projected needs for a time horizon of at least 20 years but not more than 30 years, informed by provincial guidance. The policy also provides that planning for *infrastructure*, *public service facilities*, *strategic growth areas* and *employment areas* may extend beyond this time horizon.

Policy 2.1.6 directs planning authorities to support the development of *complete communities*.

Staff Comments: Huron is well positioned to respond to Provincial direction with the 2024 Huron County Population and Housing Projections report, prepared by Watson & Associates Economists; Huron adopted the medium growth scenario which projects significant growth out to 2051, when the County's population is projected to be 90,200 persons.



In order to provide sufficient housing for current and future populations, Planning staff work closely with local municipalities to ensure sufficient land bases for housing are available and that those lands are used efficiently (through minimum density requirements). Settlement Area and growth analyses are completed during Five Year Reviews of local Official Plans. There have been privately initiated applications for settlement area expansions in Seaforth, Grand Bend and Fordwich in recent years.

#### **Housing**

Policy 2.2.1 requires planning authorities to establish and implement minimum targets for housing that is *affordable for low and moderate income households*; this term is now defined relative to the municipality as opposed to regional market area.

Policy 2.2.1b) continues to require planning authorities to permit and facilitate all housing options including additional needs housing and all types of residential intensification, including the *development* and *redevelopment* of underutilized commercial and institutional sites for residential development.

Policy 2.2.1c) requires planning authorities to promote densities for new housing which efficiently use land, resources, *infrastructure* and *public service facilities*, and support the use of *active transportation*.

Staff Comments: Local municipalities have implemented 'as-of-right' housing options which promote more compact forms of housing, permit additional needs housing in all urban areas, and creates flexibility for new, more dense forms of housing in fully, partially and privately serviced settlement areas as well as within agricultural settings. Huron has specifically actioned the direction to promote the development and redevelopment of underutilized commercial and institutional sites by permitting residential on the ground floor of properties adjacent to main streets.

Additional amendments to streamline the conversion of churches to residential is a recommendation in response to PPS 2024, in addition to permitting additional needs housing in Community Facility (CF) zones.

#### Settlement Areas & Settlement Area Boundary Expansions

PPS 2024 introduces definitions for 'designated growth areas', 'strategic growth areas' in addition to amending the definition for 'settlement area'.

Settlement areas: means urban areas and rural settlement areas within municipalities (such as cities, towns, villages and hamlets). Ontario's settlement areas vary significantly in terms of size, density, population, economic activity, diversity and intensity of land uses, service levels, and types of infrastructure available.

Settlement areas are a) built-up areas where development is concentrated and which have a mix of land uses; and b) lands which have been designated in an official plan for development over the long term.

Designated growth areas: means lands within settlement areas designated for growth or lands added to settlement areas that have not yet been fully developed. Designated growth areas include lands which are designated and available for residential growth in accordance with policy 2.1.4.a), as well as lands required for employment and other uses.

Strategic growth areas: within settlement areas, nodes, corridors, and other areas that have been identified by municipalities to be the focus for accommodating intensification and higher density mixed uses in a more compact built form.

Policy 2.3.1.4 now requires (instead of encourages) planning authorities to establish minimum targets for *intensification* and *redevelopment*.

The requirement for a comprehensive review at the time of a settlement area boundary expansion has been removed. Policy 2.3.2.1 now directs that in identifying a new *settlement area* or allowing a *settlement area* boundary expansion, planning authorities "shall consider" a list of factors, many of which were previously addressed in comprehensive reviews such as need, capacity in existing/planned *infrastructure* and *public service facilities*, avoiding *prime agricultural lands*, compliance with *minimum distance separation*, avoiding impacts on *agricultural system*, and whether expansion provides for phased progression of urban development.

Staff Comments: Altered direction for settlement area expansions may be less rigorous overall but continues to underscore the importance of planning for growth in a coordinated fashion and specifically, aligning settlement area boundary expansions with sufficient infrastructure capacity and avoiding/minimizing impacts on agriculture. Huron's Best Practices for Growth Planning (2020) is an excellent resource in outlining how growth is best planned for in a rural context.

The definition of 'public service facilities' is altered to include 'elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools', 'hospitals', 'community recreation facilities' and 'childcare'. During recent planning processes for new plans of residential subdivision, the lack of availability regarding public service facilities has been cited numerous times, particularly in reference to family doctors and other medical practitioners (eg. dentist, physio therapist, etc). The altered Provincial direction requires that planning authorities consider the capacity of those facilities in whether an expansion to a settlement area is appropriate. This will require increased coordination between the County and various partners (eg. healthcare alliances, school boards, childcare providers, local municipalities, etc).

#### **Employment**

PPS, 2024 defines *employment areas* as, "those areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. Uses that are excluded from *employment areas* are institutional and commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above.

Policy 2.8.1.1(e) is a new policy which requires planning authorities to promote economic development and competitiveness by addressing land use compatibility adjacent to *employment* areas by providing an appropriate transition to *sensitive land uses*.

Policy 2.8.2.5 significantly modifies the PPS, 2020 policies related to the removal of lands from *employment areas*. The PPS, 2024 permits planning authorities to remove lands from *employment areas* at any time (rather than through a Municipal Comprehensive Review), only where it has been demonstrated that the land is not required for employment area uses

over the long term and that the proposed use would not negatively impact the viability of the employment area.

Staff Comments: No concerns. The altered Provincial direction is consistent with how Huron County municipalities plan for employment areas and surrounding sensitive uses. While significant areas are designated for employment uses, there remains a lack of 'shovel ready' sites for industrial investment (Huron County Economic Development, Investment Readiness Report, 2023).

#### Sewage, Water and Stormwater

Policy 3.6.1(a) provides that planning for *sewage and water services* shall accommodate forecasted growth in a timely manner that promotes the efficient use and optimization of existing *municipal sewage services* and *municipal water services*, as well as existing *private communal sewage services* and *private communal water services*.

Policy 3.6.1(b) makes reference to ensuring that services are provided in a manner that protects the *quantity and quality of water* and aligns with comprehensive municipal planning for these services where applicable.

Policy 3.6.1(d) requires the integration of servicing and land use considerations at all stages of the planning process, including consideration of opportunities to allocate and reallocate, if necessary, the unused system capacity of *municipal water services* and *municipal sewage services* to support the efficient use of these services to meet current and projected needs for an increased housing supply.

Policy 3.6.2 adds a reference to include both centralized servicing systems and decentralized servicing systems to the policy for municipal sewage and water services.

Policy 3.6.4 contains provisions that would allow *individual on-site sewage* services and *individual on-site water services* in certain circumstances, and requires planning authorities to assess the long-term impacts of *individual on-site sewage services* and *individual on-site water services* at the time of the official plan review or update.

Staff Comments: The proposed servicing direction is consistent with existing policy frameworks for development. To ensure comprehensive planning, municipal water and wastewater capacities must be monitored and upgrades/expansions planned for to avoid delays in development and align with planning documents. For example, South Huron has undertaken a Water-Wastewater Master Plan in 2024 which informs the 2024 Review of the South Huron Official Plan; this coordination allows for the long term land base analysis (ie. needs vs availability) to be completed.

Positive steps in public servicing have occurred including extending full municipal services to Hutton Heights in North Huron, extension of municipal sewer to portions of Egmondville in Huron East, and proactive community-wide nitrate studies in ACW and Morris-Turnberry. Zurich in Bluewater was also recently transitioned from well water to the lake-fed pipeline and a second well is being established in Saltford in ACW.

The additional reference to decentralized municipal water services reflects the approach taken along portions of the lakeshore where municipally operated wells provide drinking water. A

municipally owned and operated 'package plant' would be an example of a decentralized municipal wastewater system though none exist in Huron presently.

#### Energy Supply

Policy 3.8.1 includes new direction for planning authorities to provide opportunities for the development of energy supply including 'energy storage systems'. Energy storage system is defined as: means a system or facility that captures energy produced at one time for use at a later time to reduce imbalances between energy demand and energy production, including for example, flywheels, pumped hydro storage, hydrogen storage, fuels storage, compressed air storage, and battery storage.

Staff Comments: Within the County, there are 344 wind turbines (165 in ACW, 100 in Bluewater, 15 in Huron East, and 64 in South Huron), numerous solar panels, and one compressed air energy storage facility (located in Goderich). In recent years, there have been proposals for battery storage (Huron East) and compressed air energy storage (Bluewater) within agricultural settings in the County.

On August 28, 2024, the Province launched the largest competitive energy procurement in Ontario's history with the goal of ensuring long term affordability as electricity demand is forecasted to rise 60 percent by 2050.

County and local Official Plans would benefit from an updated energy policy framework to guide new proposals with the goal of being supportive of energy supply projects while also supportive of the preservation of agricultural lands for agricultural purposes.

#### **Natural Environment**

Aside from amending some definitions, PPS 2024 does not change the natural heritage policies from the 2020 version.

*Staff Comments:* No concerns. The existing framework aligns with how Huron County plans for natural areas.

#### Agriculture

The PPS, 2024 now *requires* (instead of *encourages*) planning authorities to use an *agricultural system* approach, based on provincial guidance, to maintain and enhance a geographically continuous agricultural land base and support and foster the long-term economic prosperity and productive capacity of the *agri-food network*.

Policy 4.3.2.5 provides 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 specified criteria are met. This criteria includes compliance with the *minimum distance separation formulae*, compatibility with surrounding agricultural operations, the appropriate provision of *sewage and water services*, the ability to address public health and safety concerns, the requirement for additional units to be of a limited scale and located within, attached or in close proximity to the principal dwelling or farm building cluster and minimizing land taken out of agricultural production.

Policy 4.3.3.1 discourages lot creation and would only permit lot creation for *agricultural* uses, *agriculture-related* uses and *infrastructure*. This policy also permits lot creation for up to one *residence surplus to an agricultural operation*, provided certain criteria are met.

Policy 4.3.5.2 requires an *agricultural impact assessment* or equivalent analysis based on provincial guidance where it is not possible to avoid impacts from any new or expanding non-agricultural uses on surrounding agricultural lands and operations.

Policies 4.5.4.1 and 4.5.4.2 modify the existing PPS, 2020 policies related to the extraction of *mineral aggregate resources* in *prime agricultural areas*. These policies state extraction is permitted as an interim use, provided that impacts are addressed as determined through *agricultural impact assessment* (per policy 4.3.5.2) and the site will be rehabilitated back to an *agricultural condition*. Rehabilitation to an *agricultural condition* is not required if the depth of the planned extraction makes restoration of pre-extraction agricultural capability unfeasible and agricultural rehabilitation in remaining areas is maximized.

Staff Comments: Huron County municipalities adopted policies for Additional Residential Units on agricultural properties as part of the Housing Friendly Lens Implementation (2021). PPS 2024 adopts the exact same approach as Huron and thus no amendments are required.

Council can expect an increased focus on components of the agricultural system and the need to protect the system within planning reports, including analysis of agricultural impact assessments.

The change to agricultural rehabilitation standard responds to commonly heard criticism that aggregate is not an 'interim use' in agricultural settings when extraction is below the water table. Within Huron, there are many aggregate pits licensed for sub-water table extraction and staff have no concerns with this approach but flag the continued need for comprehensive planning for the water bodies post-extraction.

#### Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

PPS 2024 shifts to requiring *protected heritage property* to be conserved from previous requirement which was for *significant built heritage resources* to be conserved.

New policy 4.6.4(b) encourages planning authorities to develop and implement "proactive strategies for conserving *significant built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.*"

Policy 4.6.4.5 modifies an existing PPS, 2020 policy and requires planning authorities to engage "early" with Indigenous communities. It has also been broadened to ensure their interests are considered when identifying, protecting and managing not only *archaeological resources* but also *built heritage resources* and *cultural heritage landscapes*.

Staff Comments: The change to definitions is consistent with recent changes to the Ontario Heritage Act which limit protection to designated properties only and not those on municipal registers of culturally significant properties. Many local municipalities within Huron have Municipal Heritage Advisory Committees working diligently to assess properties on the register for formal designation.

Amendments to both the County and local Official Plans are required in response to the rights of Indigenous Nations. Amendments would include a Land Acknowledgement Statement,

consultation requirements with Indigenous communities, and further recognition of their role in advising on archaeological and natural heritage matters.

This shift in policy is supported by current practices of the Corporation; enhanced training on Indigenous culture was recently delivered for County and local municipal staff and members of Council. This shift is also reflected in recent projects such as enhanced consultation with Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation on the South Huron Official Plan review, cultural programming at local libraries and the new mural at the Huron County Museum.

#### Mineral Aggregate

No significant policy changes.

'Compressed air energy storage' has been added to the definitions of *petroleum resources* and *petroleum resource operations*.

The definition of 'minerals' was changed to include a reference to non-metallic minerals which are those minerals that are of value for intrinsic properties minerals themselves and not as a source of metal. They are generally synonymous with industrial minerals (e.g., graphite, kyanite, mica, nepheline syenite, salt, talc, and wollastonite). Critical minerals are defined as "a subset of raw materials that have specific industrial, technological or strategic applications for which there are a few viable substitutes".

Staff Comment: No concerns. Recent proposal for compressed air energy storage facility in former natural gas vault in Stanley Ward, Municipality of Bluewater appears to have more policy support under new provincial direction.

#### Natural Hazards

No major changes. Continued direction for planning authorities to collaborate with conservation authorities to identify hazardous lands and hazardous sites, and manage development in these areas in accordance with provincial guidance.

Staff Comment: No concerns. County and local municipal staff are in regular contact with local Conservation Authorities on development activities (eg. entrance permits, pre-consultation meetings, agency review of long range planning documents, input on CA special projects, etc).

#### Implementation and Interpretation

Policy 6.1.5 explicitly requires planning authorities to keep their zoning by-laws and development permit by-laws up to date with the PPS, 2024 by establishing permitted uses, minimum densities, heights and other development standards to accommodate growth and development. It also requires planning authorities to keep their official plans up to date with the PPS, 2024 to protect provincial interests.

The PPS, 2024 contains new policies in section 6.2 requiring planning authorities to engage with the public, school boards and publicly assisted post-secondary institutions in efforts to implement the PPS, 2024.

Staff Comment: Planning & Development staff have been working diligently to keep all long range policy documents up to date. In recent years, Five Year Reviews have been completed for Official Plans in North Huron, ACW and Goderich while South Huron and Central Huron are

currently undergoing review. Updates to Zoning Bylaws have been completed immediately following the Official Plan reviews to ensure all documents remain aligned.

Further, the Department completed 'major update' amendments to implement the Housing Friendly Lens in Bluewater, Central Huron, Huron East, Howick, Morris-Turnberry and South Huron (Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws). Staff have also worked with local municipalities to complete and implement the Bayfield Secondary Plan; assist with the Goderich and Huron East Community Improvement Plans, Bayfield Heritage Conservation District Plan; and recently initiated a Zone Map modernization project for Huron East.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

#### **Conformity Amendments**

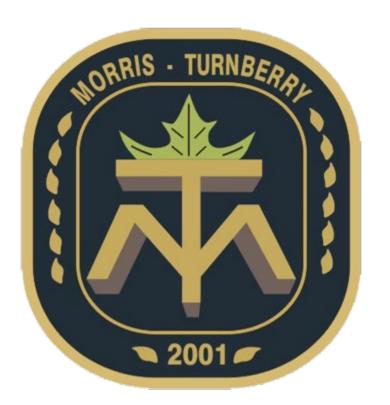
County Council gave direction (on October 2, 2024) for staff to prepare a Terms of Reference for the County of Huron Official Plan PPS Conformity Amendment. This amendment will align direction with PPS 2024. At this time, Staff have identified the need to reflect the following changes:

- Enhanced requirements for early and meaningful consultation with Indigenous Nations;
- Enhanced direction for responding to impacts of a changing climate;
- Further reflect Housing Friendly Lens work within County OP;
- Align County policy with growth planning framework (eg. removal of comprehensive review requirements); and
- Updated Energy policies.

Following an amendment to the County Official Plan, Planning & Development staff will work with each local municipality to amend the local Official Plans and bring policy frameworks into conformity with the new Provincial Planning Statement. This work will occur over the next 12-24 months.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Burns, Planner



# Municipality of Morris-Turnberry 2025 Budget Public Budget Meeting April 8, 2025



## 2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

- MT received notification that its' application for Emergency Trailers was not selected to receive funding in 2025
- The grant funding of \$35,000 was removed from the Budget
- Corresponding \$35,000 for Emergency Trailers removed from the Budget
- There is no overall impact to the 2025 Budget



# The Budget Process Commenced on:

- December 20, 2024 − 1<sup>st</sup> Draft to Council
- January 28, 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Meeting
- March 13, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting
- April 8, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Meeting & Public Meeting

 Following Public Meeting, Council may give consideration to a By-Law to adopt the 2025 budget



# 2025 Capital Projects

## Belgrave Water System

<ul> <li>Utility Locator</li> </ul>	\$	10,000
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- SCADA Pack Replacement \$ 40,000
- Water System Controller Replacements \$ 160,000
  - Funded with Belgrave Water Reserves \$ 210,000

# **Morris Landfill**

- Site Development for Future Landfill \$ 20,000
  - Funded with Morris Landfill Reserves



# 2025 Capital Projects

### **Road & Paving Projects**

<ul> <li>Queen St, McKinnon Dr &amp; Black Line Paving, Bluevale</li> </ul>		\$115,000
<ul> <li>Culvert Replacements on C-Line Road</li> </ul>		\$ 45,000
Glenannon Rd Surface Treatment		\$225,000
• Salei	m Road Surface Treatment	\$220,000
<ul> <li>Kate</li> </ul>	, Princess & Mary Street Paving, Lowertown	\$ 10,000
	Total	\$615,000
Less:	2025 CCBF - Bluevale Paving & C-Line Culverts	(117,573)
Less:	2025 OCIF - Glenannon Rd, Salem Rd.	<u>(353,234)</u>
	Net Cost to Ratepayers	\$ 144,193

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



# 2025 Capital Projects

## **Bridge & Culvert Projects**

• T100 - Bridge Repair on Salem -

Funded by Bridge & Culvert Reserve

# Vehicles & Equipment

 Backhoe Purchase \$ 250,000

65,000 Pickup Truck

\$ 315,000 Funded by Vehicles & Equipment Reserve

\$ 475,000



# 2025 Capital Costs - Fire

## **Brussels Fire**

2025 Bunker Gear & Radio Equipment

# North Huron Fire

• 2025 Extraction Equipment \$ 20,694

• Rescue #7 Replacement \$ <u>103,470</u>

• Funded By Fire Reserves \$ 146,464

22,300



# 2025 Capital Costs - Recreation

# **2025 Recreation Capital Costs**

<ul> <li>BMGCC - Exterior Painting &amp; Ice Resurfacer</li> </ul>	\$ 41,220
<ul> <li>BMG Pool - Pool Heater &amp; Pump</li> </ul>	\$ 9,000
BMG Parks - Ball Diamond Regrading	\$ 10,000
Belmore Community Center Ceiling Repair	\$ 83,000
Funded by Recreation Reserve	\$143,220



# 2025 Recreation - North Huron Support

# 2025 North Huron Recreation Support

NHWCC - Arena	\$ 17,626
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<ul> <li>NHWCC - Swimming Pool</li> </ul>	\$ 44,063
NHWCC - Swillining Pool	\$ 44,Ut

Blyth Arena	\$ 19,832
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Total Support Provided to NH Recreation \$ 81,521



# 2025 Reserves - Net Withdrawal of \$7,053

Reserve Balance	2024 Closing	2025 Budgeted	2025 Budgeted	2025 Budgeted
Summary	Balance	<b>Contributions</b>	Withdrawals	<b>Closing Balance</b>
Working	1,096,986.77	35,400	(69,800)	1,062,586.77
Health Benefit	11,425.00	-	-	11,425.00
Landfill	276,584.79	46,120	(20,000)	302,704.79
Recreation & Grants	142,190.64	22,100	(143,220)	21,070.64
Roads	2,171,866.73	1,207,650	(825,000)	2,554,516.73
Fire	375,823.75	263,400	(146,464)	492,759.75
Policing	30,535.74	16,428	-	46,963.74
<b>Building Department</b>	71,522.99	10,000	(31,523)	49,999.99
Animal Control	7,603.51	-	(7,500)	103.51
Development	901,684.12	-	(206,929)	694,755.12
Education	74,446.60	-	(48,500)	25,946.60
Physician Recruitment	8,845.00	-	-	8,845.00
Parks & Cemetery	70,978.97	7,500	-	78,478.97
Belgrave Water System	299,560.87	82,535	(210,000)	172,095.87
Streetlights	104,372.13	13,750	(3,000)	115,122.13
Total	5,644,427.61	1,704,883	(1,711,936)	5,637,374.61



# 2025 Municipal Tax Levy

# Municipal Tax Levy

2024 \$4,932,595

<u>\$5,338,641</u>

Increase of \$ 406,046 or 8.23%



# 2025 Residential Tax Rate

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>		
Municipal	0.00916264	0.00962157	5.01%	Increase
County	0.00523593	0.00541653	3.45%	Increase
Education	0.00153000	0.00153000	0.00%	No Change
Total	0.01592857	0.01656810	4.01%	Increase



# 2025 Taxes on Average Home

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

2024 Estimated Taxes \$3,600.35

2025 Estimated Taxes \$3,744.90

Increase of \$ 144.55 or 4.01%



#### CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

#### **BY-LAW NO. 17 - 2025**

Being a by-law to adopt the budget and tax rates for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the year 2025.

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 2025; 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 2025 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 2025; 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 2025; 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 2025; and
- 4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon passage.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 8th day of April 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of April 2025

Mayor, J	amie	Heffe	r

Municipality of Morris-Tu	ırnberry					
2025 Budget	_					
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
REVENUE:						
Taxation:						
Municipal Portion	4,772,721.73	4,932,595	4,932,597.23	2.23	5,338,641	406,046
County	2,680,545.60	2,818,698	2,903,707.37	85,009.37	3,005,427	186,729
Education	1,157,422.12	1,175,359	1,207,251.57	31,892.57	1,225,370	50,011
Total Taxation	8,610,689.45	8,926,652	9,043,556.17	116,904.17	9,569,438	642,786
Taxation Adjustments:						
Supplementary Tax Billings	61,550.63	50,000	149,558.57	99,558.57	90,000	40,000
Tax Rebates & W/O	(112,621.58)	(85,000)	(9,406.24)	75,593.76	(45,000)	40,000
Payments In lieu of tax	43,089.86	43,000	42,966.91	(33.09)	43,000	-
Street Lights	28,506.68	24,660	25,744.59	1,084.59	24,590	(70)
Grants:						
Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)	369,800.00	365,900	365,900.00	-	408,600	42,700
Court Security	1,165.00	1,139	1,139.00	-	1,139	-
Drain Superintendent Grant	11,374.96	17,760	13,246.45	(4,513.55)	17,760	-
Gravel Royalties	29,995.09	24,000	28,127.63	4,127.63	24,000	-
Canada Community Building Fund	115,696.88	112,870	114,597.34	1,727.34	117,573	4,703
OCIF - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	267,096.00	307,160	307,160.00	-	353,234	46,074
Waste Grants	52,473.84	13,000	15,704.07	2,704.07	-	(13,000)
ICIP - Investing in Canada Infra. Program (M230)	13,918.68	-	-	-	-	-
Enabling Accessibility Fund (Hall Door)	8,194.00	-	-	-	-	-
Early Investment in Education & Skills (NWMO)	-	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-
FCM Asset Management Grant	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Vance Foundation - WGCC Upgrades	117,375.00	-	-	-	-	-
Interest:	337,422.59	338,957	356,462.71	17,505.71	313,296	(25,661)
HST Recovered & Collected on Sales	381,568.98	405,000	499,251.07	94,251.07	425,000	20,000

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<b>Municipality of Morris</b>	s-Turnberry					
2025 Budget						
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
Municipal Drains:						
Drain Maintenance Recoveries	163,194.75	100,000	167,899.99	67,899.99	240,000	140,000
Capital Projects Recoveries	522,269.41	732,000	637,218.49	(94,781.51)	700,000	(32,000)
Building Department:	164,030.36	177,600	164,061.07	(13,538.93)	158,000	(19,600)
Property Standards:	5,046.19	640	2,904.00	2,264.00	2,500	1,860
Belgrave Water System:						
Water User Fees	189,435.21	197,585	197,585.61	0.61	211,535	13,950
New User Connection Fees	-	500	200.00	(300.00)	500	-
New User Capital Payments	-	-	6,974.56	6,974.56	-	-
Waste Disposal:					-	
Morris Landfill Revenues	236,462.16	210,115	216,291.63	6,176.63	259,180	49,065
Curbside Pickup Program	171,760.00	172,000	178,472.50	6,472.50	160,760	(11,240)
Pit Property Revenues	-	-	98,480.39	98,480.39	2,000	2,000
Roads:						
Roads	85,575.37	94,500	93,783.24	(716.76)	100,000	5,500
Road Machinery Credit	304,735.00	308,000	308,940.00	940.00	308,000	_
Sale of Equipment	61,100.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	34,300	34,300
Animal Control:	15,240.03	14,000	20,118.12	6,118.12	21,500	7,500
Cross Border Utilities:	128,645.92	130,000	123,818.68	(6,181.32)	131,900	1,900
Belgrave Development	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>Municipality of Morris-Tu</b>	rnberry					
2025 Budget						
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
Reserve:						
General Reserve - 5yr Ratepayer Benefit	58,800.00	58,800	58,800.00	-	58,800	_
General Reserve - Administration	40,955.75	-	-	-	6,000	6,000
Development Reserve	19,956.15	10,000	5,128.70	(4,871.30)	-	(10,000)
Cannabis Reserve	-	-	-	- 1	-	-
Road Encroachment Correction	25,542.50	-	-	-	-	-
COVID Safe Start Funds	3,869.26	8,600	3,873.82	(4,726.18)	5,000	(3,600)
Fire Reserve	151,785.00	408,320	377,754.60	(30,565.40)	146,464	(261,856)
Police Reserve	-	13,578	13,578.00	-	-	(13,578)
Animal Control Reserve	-	-	-	-	7,500	7,500
Building Department Reserve	-	45,221	43,477.01	(1,743.99)	31,523	(13,698)
Drainage Department Reserve	11,000.00	-	-	-	-	_
Belgrave Water Reserve	42,873.21	30,000	37,154.77	7,154.77	210,000	180,000
Waste Disposal Reserve	-	31,500	8,789.52	(22,710.48)	20,000	(11,500)
Roads Surplus - Pit Acquisition	-	-	360,000.00	360,000.00	-	-
Roads AM - Pit Acquisition	-	-	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	_
Roads Dept Reserve	-	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
Roads Dept - Roads Reserve	-	-	255,142.40	255,142.40	315,000	315,000
Roads Dept - Bridge & Culvert Reserve	-	-	-	-	475,000	475,000
Roads Dept - Asset Management	8,013.60	29,000	19,481.34	(9,518.66)	-	(29,000)
Landfill - Packer Purchase	-	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-
Federal Gas Tax Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Early Investments in Education (NWMO)	500.00	-	750.00	750.00	48,500	48,500
Leland & Thora Vance Fund - WGCC Upgrades	-	117,375	117,375.00	-	-	(117,375)
Recreation Reserve	-	104,800	59,100.00	(45,700.00)	143,220	38,420
BMG Renovation Reserve	469,900.00	-	-	-	-	-
Belgrave Development Reserve	64,931.85	214,931	72,918.28	(142,012.72)	206,929	(8,002)
Streetlights Reserve	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Current Year Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	_

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<b>Municipality of Morris-</b>	Turnberry					
2025 Budget						
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
Other Income:						
Zoning Revenue	6,160.00	7,000	2,108.00	(4,892.00)	7,000	_
Tax Certificates	3,750.00	4,000	3,735.00	(265.00)	4,000	_
Misc. Licences	2,769.00	3,000	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000	-
Statement Fees & Mortgage Company Fee	-	5,000	6,598.00	1,598.00	6,600	1,600
Planning Revenue	12,290.30	10,000	10,364.79	364.79	10,000	-
Planning Revenue - Lane Closure Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning Revenue - Willis Agreement	21,200.54	21,200	21,981.17	781.17	22,000	800
In lieu of Parkland	2,700.00	3,000	4,300.00	1,300.00	5,000	2,000
Site Plan Enforcement	-	-	107,822.09	107,822.09	-	-
Bluevale Hall - Rentals Collected for BCC	4,388.20	3,500	3,850.00	350.00	3,500	-
History Book Sales	257.22	-	142.88	142.88	-	-
Misc. Revenue	11,803.82	9,200	9,541.30	341.30	9,200	_
H&S Excellence Program	3,000.00	-	11,000.00	11,000.00	6,000	6,000
Service Line Warranty Royalty	27.54	30	28.31	(1.69)	28	(2)
Fire Call Recovery	-	-	1,577.49	1,577.49	-	_ `
Fire Marque Recoveries	-	-	661.00	661.00	-	_
Fire Levy Rebate - Prior Year	-	-	-	-	-	_
Policing Credits	3,583.52	-	3,682.64	3,682.64	-	-
Bluevale Homecoming Loan Receivable	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Brussels Sewer Capital on Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	_
BWS Capital on Taxes & Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 13,414,847.92	13,820,093	\$ 15,125,972.66	\$1,305,879.66	15,461,069	1,640,976

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<b>Municipality of Morris-Tu</b>	rnberry					
2025 Budget						
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
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Expenditures: General Government:	67,959.12	88,500	72,603.09	(15,896.91)	88,500	-
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Admin - Staff Expenses: Staff Wages, Benefits & Expenses	400,189.14	461,210	459,439.73	(1,770.27)	475,204	13,994
Administration Expenses:						
Office, Utilities, Legal, Insurance, Misc. Exp	227,736.03	175,875	167,372.80	(8,502.20)	195,856	19,981
Taxation:						
Collection Costs, Vacancy Refunds, Write Offs	4,918.78	7,456	2,243.98	(5,212.02)	7,602	146
Planning & Development						
Planning, Economic & Development Exp.	78,827.78	62,200	144,661.60	82,461.60	55,700	(6,500
Conservation:						
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority	97,207.00	105,407	105,407.00	-	112,962	7,555
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority	4,184.00	4,359	4,359.00	-	5,201	842
SVCA - Water Quality Program	-	191	191.00	-	207	16
Source Water Protection	6,682.75	6,700	6,682.75	(17.25)	6,700	-
Emergency Services:	16,336.48	15,000	12,801.57	(2,198.43)	15,500	500
Recoverable HST Paid on Purchases:	381,568.98	405,000	499,251.07	94,251.07	425,000	20,000
Interest & Service Charges	37,937.55	37,372	36,582.96	(789.04)	36,090	(1,282
Police Services	472,932.00	486,716	487,517.96	801.96	474,511	(12,205
Fire Budget:	515,301.43	794,049	765,722.09	(28,326.91)	607,831	(186,218
Animal Control	14,074.42	17,700	16,214.61	(1,485.39)	29,900	12,200
Cross Border Utilities:	128,645.92	130,000	123,818.68	(6,181.32)	131,900	1,900

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<b>Municipality of Morris-</b>	Turnberry					
2025 Budget						
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
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Grants:	28,362.24	135,455	136,210.00	755.00	67,610	(67,845)
Recreation:						
Program Support	131,217.00	94,381	94,381.00	-	89,803	(4,578)
Commitments	564,084.05	210,487	164,315.32	(46,171.68)	264,836	54,349
Bluevale Hall - Expenses	12,723.41	4,600	1,056.61	(3,543.39)	1,850	(2,750)
Bluevale Hall - Rentals Pd to BCC	4,388.20	3,500	3,850.00	350.00	3,500	-
Belgrave Development:						
Carrying Costs, Consultant, Eng. & Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Servicing (Rds., Hydro, Water)	-	150,000	7,987.84	(142,012.16)	142,000	(8,000)
Loan Payments	64,931.85	64,931	64,930.44	(0.56)	64,929	(2)
Street Lights	13,581.61	14,660	14,123.91	(536.09)	17,590	2,930
Municipal Drainage:						
Drain Superintendent & Expenses	66,750.59	74,905	64,660.62	(10,244.38)	76,205	1,300
Maintenance Projects	163,194.75	100,000	167,899.99	67,899.99	240,000	140,000
Capital Drain Projects	522,269.41	732,000	637,218.49	(94,781.51)	700,000	(32,000)
Building Department:	185,155.97	212,821	197,538.08	(15,282.92)	219,422	6,601
Property Standards:	17,266.49	18,400	19,355.53	955.53	22,800	4,400
Park & Cemetery Maintenance:	19,781.07	13,500	12,032.59	(1,467.41)	13,750	250
Belgrave Water System	150,916.62	159,950	166,805.38	6,855.38	347,600	187,650
Waste Disposal:	506,059.85	480,476	1,106,892.86	626,416.86	467,830	(12,646)
Roads	3,242,989.07	3,413,000	3,733,843.84	320,843.84	4,117,000	704,000

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2025 Budget						
2023 Budget						
	2023	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Variance
Reserve Contributions:						
Building Dept Reserves	10,000.00	10,000	10,000.00	-	10,000	-
Drainage Department Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morris Landfill Reserves	88,066.20	58,000	68,061.71	10,061.71	42,040	(15,960)
Curbside Reserve	-	-	11,835.61	11,835.61	4,080	4,080
General Reserve	25,000.00	25,000	25,000.00	-	25,000	-
Staffing Reserve	-	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	10,000	10,000
Health & Safety Reserve	4,000.00	-	4,400.00	4,400.00	400	400
Investment Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Gas Tax Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roads Reserves	785,416.07	769,300	787,626.11	18,326.11	1,207,650	438,350
Streetlights Reserve	18,950.34	15,100	16,328.41	1,228.41	13,750	(1,350)
Policing Reserve	13,573.52	10,000	12,880.68	2,880.68	16,428	6,428
Animal Control Reserve	-	-	7,603.51	7,603.51	-	_
Parks Reserve	2,000.00	6,000	8,400.79	2,400.79	7,500	1,500
Belgrave Water Reserves	92,790.30	82,835	88,563.74	5,728.74	82,535	(300)
Belgrave Development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Reserve	108,707.25	142,600	141,923.50	(676.50)	263,400	120,800
Early Investments in Education (NWMO)	-	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-
Leland & Thora Vance Fund - WGCC Upgrades	117,375.00	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation Reserve	27,176.27	26,400	27,184.37	784.37	22,100	(4,300)
Annual Surplus to Reserve	135,651.69	-	182,232.90	182,232.90	-	-
Levies:						
County of Huron	2,680,545.60	2,818,698	2,903,707.37	85,009.37	3,005,427	186,729
Education	1,157,422.12	1,175,359	1,207,251.57	31,892.57	1,225,370	50,011
Total Expenses	13,414,847.92	13,820,093	15,125,972.66	1,305,879.66	15,461,069	1,640,976
Total Expenses	13,414,847.92	13,820,093	15,125,972.66	1,305,879.66	15,461,069	1,640,976
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Total Revenue	13,414,847.92	13,820,093	15,125,972.66	1,305,879.66	15,461,069	1,640,976
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Schedule 'B'

# Municipality of Morris-Turnberry 2025 Tax Rates & Levy

RTC	Description	Assessment	Municipal	Municipal	County	County	Education	Education	Total	Total
			Rate	Levy	Rate	Levy	Rate	Levy	Rate	Levy
RT	Residential, Occupied	301,873,758	0.00962157	2,904,499	0.00541653	1,635,108	0.00153000	461,867	0.01656810	5,001,475
R1	Residential, Farm Awaiting Development	188,000	0.00240539	452	0.00135413	255	0.00038250	72	0.00414202	779
FT	Farmland	770,186,307	0.00240539	1,852,598	0.00135413	1,042,932	0.00038250	294,596	0.00414202	3,190,127
TT	Managed Forest	5,799,400	0.00240539	13,950	0.00135413	7,853	0.00038250	2,218	0.00414202	24,021
CT	Commercial, Occupied	35,292,100	0.01058373	373,522	0.00595818	210,277	0.00880000	310,570	0.02534191	894,369
C7	Commercial, Small Scale on Farm Business	46,900	0.00264593	124	0.00148955	70	0.00220000	103	0.00633548	297
CU	Commercial, Excess Land	64,900	0.01058373	687	0.00595818	387	0.00880000	571	0.02534191	1,645
CX	Commercial, Vacant Land	483,500	0.01058373	5,117	0.00595818	2,881	0.00880000	4,255	0.02534191	12,253
ΙT	Industrial, Occupied	10,245,400	0.01058373	108,435	0.00595818	61,044	0.00880000	90,160	0.02534191	259,638
ΙH	Industrial, Occupied, Shared PIL	174,900	0.01058373	1,851	0.00595818	1,042	0.00980000	1,714	0.02634191	4,607
IU	Industrial, Excess Land	261,600	0.01058373	2,769	0.00595818	1,559	0.00880000	2,302	0.02534191	6,629
IX	Industrial, Vacant Land	775,500	0.01058373	8,208	0.00595818	4,621	0.00880000	6,824	0.02534191	19,653
IJ	Industrial, Vacant Land, Shared PIL	3,400	0.01058373	36	0.00595818	20	0.00980000		0.02634191	90
LT	Industrial, Large Industrial	3,663,900	0.01058373	38,778	0.00595818	21,830	0.00880000	32,242	0.02534191	92,850
VT	Aggregate Extraction	1,277,900	0.00861205	11,005	0.00484821	6,196	0.00511000	6,530	0.01857026	23,731
PT	Pipeline	2,466,000	0.00673510	16,609	0.00379157	9,350	0.00458716	11,312	0.01511383	37,271
	Total Taxable	1,132,803,465		5,338,640		3,005,424		1,225,371		9,569,434
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	Payment in Lieu (PIL)									
RTC	Description	Assessment	Municipal	Municipal	-	County		Education	Total	
			Rate	Levy	Rate	Levy	Rate	Levy	Rate	
RF	Residential, Occupied PIL	512,000	0.00962157	4,926	0.00000000	-	0.00000000	-	0.00962157	4,926
CF	Commercial, Occupied PIL	625,800	0.01058373	6,623	0.00595818	3,729	0.00980000	6,133	0.02634191	16,485
CZ	Commercial, Vacant Land PIL	104,000	0.01058373	1,101	0.00595818	620	0.00000000	-	0.01654191	1,720
HF	Landfill PIL	212,100	0.01058373	2,245	0.00595818	1,264	0.00677916	1,438	0.02332107	4,946
	Total PIL	1,453,900		14,895		5,612		7,571		28,078
Е	Exempt	35,909,235	0.00000000	-	0.00000000	-	0.00000000	_	0.00000000	_
	Total Assessment	1,170,166,600								
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#### Appendix C

#### Schedule 'C'

# Municipality of Morris-Turnberry 2025 Streetlight Rate & Levy

RTC	Description	Assessment	Municipal	Municipal
			Rate	Levy
RT	Residential, Occupied	98,573,300	0.00019356	19,080
R1	Residential, Farm Awaiting Development	-	0.00004839	-
FT	Farmland	1,498,800	0.00004839	73
TT	Managed Forest	46,900	0.00004839	2
CT	Commercial, Occupied	11,935,900	0.00021292	2,541
C7	Commercial, Small Scale on Farm Business	-	0.00005323	-
CU	Commercial, Excess Land	16,600	0.00021292	4
CX	Commercial, Vacant Land	34,500	0.00021292	7
ΙT	Industrial, Occupied	7,058,200	0.00021292	1,503
ΙH	Industrial, Occupied, Shared PIL	-	0.00021292	-
IU	Industrial, Excess Land	118,300	0.00021292	25
IX	Industrial, Vacant Land	775,500	0.00021292	165
IJ	Industrial, Vacant Land, Shared PIL	-	0.00021292	-
LT	Industrial, Large Industrial	-	0.00021292	-
	Total Taxable	120,058,000		23,400

#### Municipality of Morris-Turnberry 2025 Brussels Properties Streetlight Rate & Levy

RTC	Description	Assessment	Municipal	Municipal
			Rate	Levy
RT	Residential, Occupied	3,613,000	0.00015904	575
R1	Residential, Farm Awaiting Development	-	0.00003976	-
FT	Farmland	-	0.00003976	-
TT	Managed Forest	-	0.00003976	-
CT	Commercial, Occupied	88,000	0.00017494	15
C7	Commercial, Small Scale on Farm Business	-	0.00004374	-
CU	Commercial, Excess Land	-	0.00017494	-
CX	Commercial, Vacant Land	-	0.00017494	-
ΙΤ	Industrial, Occupied	-	0.00017494	-
ΙH	Industrial, Occupied, Shared PIL	-	0.00017494	-
IU	Industrial, Excess Land	-	0.00017494	-
IX	Industrial, Vacant Land	-	0.00017494	-
IJ	Industrial, Vacant Land, Shared PIL	-	0.00017494	-
LT	Industrial, Large Industrial	-	0.00017494	-
	Total Taxable	3,701,000		590



#### CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

#### BY-LAW NO. 18 - 2025

Being a by-law to confirm the year-end 2024 reserves and establish reserves and reserve funds for the year 2025.

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 2025.
- **2. Excess Funds:** that any excess or deficiency of revenue over expenditure at the year end for the year 2025, be transferred to/from the applicable accounts:
  - 1. Working Reserve
  - 2. Investments Reserve
  - 3. Health Benefit Reserve
  - 4. Landfill Reserve
  - 5. Recreation Reserve
  - 6. Grants Reserve
  - 7. Roads Reserve
  - 8. Federal Gas Tax Funds Reserve
  - 9. Fire Reserve
  - 10. Policing Reserve
  - 11. Animal Control Reserve
  - 12. Building Department Reserve
  - 13. Drainage Department Reserve
  - 14. Development Reserve
  - 15. Education Reserve
  - 16. Physician Recruitment Reserve
  - 17. Cemetery Reserve
  - 18. Parks Reserve
  - 19. Belgrave Water System Reserve
  - 20. Streetlights Reserve
- 3. This by-law comes into force on the final passing thereof and supersedes By-Law #19-2024.
- 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 8th day of April 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of April 2025

Mayor	, Jamie	Heffer	
Clerk,	Trevor 1	Hallam	

## **Municipality of Morris Turnberry Reserves**

	2024 Opening	2024	2024	2024 Closing	2025 Budgeted	2025 Budgeted	2025 Budgeted
	Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Closing Balance
M/aulius							
Working:	244 206 02	127 222 00		404 600 00	25.000	(6,000)	500,629.83
General Reserve Ratepayer Benefit	344,396.93 235,200.00	137,232.90	(58,800.00)	481,629.83 176,400.00	25,000	(6,000) (58,800)	117,600.00
LT Staffing Reserve	233,200.00	100,000.00	(30,000.00)	100,000.00	10,000	(30,000)	110,000.00
Health & Safety Reserve	4,000.00	4,400.00	_	8,400.00	400	-	8,800.00
Cannabis Funds	18,579.00	,	_	18,579.00	-	_	18,579.00
COVID - Safe Start Funds	65,851.76	_	(3,873.82)	61,977.94	-	(5,000)	56,977.94
Investments:	250,000.00	-	- 1	250,000.00	-	· -	250,000.00
Health Benefit:	11,425.00	_	_	11,425.00	_	_	11,425.00
Landfill:	,			,			,
Turnberry Ward Landfill	5,950.00	_	_	5,950.00	_	_	5,950.00
Morris Ward Landfill	184,688.56	49,850.59	(108,789.52)	125,749.63	29,400	(20,000)	135,149.63
MT Perpetual Care	95,419.54	16,082.42	-	111,501.96	10,000	(==,===)	121,501.96
HE Closure Reserve	19,418.89	2,128.70	-	21,547.59	2,640	-	24,187.59
Curbside Program	-	11,835.61	-	11,835.61	4,080	-	15,915.61
Recreation:	154,106.27	47,184.37	(59,100.00)	142,190.64	22,100	(143,220)	21,070.64
Grants:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leland & Thora Vance Fund	117,375.00	-	(117,375.00)	-	-	-	-
Roads:	615,596.51	26,730.48	(360,000.00)	282,326.99	40,000	(35,000)	287,326.99
Bridges & Culverts	654,369.88	391,724.22	-	1,046,094.10	572,050	(475,000)	1,143,144.10
Equipment	535,046.19	333,171.41	(255,142.40)	613,075.20	559,600	(315,000)	857,675.20
Winter Damage - Gravel Reserve	50,000.00		-	50,000.00		-	50,000.00
Asset Management	363,851.78	36,000.00	(219,481.34)	180,370.44	36,000	-	216,370.44
Federal Gas Tax Funds:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire:	561,654.85	191,923.50	(377,754.60)	375,823.75	263,400	(146,464)	492,759.75
Policing:	31,233.06	12,880.68	(13,578.00)	30,535.74	16,428	-	46,963.74
Animal Control Reserve:	-	7,603.51	-	7,603.51	-	(7,500)	103.51
Building Department:							
Accumulated Surplus	75,000.00	-	(43,477.01)	31,522.99	-	(31,523)	(0.01)
Vehicle Replacement	30,000.00	10,000.00	-	40,000.00	10,000	-	50,000.00
Drainage Department:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development:							
Cullen Reserve	20,623.00	-	- (5.400.70)	20,623.00	-	-	20,623.00
Development Reserve	30,043.85	-	(5,128.70)	24,915.15	-	- (64,929)	24,915.15
Belgrave Development - Loan Belgrave Dev Future Cap Work	779,064.25 150,000.00	_	(64,930.44) (7,987.84)	714,133.81 142,012.16	_	(142,000)	649,204.81 12.16
Education:	150,000.00	_	(1,501.04)	142,012.10	_	(142,000)	12.10
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	24,250.00	25,000.00	(750.00)	48,500.00	-	(48,500)	-
Physician Recruitment:	8,845.00	-	-	8,845.00	-	-	8,845.00
Cemetery:	27,199.54	-	-	27,199.54	-	-	27,199.54
Parks:							
Parks Reserve	4,000.00	8,400.79	-	12,400.79	7,500	-	19,900.79
Belgrave Kinsmen Park	26,336.64	-	-	26,336.64	-	-	26,336.64
Patton Park	5,042.00	-	-	5,042.00	-	-	5,042.00
Belgrave Water System:	209,302.90	82,428.74	(37,154.77)	254,576.87	76,400	(210,000)	120,976.87
BWS - Asset Management	38,849.00	6,135.00	-	44,984.00	6,135	-	51,119.00
Streetlights:	88,043.72	16,328.41	-	104,372.13	13,750	(3,000)	115,122.13
Total Reserves	5,860,709.72	1,517,041.33	(1,733,323.44)	5,644,427.61	1,704,883	(1,711,936)	5,637,374.61

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TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works

DATE: April 4th, 2025

SUBJECT: RFT MT 25-113 – 2025 Joint Surface Treatment Tender – Supply and Place

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry consider the following prepared motion for approval:

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accept the tender of Duncor Enterprises Inc.for Contract No. MT 25-113 Supply and Place Surface Treatment in the amount of \$498,957.50 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

It is further recommended that any budget surplus be transferred to the roads reserve for future projects after completion of this project.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry participated in a joint tender process along with the Municipality of South Bruce for the supply and placement of surface treatment on Municipal roads.

The tender closed at 12:00 noon on April 3, 2025 at the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry office. Two contractors submitted tender forms for the Tender.

The Morris-Turnberry portion of the 2025 Surface Treatment includes 12.0 km of single Class 1 Surface Treatment over existing Surface Treated Roads. Also included in the joint tender, but accepted separately by South Bruce is approximately 4.1 km of single Class 1 Surface Treatment.

The proposed Morris-Turnberry roads include:

- Salem Road, B Line to Kieffer Line 5.9 km Single
- Glenannon Road, London Road to 3.0km West of Belmore Line 6.1 km Single

#### **Comments:**

Tenders were open in the presence of Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Staff. No Contractors expressed an interest to be present.

The following table summarizes the tender prices received April 3, 2025:

	Contractor	Total Joint Tender Price	Morris Turnberry Portion	Over Low Bid (MT Portion)	Percent over Low Bid
1	Duncor Enterprises Inc.	\$498,957.50	\$370,314.50	\$0.00	0.0%
2	Walker Construction Limited	\$502,830.20	\$373,265.00	\$2,950.50	0.8%

#### Prices do not include HST

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry authorized proceeding to tender for Surface Treatment, which is included in the proposed 2025 Public Works Budget, prior to budget approval. The draft 2025 Public Works budget includes \$445,000 for Maintenance Gravel.

The tender closed at 12:00 PM on April 3, 2025, at the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry office. Five Contractors picked up tenders and 2 submitted tender documents for the RFT MT 25-113.

Duncor Enterprises Inc. has never completed any projects for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry in the past. The Contractor should be able to meet all of the required specifications.

The tender documents include the following clause:

#### RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT TENDERS

The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or to accept any tender should it be deemed to be in their best interest to do so. The Tender must be legible in ink or typewritten and all items must be bid. Tenders that are incomplete, conditional or obscure, or which contain additions not called for, erasures, alterations, or irregularities of any kind, may be rejected as informal

#### **Budget:**

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry included \$445,000 for surface treatment in the draft 2025 Budget. The Municipality of South Bruce will be invoiced separately for their portion of the project.

The expected cost to complete the project including the effective rate of HST (1.76%) is \$376,832.04.

The estimated budget impact is an expected surplus of approximately \$68,000.

Mike Alcock

Director of Public Works

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk

**DATE:** April 8, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Alternative Voting Method

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry direct staff to bring forward a by-law authorizing Internet and Telephone voting as the alternative voting method for the 2026 municipal election.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support in authorizing the implementation of Internet and Telephone voting methods for the Municipal Election.

The Municipal Elections Act stipulates that if a municipality intends to implement an election by means of an Alternative Voting Method, the by-law must be passed by May 1 in the year if the election. This requires the Municipality to implement a by-law by May 1, 2026, should any other method than paper-ballot be used.

Since the lower tier municipalities are going to RFP for Election services in 2025, the objective is to have the bylaw in place to accept the RFPs for Internet and Telephone voting.

#### **Previous Methods**

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry used Telephone/Internet, as an Alternative Voting Method. In 2018 and 2022, municipalities in Huron County implemented successful elections using internet and telephone voting methods with no reported complications, delays or system failures.

#### **Ease and Convenience**

A combination of Internet and Telephone voting provides convenience to the voter in that they have the ability to choose the method they are most comfortable with. Voting can be done from any computer/smart phone device or telephone, anywhere and anytime during the voting period. Voting by Internet and Telephone also ensures that all votes are received on time. With Internet and Telephone voting, election results are instantaneous and accurate. Internet and Telephone voting also eliminates the potential for spoiled ballots, as voters are unable to submit a vote that has not been completed correctly.

#### Security

The security concerns surrounding electronic elections have been thoroughly acknowledged and addressed and have proven to be no more venerable than any other method of voting. Service providers use the same security systems as national banks, offering secure encryption between voter's computer and the voting website. Systems are tested by security firm penetration testing audits and various layers of security exist to eliminate any potential denial of service attacks.

The voting module is set up in a way that when a voter proceeds through authentication, or they have already voted, they are denied re-access to the ballot

The Municipal Elections Act provides for penalties and enforcement of corrupt practices and other offences during an election process, regardless of the method used.

Ultimately, the Clerk is responsible for the conduct of the election and must ensure that privacy and security is maintained throughout the process. Should the Municipality choose an alternative voting method, being Internet and Telephone voting, the principles and the integrity of the election process will remain and are enforceable.

#### Cost

Statistically, the cost of implementing an electronic voting method is similar to that of a paper ballot election. In 2022, the Telephone/Internet election in MT reported a net expense of approximately \$15,100.00 with 2959 eligible voters

#### **Support and Resources**

For the 2026 municipal election, clerks and election staff in Huron County have joined to form an Elections Working Group to help assist each other in implementing successful elections. All lower tier staff have or will be presenting a report to their respective Councils in support of Internet and/or Telephone voting.

The group will work on a joint Request for Proposal from election service providers to ensure the best quotes possible for implementation. Service providers are available throughout the process to ensure that the election process is implemented successfully, including Election Day itself, to attend to any issue that may arise.

#### **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Trevor Hallam, CAO/ Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk



#### CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

#### BY-LAW NO. XX-2025

Being a by-law to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting as alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

**WHEREAS** the *Municipal Elections Act*, S.O. 1996, Subsection 42(1)(b) states that the Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws to authorize electors to use an alternative voting method, that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2026 Municipal Election using a Telephone/Internet voting methods;

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

- 1. That the alternative voting method of "Telephone/Internet" is hereby authorized for the Municipal Election to be held in 2026.
- 2. In this By-law words shall have the same meaning as defined or set out in the *Municipal Elections Act*, as amended, and in addition, the following is defined:
  - "Voting Package" means the set of documents mailed to each elector at the elector's address on the revised voters list or such revised address as is authorized by the elector in writing to the Clerk on or before Nomination Day including:
    - a) a voting instruction sheet
    - b) a list of candidates for office
    - c) a secure pin
    - d) such other necessary materials as determined by the Clerk.
- 3. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballot in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, as amended, and the procedures authorized by this By-law.
- 4. No proxy voting provisions are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this By-law.
- 5. The Clerk's procedures and rules for Municipal Elections authorized by Sections 11, 12, 13 and 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, as amended, shall be found in the Municipality's election procedural manual as compiled by the Clerk and as amended when appropriate.
- 6. Any person, corporation, or trade union guilty of corrupt practice or contravention of the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act*, as amended, may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act*, as amended, Sections 89 to 94 inclusive.
- 7. That this by-law shall supersede any previous By-laws providing for alternative voting methods

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

**DATE:** April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: By-Law Housekeeping

#### RECOMMENDATION

That staff be directed to return a by-law to repeal and replace by- law 81-2019 (Seasonal Road Closures), and a by- law repealing by-law 84-2017 (Off Road Vehicles).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Staff regularly review the by-laws of the municipality to ensure that they are relevant, enforceable, and comply with current statutes and regulations. Two by-laws requiring attention are outlined in this report.

#### **COMMENTS**

 The last review of the Seasonal Road Closing By-Law was conducted in 2019, and culminated in the passing of by-law 81-2019 which authorizes the temporary closure of highways during the period when winter maintenance is performed (no winter maintenance roads).

Staff recommend amending schedule 'A' of that by-law to include Bok Line from 200m north of B-Line to Howick-Turnberry road. In practice this has always been a portion of road where no winter maintenance is performed and there are signs present that indicate this, but it was omitted from the list in error in 2019. It is also recommended that further clarification be included to differentiate Turnberry-Culross Road from Turnberry-Kinloss Road. This is a continuous road, but the name changes part way along its length at the point of a direction change.

It is recommended that staff be directed to return a by-law to repeal and replace the existing by-la to include the draft schedule attached to this report.

2. Effective January 1, 2021, the Provincial Government made amendments O. Reg. 316/03 (Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways) under the Highway Traffic Act. Prior to this amendment, off-road vehicles were prohibited on highways under the jurisdiction of a municipality unless permitted by by-law. The amendment in 2021 made the inverse the case, meaning that for certain municipalities, Morris-Turnberry included, off-road vehicles are permitted on highways under the jurisdiction of a municipality unless prohibited or limited by by-law.

The result is that certain provisions of Morris-Turnberry by-law 84-2017, a by-law to regulate the operation of off-road vehicles on municipal highways within Morris-Turnberry, are redundant as of January 1, 2021. This by-law is no longer required to allow ORVs on municipal roads, however it does contain some provisions that differ from the regulation now in effect. The table below highlights these differences but omits any provisions of the by-law that do not differ from what is now in the regulation.

By-Law 87-2017	O. Reg 316/03
Permits only ATVs and Side-by-side ORVs	Expanded to include new ORV types, including extreme terrain vehicles (ETVs), off-road motorcycles (ORMs), and other multi-passenger off-road vehicles.
ORVs were only allowed from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM in urban areas (speed limit 50 km/h or less).	No specific time restrictions were imposed.

While slightly more permissive about the types of ORVs permitted and the times of operation, staff see no need to establish any restrictions beyond what is in the regulation. No records of complaints or enforcement issues with regard to ORVs were found by staff, which calls into question the necessity for a by-law that imposes any restrictions beyond what is provided for in the regulations.

Staff recommend repealing 84-2017 and imposing no further restrictions on the operation of ORVs on municipal roads beyond what is established by the regulation.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- By-Law 81-2019, Seasonal Closures
   Proposed Seasonal Closure Schedule
   Map of Seasonal Closures
   By-Law 84-2017, Regulating ORVs

#### OTHERS CONSULTED

Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works Kirk Livingston, CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk CAO/Clerk



#### CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

#### BY-LAW NO. 81-2019

Being a by-law to authorize the temporary closure of highways or portions of highways during the period when winter maintenance is performed.

**WHEREAS** Subsection (3) of Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.0.2001, c.25, authorizes that the Council of a municipality to pass By-laws, subject to the rules set out in subsection (4) respecting 1. Highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 16.8 of the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways O. Reg. 366/18 deems a highway to be in a state of repair in respect of all conditions while it is closed;

**AND WHEREAS** it has historically been the practice of the municipality to not perform winter maintenance on certain roads and sidewalks;

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

- 1. When any highway or portion of highway, set out in Schedule "A" appended hereto, is marked with a sign stating "No Winter Maintenance" that the highway beyond that point is deemed closed for the time period between November 15 and March 31 of any given year;
- 2. The portion of any highway under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry that is a sidewalk is deemed closed for the time period between November 15 and March 31 of any given year;
- 3. This by-law shall come into force on the day it is passed.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 17th day of September 2019

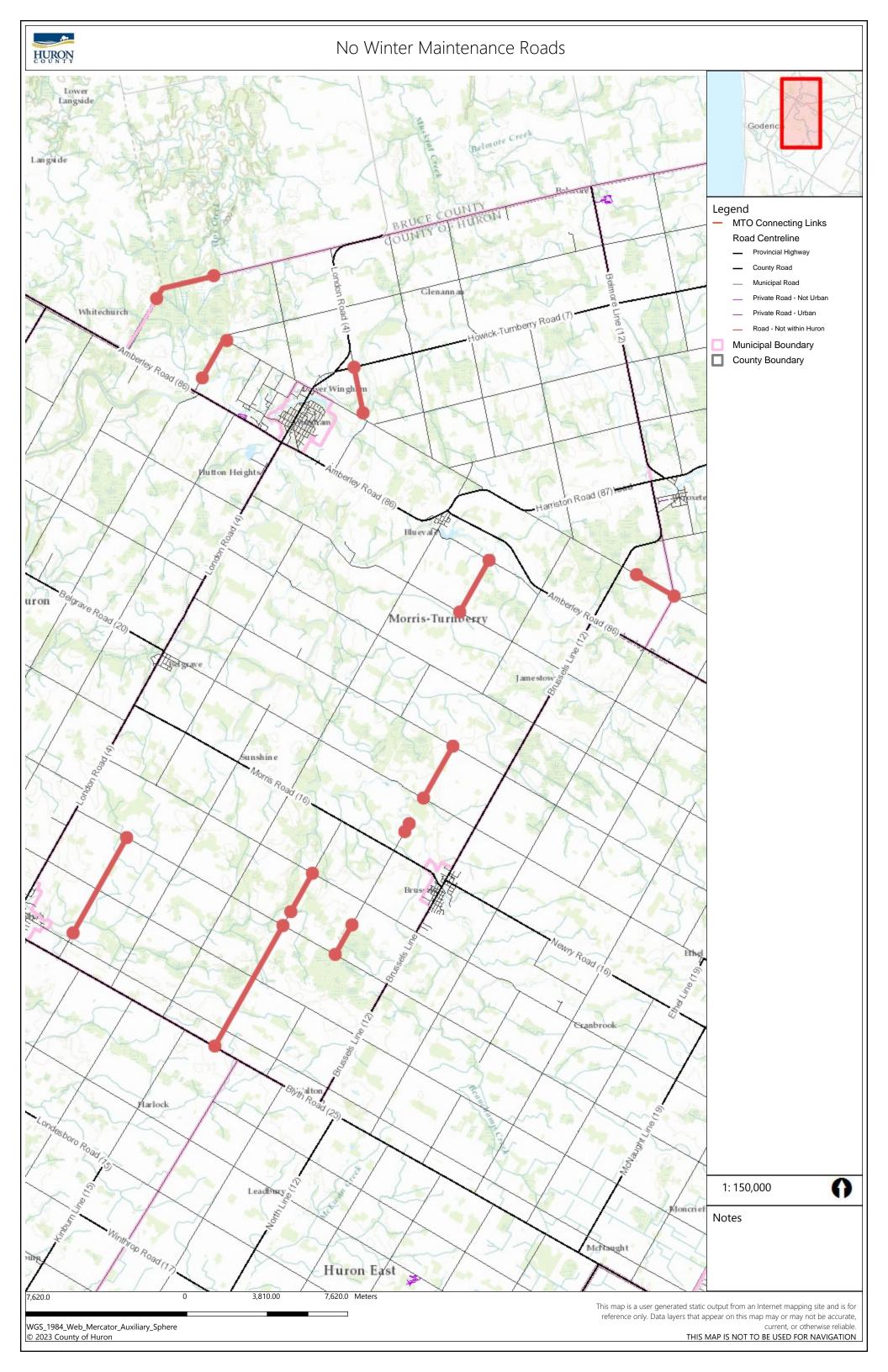
Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 17th day of September 2019

layor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

#### Schedule 'A' By-Law 81-2019

	<u>Highway</u>	From	<u>To</u>
1.	Elevator Line	340m N. of Walton Road	St. Michaels Rd.
2.	Button Line	Blyth Rd. (CR 25)	St. Michaels Rd.
3.	Button Line	525m N. of St. Michaels Rd.	Cranbrook Rd.
4.	Nichol Line	St. Michaels Rd.	1,150m N. of St. Michaels
5.	Nichol Line	750m N. of Morris Rd.	Rd. Maitland River
6.	Mair Line	Brandon Rd.	Cranbrook Rd.
7.	Wheeler Line	Jamestown Rd.	Morris-Turnberry Rd.
8.	Gibbons Line	525m N. of Amberley Rd.	North St. / Glenannon Rd.
9.	C Line Rd.	550m E. of Brussels Ln. (CR 12)	McDonald Ln.
10.	Turnberry-Culross Rd.	60m. W. Sideroad 30	S. Kinloss Ave.



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6.	Mair Line	Brandon Rd.	Cardiff Rd.
7.	Wheeler Line	Jamestown Rd.	Morris-Turnberry Rd.
8.	Gibbons Line	525m N. of Amberley Rd.	North St. / Glenannon Rd.
9.	C Line Rd.	550m E. of Brussels Ln. (CR 12)	McDonald Ln.
10.	Turnberry-Culross Rd.	60m. W. Sideroad 30/Kings Rd.	Turnberry-Kinloss Rd.
11.	Turnberry-Kinloss Rd.	Turnberry-Culross Rd.	S. Kinloss Ave.
12.	Bok Line	200m N. of B Line Road	Howick-Turnberry Road



#### THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 84-2017

Being a by-law to regulate the operation of Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs) and (ORUs) on municipal highways, within the limits of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 191.8 (3) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 8, as amended, the Council of the municipality may pass by-laws,

- (a) permitting the operation of off-road vehicles with three or more wheels and low pressure bearing tires on any highway within the municipality, that is under the jurisdiction of the municipality, or on any part or parts of such highway;
- (b) prescribing a lower rate of speed for Off-Road vehicles by regulation on any highway within the municipality that is under its jurisdiction, or on any part or parts of such highway, including prescribing different rates of speed for different highways or parts of highways;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 8, as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to pass by-laws permitting the operation of offroad vehicles on any highway within the municipality that is under the jurisdiction of the municipality, or any part or parts of such highway;

**AND WHEREAS,** Ontario Regulation 316-03 made under the Highway Traffic Act, as amended, defines an All-Terrain Vehicle and provides regulations governing the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles upon highways;

**AND WHEREAS,** pursuant to Ontario Regulation 316-03, as amended, only ATVs and ORUs which meet the Motor Vehicle safety regulations outlined in Section 9, will be allowed to access municipal highways;

**NOW THEREFORE** the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry ENACTS the following:

- 1. **Definitions:** In this By-law:
  - 1. "all-terrain vehicle" means an off-road vehicle that,
  - (a) has four wheels, the tires of all of which are in contact with the ground,
  - (b) has steering handlebars,
  - (c) has a seat that is designed to be straddled by the driver, and
  - (d) is designed to carry a driver only and no passengers;
  - 2. **"Highway"** includes any open road allowance under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, including a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for use or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof;
  - 3. **"Urban Area"** means any area in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry where the highway speed limit is 50 km/hr or less;

- 4. "Off-Road Vehicle" means a vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power or wind and designed to travel.
- (a) On not more than three wheels, or
- (b) On more than three wheels and being of a prescribed class of vehicle.

#### 2. General:

The Operation of an ATV, ORV or an UTV shall be permitted upon the highways under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and in accordance with Ontario Regulation 316-03 of the Highway Traffic Act, as amended, as attached as Schedule 'A' to this By-law; and the Off-Roads Vehicles Act;

#### 3. Types of Off-Road Vehicles:

The Types of Off-Road Vehicles that are applicable to this by-law are the following, and in accordance with Ontario Regulation 316-03 of the Highway Traffic Act, as amended, the Off-Roads Vehicles Act, and in accordance with the provisions of this By-law;

- 1. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), including two-up ATVs,
- 2. Side-by-side off-road vehicles- ORVs;

#### 4. Regulation of Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs) and (ORVs) on Highways

- 1. An ATV, and/ or an ORV shall not be operated on highways unless it meets the equipment requirements on Section 7-15 of Ontario Regulation 316-03 and it is operated in accordance with Sections 16-24 of Ontario Regulation 316-03, s.6.
- 2. An ATV and /or an ORV shall not be driven at a rate of speed greater than:
  - (a) 20 kilometers per hour, if the speed limit established under the Highway Traffic Act or by Municipal By-law for that part of the highway is not greater than 50 kilometers per hour; or
  - (b) 50 kilometers per hour, if the speed limit established under the Highway Traffic Act or by Municipal By-law for that part of the highway is greater than 50 kilometers per hour;
- 3. In any urban area, an ATV and/or an ORV shall only be operated on highways from the hour or 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on any day.

#### 5. Exemption:

Farmers and trappers and public work employees are exempt from ATV/ORV width and weight restrictions while performing commercial duties, and in accordance with Ontario Regulation 316-03 of the Highway Traffic Act, as amended.

#### 6. Penalties:

Any person who contravenes any section of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

#### 7. Effective:

- 1. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby empowered to sign and execute the said by-law;
- 2. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of its passing and shall remain in effect until otherwise amended or repealed;
- 3. That this by-law hereby repeals and rescinds By-law No. 9-2006, passed on the 24th day of January, 2006.

Read a first time this Read a second time this Read a third time and passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: April 8th, 2025

SUBJECT: NWMO Early Investment in Education and Skills Program

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That, by resolution, Council authorize the return of the \$48,500.00 currently held by the municipality for the Early Investment in Education and Skills program to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In May of 2022, Council entered into an agreement with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to participate in the Early Investment in Education and Skills program for residents and business owners for a range of educational activities. On initiation of the program, \$25,000 was made available to the Municipality to offer financial support within prescribed parameters to residents to help them gain transferable skills and education. The NWMO's intention in providing the funding was claimed to be making investments in early capacity-building activities to increase the likelihood that the skills needed for the DGR project can be found locally if the South Bruce site is selected. The criteria for eligibility were established by the NWMO.

The program received one application in 2022, and a total of \$250.00 was awarded.

An additional \$25,000.00 for the program was available for 2023, but as uptake had been so minimal staff recommended continuing the program with the \$24,750 remaining from the original funds. Three applications were received in 2023, two were successful, and a total of \$500.00 was awarded.

In 2024 the program continued, again with the remaining \$24,250.00 from the original \$25,000.00 provided in 2022. In addition to sharing information on the Municipality's website and facebook page, staff undertook a direct mail campaign to local business who may be eligible to receive funding from the program, to increase application volume. Three applications were received from individuals, and a total of \$750.00 was awarded. No applications from businesses were received.

In November of 2024, an additional \$25,000.00 was remitted to the municipality by the NWMO, without any communication in advance, and it was only upon investigation that staff confirmed that the NWMO was the source. The balance of funds available for the program now sits at \$48,500.00.

#### **COMMENTS**

In November of 2024, the municipality received notice that the Township of Ignace was selected as the host community for the deep geological repository. No information was provided regarding the future of the EIES program in light of this development. After many attempts, staff were able to contact a representative from the NWMO to inquire about the fate of the program and the funds held by the municipality. No plan was apparent.

Staff recommend that council authorize the return of the \$48,500.00 currently held by the municipality to the NWMO. Uptake on the program has been minimal, and the eligibility criteria set by the NWMO is very restrictive, which has been the main factor limiting the benefit of this program to the community.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

#### **OTHERS CONSULTED**

Michael Pahor - Site Director, South Bruce Regional Office, NWMO Sean Brophy, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

CAO/Clerk



#### **Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention: CHIP**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Minutes
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clinton Site Huron Perth Public Health 77722B London Rd., ON NOM 1H0

Present: Andrew Maver, Gloria Wilbee, Jodi Snell, Greg Lamport, Ric McBurney, Wayne Forster, Laura

Edgar

Regrets: Constable Craig Soldan, Sean Wraight (retired; anticipating replacement)

Minute Taker: Huron Perth Public Health

1. Welcome and call to order by Chair

Ric McBurney

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve: Gloria Seconded: Wayne Disposition: Carried

3. Review of Minutes of September Meeting

Motion to approve: Wayne Seconded: Greg Disposition: Carried

4. Financial Reports and Updates (HPPH)

\$5,903.89

Motion to approve: Greg Seconded: Gloria Disposition: Carried

#### 5. Business Arising

#### 5.1 Off-Highway Vehicle Mapping Project (ATV Map)

Greg reported back on the anticipated changes to / establishment of an ORV Bylaw in Bluewater.

Laura can now proceed with completing updates to the map. Andrew recommended connecting with Jared Spurdza at County GIS who was with the project initially in 2017.

#### 5.2 Cannabis Impaired Driving Initiative Update

The MTO Grant Application from Regional Road Safety Committee (led by Grey Bruce Public Health) was unsuccessful; however, the project will continue with funding coming from many partners, including Huron Perth Public Health.



Refresher materials for our Cannabis Goggle kits were purchased from CHIP funds. Goggles were originally purchased in 2016 and have been well used in high schools via the School Resource Officer; the materials needed replenished.

In 2016, 6 pairs of goggles were purchased. 3 of these pairs have been donated to Perth OPP to scale up the success of the program.

#### 5.3 HC Road Super Association Rep.

**ACTION:** Laura to request a representative (either one person; main & alternate; rotating member)

Andrew recommended we extend the invitation to CHIP to Wyatt Carey and/or Tim Ryan from County of Huron. The group accepted this recommendation and will leave to Andrew to determine most relevant appointees as relevant.

#### 5.4 Horse & Buggy Booklet

CHIP contributed \$750 towards the printing of this resource through the Anabaptist Home, Farm and Road Safety Committee. The booklet has been printed and has been distributed to the community through the Bishops. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

The community does not want the booklet shared online, but is okay with others having a copy as needed. A copy went back with 2-3 members, including County of Huron. Interacting with buggies during snow plowing is a part of plow driver orientation every year and complements the information in the booklet for Horse & Buggy drivers.

#### 5.5 Road Data Project(s)

There is potential for two projects in 2025 which will help residents, elected officials, road supers and other interested parties to build a shared understanding of local collisions to begin to build shared solutions.

#### 5.5.1 Public Health Ontario

Public Health Ontario has:

- a newly obtained data sharing agreement with MTO;
- expertise for data analysis and public presentation;
- hired a person to start in January to begin designing / analyzing / building a publicfacing interface which makes available police-gathered, motor vehicle collision data, mapped

Laura has invited Public Health Ontario to an upcoming meeting with Good Roads re: Establishing a Rural Road Safety Program.

#### 5.5.2 **Proposed 2025 Project: HPPH + Huron & Perth Road Super Associations**

As introduced at the September CHIP meeting, Laura and Erica presented in October at the Joint Annual Perth and Huron Road Super Association Meeting on a vision for a public-facing mapped interface of major injury and fatalities throughout the two counties. In addition to collision data, traffic count data would also be incorporated.



This project can only happen if HPPH reaches a data sharing agreement with [1] MTO OR [2] Huron OPP, Perth OPP & Stratford Police Services. If we do, our Epidemiologist can build a map from that data, calculate rates, etc.

#### 6. Organizational Round Table Updates

- 6.1 **ACW** speed complaints, Constable Wes Coast deployed in response.
- 6.2 **Bluewater –** Off-road vehicles update new bylaw will soon be adopted.
- 6.3 Huron East New fire chief: Jay Arn
- 6.4 **Huron Perth Public Health** Presentation at the October Huron & Perth Road Super Meeting (proposing data mapping collaboration) & at Perth County Municipal Association Day (unrelated to road safety).

#### **6.5 Huron County Public Works**

- Roundabout for 83 and airport expected 2025 discussion going to council for approval – then to tender
- Traffic study at Mayne Corner with Joint Huron & Perth study and improvements (not to council yet) – minor updates in recommendations "Traffic Operations and Safety Review for Mayne Corners"
- Blyth intersection bugs worked out, working as should
- Exeter Construction north lights will be full operation soon
- Invitation open to Tim Ryan and/or Wyatt Carey
- 6.6 Huron OPP defer.
- **6.7 Ministry of Transportation Ontario** defer.
- 6.8 Morris-Turnberry Continued correspondence from Brandon Rd residents, Belgrave
- 6.8 North Huron none.

#### 7. New Business

## 7.1 Municipal motions for the Establishment of a Rural Road Safety Program in association with Ontario Good Roads Association

Materials being distributed by Good Roads were distributed with the agenda package for review and discussion. Greg shared what the discussion at Bluewater had been. Laura shared she has a meeting on-the-books with Good Roads to learn more details. This program was proposed earlier in 2024 and endorsed by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus.

**Motion** to draft letter from Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) to support the establishment of a Rural Road Safety Program.

Motion: Greg Seconded: Wayne Disposition: Carried

#### 7.2 OFA Revive Fund, Huron County Federation of Agriculture, 2025

Reviewed their successful 2024 initiative (billboards: pass safe; give space). Will request an update on any applications Revive Applications for 2025. Wayne & Laura shared with the group the 'Farm Equipment' signage that Bruce County Federation of Agriculture, County of Bruce, Ontario Federation of Agriculture installed.

#### 7.3 Ontario Transit Infrastructure Fund; Rural Transit Solutions Fund



Reviewed Southwest Community Transit page & projects that had been funded through the Community Transportation Grant Program to increase travel connections between under-served areas, rural communities and urban cities. Though that funding will end in March 2025, a new funding pot has been announced — Ontario Transit Infrastructure Fund. Investigating feasibility and opportunities for collaborating with neighbouring jurisdictions is under the purview of County Economic Development. In addition to OTIF, they've applied for funding through a federal grant program as well.

ACTION: Laura to develop language around the injury + transit connection.

#### 8. Correspondence

8.1 Constable Wes Coast – police had received a complaint re: its deployment. Parties were able to connect and respond very quickly.

#### 9. Meeting Summary:

- 1) Draft letter of Support for Good Roads
- 2) Horse and Buggy Booklet Printed & being distributed
- 3) Off-Road Vehicle Mapping & Bylaw updates

#### 10. Parking Lot

11 Next meeting: March 12, 2025 9:30 – 11:30, in-person at the Health Unit, Clinton

Minutes Taker: MTO

Motion to Adjourn: Greg Seconded: Jodi Disposition: Carried.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

#### Future meeting dates:

Municipality / Organization - Minutes Taker	Date	Notes
Ministry of Transportation	December 13, 2023	
Bluewater	March 13, 2024	
Huron County Public Works	June 12, 2024	
Morris-Turnberry	September 11, 2024	
North Huron	(chair)	
Huron Perth Public Health	December 11, 2024	
Huron East	March 12, 2025	
ACW	June	



OPP	September	

### **Huron OPP Detachment Board**

### **Minutes**

Monday, January 27, 2025, 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 Jennette Walker, Member - Community Representative

Jared Petteplace, Member - Provincial Appointee

Staff Present: Stacey Jeffery, Administrator/Recording Secretary

A/Insp Ryan Olmstead, Huron OPP Steve Doherty, Central Huron CAO

## 1. Call to Order

Administrator Jeffery called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Member Frayne nominated Member Dietrich for position of Chair. Member Anderson supported the election of Member Dietrich for position of Chair.

Member Steffler nominated Member Anderson for position of Vice Chair. Member Walker supported the election of Member Anderson for position of Vice Chair.

Administrator Jeffery asked Members two more times if there are any other nominations for position of Chair and Vice Chair.

No additional nominations were identified.

**Motion**: 01-2025

Moved: DFrayne

Seconded: MAnderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board elect Member Jim Dietrich as the Chair of the Huron OPP Detachment Board for 2025.

**Disposition: Carried** 

**Motion**: 02-2025

Moved: JSteffler Seconded: JWalker

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board elect Member Marg Anderson as the Vice Chair of the Board for 2025.

**Disposition: Carried** 

## 3. Approval of Agenda

An addition of attachment related to item 7.1 was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** 03-2025

**Moved:** AvanHittersum **Seconded:** JSteffler

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

**Disposition: Carried** 

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

None noted.

### 5. Approval of Past Minutes

The following amendments were discussed:

- Addition of Member Walker to the meeting attendance; and
- Removal of "County" in the minute title.

No other revisions of the minutes were discussed.

**Motion:** 04-2025

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

That Huron OPP Detachment Board adopts the minutes of December 17, 2024, as amended.

**Disposition: Carried** 

## 6. <u>Presentations/Delegations</u>

### 7. <u>Business from Previous Meetings</u>

7.1 2025 Draft Huron OPP Detachment Board Budget

Chair Dietrich presented the revised budget as provided by the Administrator and circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Members discussed that the revised budget provides the opportunity for all members to attend the conference and some zone meetings for value to the board and communities served. It was also discussed that some municipal councils may require more detailed information related to the budget and noted that not all lower tiers previously had a Police Services Board or have a council representative on the Board. It was noted that the 2024 Administrator sent out the original proposed budget to the CAO's in Q4 2024.

Administrator Jeffery indicated that the CAO's will be circulated the Board's budget, once approved.

There were no other discussions related to the revised budget.

**Motion:** 05-2025

**Moved:** DFrayne **Seconded:** JSteffler

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the 2025 budget, as presented.

**Disposition: Carried** 

**Motion:** 06-2025

**Moved:** JPetteplace **Seconded:** JClark

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves an amendment to the Renumeration Policy to authorize member pay for board meetings, conferences, seminars, and association meetings.

**Disposition: Carried** 

### 7.2 Administration Transition

No comments were received by Members related to the Administration Memo.

Motion: 07-2025

**Moved:** GLamport

Seconded: MAnderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Administration Memo dated January 27, 2025, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

### 8. Reports

It was the consensus of the Board that Financial Report to be discussed prior to Inspector's Report.

### 8.1 Financial Report

No comments or questions were received by Members related to the Financial Report for 2024.

**Motion:** 08-2025

Moved: TBazinet

Seconded: JPetteplace

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Financial Report dated January 27, 2025, as presented; and

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board authorize 2024 Board Administrator Doherty to bill the 2024 Board expenses to the lower tiers using the OPP property count billing method, as outlined in the report.

**Disposition: Carried** 

Central Huron CAO Doherty left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### 8.2 Inspector's Report

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead discussed the vacancy of the Detachment Commander and noted the positive impact Inspector Younan had on Huron County and communities within.

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead provided a brief overview of the OPP Strategic Plan, Detachment Action Plan and Community Safety and Wellbeing (CSWB) Plan.

### **Traffic Statistics**

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented the traffic statistics for 2024 and indicated that a focus for the year was on the big four offenses - seatbelts, speeding, impaired operation and distracted driving. It was noted that in 2024 that distracted driving and seat belt offenses increased and that collisions remained near status quo, with slight increase overall in collision.

### **Crime Statistics**

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented the 2024 crime statistics, and the following were noted: reduction in some violent and property crimes and increase in fraud crimes. It was indicated that an increase in visibility and efforts of street crimes unit assist in the reduction.

### **Clearance Rates**

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented the clearance rate data for 2024. It was noted that the data shows a 200% increase of Federal Statutes, which represents 7 offenses. Mental Health related occurrences are decreasing. Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead indicated that mental health related occurrences and youth charges are decreasing.

### **Community Safety Initiatives**

Huron OPP A/Insp R. Olmstead presented community safety initiative data for 2024 and indicated that the number of community services hours have significantly increased from previous years. It was noted that Huron OPP will be focusing on communities they haven't completed a community walk in for 2025.

### Communication between Huron OPP and Detachment Board

It was discussed that Members notify the Chair of any issue arising, and the Chair will advise the Huron OPP for a coordinated approach. In the case of high priority issues, the Huron OPP typically reaches out to the CAO of the impacted municipality, to ensure timely distribution of information.

**Motion:** 09-2025

**Moved:** TBazinet

Seconded: AvanHittersum

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Inspector's

Report dated January 27, 2025, as presented.

**Disposition: Carried** 

### 9. New Business

9.1 Annual Detachment Board Report

Chair Dietrich discussed the Annual Report required by June 30, 2025. No questions related to the annual report were asked by Members.

9.2 2025 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

**Motion**: 10-2025

**Moved:** GLamport **Seconded:** JClark

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the following dates for the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule:

- March 24, 2025;
- June 23, 2025;
- September 29, 2025; and
- December 15, 2025.

**Disposition: Carried** 

- 10. Correspondence
- 11. Closed Session
- 12. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

**Motion**: 11-2025

**Moved:** DFrayne

Seconded: MAnderson

That Huron OPP Detachment Board hereby adjourns a	it 10:13 a.m., to meet
again on March 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of t	he Chair.

	Disposition: Carried
Jim Dietrich, Chair	Stacey Jeffery,
	Administrator/Recording Secretary



# **Board Meeting Highlights**

March 25, 2025

# Land Acknowledgement

A video from a Bedford PS Grade 6 French Immersion class was shown, where the students recited a land acknowledgment they had written in French. Thank you, Madam Quinn, for guiding the students in creating this thoughtful and personalized land acknowledgment.

# Trustees Move to Expand the Student Trustee Position with Indigenous Representation

Following a proposal from Indigenous Lead Matt Baker, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to amend their policy, allowing a self-identified Indigenous Student Trustee to join the board starting in September 2025.

# **Good News**

# FE Madill SS Hosts Living Library Event

Vice Chair Patricia Smith was pleased to share her experience at the FE Madill SS Living Library event, where she discussed her journey as both a trustee and an immigrant. She had the opportunity to talk about her role on the Board of Trustees and enjoyed engaging in meaningful conversations with students and staff, answering their questions along the way.

# Days of Significance Around the District (March Edition)

Communications Manager Chera Longston presented the wrap-up for the March edition of the Days of Significance. This month highlights Ramadan, Shrove Tuesday, March Break trips, St. Patrick's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and World Down Syndrome Day!

DOS - March Wrap-up 2025 by AMDSB Communications

# Tyler Smith Visits AMDSB Secondary Schools

Superintendent Jane Morris, with support from Trustee Sheila Armstrong-Marshall, highlighted recent visits by Tyler Smith, winner of The Amazing Race Canada Season 9 and survivor of the 2018 Humboldt



Broncos bus crash, which tragically claimed the lives of 16 teammates, staff, and coaches. Through his public speaking and advocacy, Tyler inspires individuals and communities to embrace vulnerability, build connections, and create safe spaces for healing and hope. He visited all 8 AMDSB secondary schools with support from a Crime-School Safety Grant (Goderich & Central Huron, & Huron OPP) and the Ministry of Education's Mental Health Strategy Supports funding.







# Elementary Students Increasing their Understanding of Diversity

Vice Chair Patricia Smith had the pleasure of joining Grade 2 and 4 students at Maitland River ES as they listened to AMDSB Equity Support Teacher Paul Finkelstein. Mr. Finkelstein discussed the importance of accepting others and helped students understand the difference between bullying and conflict.

### Stratford Schools Welcome Trustee Whitaker and Director Shantz

Trustee Bruce Whitaker and Director Shantz recently visited Avon PS, Stratford District SS, and Downie Central PS, sharing positive reflections from their time at each school. They had the opportunity to meet with the SDSS Robotics teams, who recently competed at the Ontario Provincial Championships. Team B finished with a 7-1 record but was eliminated in the sudden-death round, while Team A secured a spot at the World Championships in Dallas, Texas - marking a historic achievement for Stratford Robotics! Congratulations to all the teams and leaders, including Marek C, Matthew O, Derick J, Declan O, and Pasha R, who will represent Stratford on the world stage in May.

At Avon PS, a student proudly guided them through the school on World Down Syndrome Day, while Downie students hosted them for an art fair and gifted them a painting and a painted flower pot.



### March Break FunTECH Kits Reach over 450 Students!

Superintendent Paul Langis was pleased to announce that 460 kits were delivered to Grade 6 students from every elementary school in AMDSB over March Break. These kits were translated into multiple languages for students whose first language is not English, thanks to the AMDSB Multi-Language Learner team. Students had the opportunity to choose from a variety of kits and learned about skilled trades and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP):

- Construction (Slingshot Hockey Game)
- Motive Power (F1 Race Car)
- Sewing (Cinch Sack)
- Cooking (Cavatelli with Tomato-Basil Sauce and Bocconcini)
- Baking (Chocolate Cheesecake)

One parent shared: "This is a wonderful initiative, and the products were excellent quality."







# **Athletics Update**

Superintendent Paul Langis highlighted several recent successes in both elementary and secondary athletics. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If you are aware of any achievements that might be missing, please contact us at communications@ed.amdsb.ca.

### **Elementary**

All four regions have successfully hosted tournaments and events for Junior and Intermediate students in Cross-Country running, Soccer, and Triple Ball. They are currently in the midst of the Basketball season, with Track & Field events scheduled for May and June.



Most notably, the District Cross Country event was held at the Wildwood Conservation Area, drawing approximately 600 runners.

## Secondary

Basketball: SDSS Junior Boys - 3rd at WOSSAA, SDSS Senior Boys - 2nd at WOSSAA, South Huron DHS Junior Boys - 3rd at WOSSAA, Junior Girls - 2nd at WOSSAA, Senior Girls - 3rd at WOSSAA

Cross-Country: St Marys DCVI Charles B - 1st at WOSSAA, St Marys DCVI Nic B - 2nd at WOSSAA, St Marys DCVI Junior Boys - First at WOSSAA, St Marys DCVI Kaleb D - 4th at WOSSAA

Hockey: SDSS Boys - 2nd at WOSSAA

Nordic Skiing: St Marys DCVI Nic B - 2nd at WOSSAA, St Marys DCVI Zach M - 4th at WOSSAA, St Marys Anna R - 1st at WOSSAA, St Marys Bailey R - 2nd at WOSSAA, St Marys DCVI Overall Senior Boys Title and Overall Junior Girls Title

Soccer: Senior Boys - 3rd at WOSSAA

Swimming: Siobhan K - 1st in the 50 free at OFSAA, MDHS Grace B - 3rd in B final in 200 IM and 2nd in B final in 200 Fly at OFSSA, SDSS Silas C - 7th in the A final at OFSAA, SDSS James D - 10th in the B final at OFSAA.

Ultimate Frisbee - St Marys DCVI 1st at WOSSAA and qualified for OFSAA

Volleyball: MDHS Junior Girls - 3rd at WOSSAA, SDSS Junior Girls - 3rd at WOSSAA, SDSS Junior Boys - 3rd at WOSSAA

# Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Alexandra Haviaras shared that the Senate released a survey before the March Break to gather feedback on how to ensure student fees are consistent across secondary schools. The survey received over 1,200 responses from students and staff, and the data is currently being analyzed. Stay tuned for more details!

# **Future Board Meetings**

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

• Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session



 Tuesday, April 22, 2025 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) April 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
- North Perth Boundary Review Committee April 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (online)
- Audit Committee April 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. (hybrid)
- AODA Meeting April 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (online)
- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) April 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
- Equity Steering Committee April 30, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (Listowel District SS)

# Huron OPP Detachment Board & Policing Activities

2024 Annual Report

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# Message from the Board Chair



Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich (South Huron) Chair, May 2024 - Present Huron OPP Detachment Board On behalf of the Huron OPP Detachment Board, it is my privilege to present the Huron OPP Detachment Board & Policing Activities 2024 annual report.

As the Chair of the Board, I am pleased to highlight the achievements of the inaugural Huron OPP Detachment Board.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated officers, support staff, and volunteers for their commitment and exceptional service. Their efforts have contributed immensely to the safety and security of our community.

As we look ahead, I am confident that with the ongoing dedication of our personnel and support of our community, the Huron County OPP will continue to uphold its reputation as a leader in policing excellence.

# **Message from the Detachment Commander**



A/Insp. Ryan Olmstead
Detachment Commander
(Acting)

Huron County (West Region) – Ontario Provincial Police As the interim Detachment Commander of the Huron OPP detachment, it is an honour to collaborate with our Detachment Board to meet the needs of our communities.

The Huron OPP detachment has focused on engaging with our communities in a positive manner through effective community engagement. Members have dedicated time to attend community events, conduct foot patrols and engage with our local youth through a proactive approach.

Community partnerships are key in ensuring we meet the goals of our communities, and the partnership with the Detachment Board will allow our policing members to address the individual concerns from our lower tier municipalities effectively and efficiently.

Looking ahead, I am optimistic on the partnership that Huron OPP detachment has with our Detachment Board and together we can ensure safe communities.

# Introduction

The Huron OPP Detachment Board (Hereinafter referred to as the "Detachment Board") provides guidance and advice to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment commander regarding policing services in Huron County.

In the context of the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), the Detachment Board works collaboratively with the Detachment Commander to ensure that the strategic priorities and initiatives of the Huron OPP reflect the goals of community safety, transparency, and accountability. The Board's guidance is critical in navigating the evolving landscape of policing regulations and fostering positive relationships between the OPP and the community. By prioritizing public engagement, the Detachment Board ensures that policing practices remain responsive and effective in addressing the safety concerns of Huron County residents.

# **Annual Reporting Requirements**

Section 68 (1) of the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) 2019 outlines annual reporting requirements and states the OPP detachment board shall:

(f) on or before June 30 in each year, provide an annual report to the municipalities and band councils regarding the policing provided by the detachment in their municipalities or First Nation reserves. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 68 (1); 2023, c. 12, Sched. 1, s. 28.

This report has been prepared to satisfy this requirement of the CSPA (2019) for the Huron OPP Detachment Board (referred to thereafter as 'the Detachment Board').

# **2024 Detachment Board Activities**

# Governance

The Board is made up of ten members with the following composition:

- One member appointed by each of the following municipalities, who is a member of the council of the municipality, for a total of six members: Municipality of Bluewater, Municipality of Central Huron, Town of Goderich, Municipality of Huron East, North Huron Township and Municipality of South Huron.
- Two members appointed jointly by the above municipalities, who are neither members of the council of, nor employees of, any of the municipalities.
- Two members appointed by the Minister.

### **Appointment of Members**

The inaugural recruitment for the Detachment Board occurred in early to mid 2024, with the following ten (10) members appointed in 2024:

- Councillor Greg Lamport, Municipality of Bluewater
- Deputy Mayor Marg Anderson, Municipality of Central Huron
- Mayor Trevor Bazinet, Town of Goderich
- Councillor John Steffler, Municipality of Huron East
- Councillor Anita van Hittersum, Township of North Huron
- Deputy Mayor Jim Dietrich, Municipality of South Huron
- Jasmine Clark, Community Representative
- Jennette Walker, Community Representative
- David Frayne, Provincial Appointee
- Jared Petteplace, Provincial Appointee

A list of current members of the Detachment Board is available on the <u>Huron OPP</u> Detachment Board Website.

# **Board By-laws and Policies**

The following By-laws were established by the Detachment Board in 2024:

- By-Law 01-2024 to Govern the Proceedings of the Huron OPP Detachment Board and to govern the conduct, duties and responsibilities of its members and the calling of meetings (Procedural By-Law); and
- By-Law 02-2024 to Name the Huron OPP Detachment Board (Naming of Board).

The following Policies were established by the Detachment Board in 2024:

- HOPPDB-01: Abuse, Violence and Harassment Policy; and
- HOPPDB-02: Renumeration Policy.

Copies of the Detachment Board's By-laws and Policies are available on the <u>Huron OPP Detachment Board Website</u>.

# **Training**

The following training modules were completed by all ten (10) appointed members in 2024:

- OPP Detachment Board Member Training;
- Human Rights;
- Ontario's Diverse Multiracial & Multicultural Society;
- Systemic Racism; and
- The Rights and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples.

# **Meetings**

A total of four (4) meetings were held by the Detachment Board in 2024:

- May 17, 2024 (Inaugural meeting);
- October 02, 2024;
- October 30, 2024; and
- December 17, 2024.

All meeting records are available on the Huron OPP Detachment Board Website.

# 2024 Huron County OPP Policing Activities

# **Service Designation and Membership**

This section provides a detailed breakdown of the personnel structure within the Huron OPP Detachment, highlighting key roles and the total membership. It also outlines the new additions to the team in 2024, showcasing the ongoing growth and strength of the detachment. The commitment to maintaining a skilled and diverse team remains central to efforts in ensuring effective and responsive policing services across Huron County.

**Detachment Personnel Overview:** 

• Total Personnel: 117 members

Inspector: 1

Staff Sergeants: 2Sergeants: 12Constables: 93

Special Constables: 4Administrative Clerks: 5

New Member Additions in 2024:

• In 2024, the Huron OPP welcomed 12 new members to the detachment.

# **Quality Assurance**

# **Enhanced Community Engagement**

In 2024, the Huron OPP placed a strong emphasis on community engagement to foster positive relationships and partnerships within the community. Officers initiated over 3,000 community engagement activities throughout the year, further strengthening the connection between the police and the public.

# **Positive Community Feedback**

As the interim Detachment Commander, several positive messages were received regarding the police presence across Huron County. Notably, members of the

community expressed appreciation for the increased visibility of officers, particularly during foot patrols, interactions with schools, and attendance at various community events. These efforts were widely recognized and well-received.

# **Public Complaints**

In 2024, Huron OPP received a total of eight public complaints about its members, marking a significant 68% decrease from the previous year. This reduction highlights the ongoing commitment to professionalism and community trust.

# **Complaint Resolution Process**

All complaints are carefully addressed by our Professional Standards Unit. Each case is resolved through a range of measures, ensuring fair and thorough handling of concerns.

# **Crime Statistics and Community Services Occurrence**

<u>Appendix A</u> contains the Huron OPP 2024 Year in Review, which provides a comprehensive review of Huron OPP's policing activities, including crime statistics and community service occurrences, highlighting key milestones from 2024.

## **Detachment Action Plan**

The 2023-2025 Huron OPP Detachment Action Plan outlines the key steps and initiatives to guide the detachment's efforts moving forward. The plan aligns with the regulatory changes introduced by the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) and provides a clear direction for achieving the detachment's goals. Through this strategic framework, the Huron OPP aims to enhance community safety, improve service delivery, and strengthen the connection between officers and the communities they serve.

Appendix B contains the Huron County OPP Detachment Action Plan (2023-2025).

**Table 1** contains the status of the actions within the Huron County OPP Detachment Action plan (2023-2025).

Table 1: Status of Huron OPP Detachment Action Plan (2023-2025)

Focus	Commitment	Action(s) and Status
Crime	To increase trained members of the Huron County Detachment in Uniform Frontline Interviewer Program (UFIP) in order to promote a trauma-informed approach to violent crime investigations.	<ul> <li>In coordination with West Region Regional Abuse Issues         Coordinator, host UFIP training sessions in Huron County –         Ongoing (Huron OPP are continuously training members in this         program area due to the impact of this program)</li> <li>Utilize UFIP trained members to engage with and interview         victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) – Ongoing (This will         always be ongoing, as we will ensure we use these trained         members in completing interviews of DV victims).</li> </ul>
Crime	To reduce property crime (theft, break and enter, mischief, etc.) incidents and victimization across Huron County	<ul> <li>Utilize social media as a platform to educate the public regarding trends in Huron County – Ongoing (Positive messaging has been sent, but this is an ongoing program to ensure we are keeping our communities apprised of our proactive work).</li> <li>Support the "Lock It or Lose It" campaign in Huron County, leverage the use of OPP Auxiliary members – Ongoing (Reminders to residents to ensure their valuables are locked up).</li> <li>Deploy OPP Auxiliary members to homes and businesses to conduct CPTED through the OPP Safeguard Program – Ongoing (Utilize this program on an ongoing basis to support victims of crime).</li> <li>Through analysis, utilize focused patrol deployments in high property crime areas to engage the public through enhanced police visibility – Ongoing (Method used to combat property crime issues).</li> </ul>
Crime	To reduce illicit drug crime through intelligence gathering, trend analysis and enforcement.	<ul> <li>Identify trends through analysis and deploy Community Street         Crimes Unit to combat property and illicit drug crime – On-going</li> <li>Execute search warrants to recover proceeds of crime and seize illicit drugs – Ongoing</li> </ul>

Focus	Commitment	Action(s) and Status
Crime	Cyber-crime	<ul> <li>Timely monitoring and arrest warrant execution – Ongoing</li> <li>Bail enforcement strategies implemented – Ongoing</li> <li>Huron OPP members will engage with Crime Unit members, OPP E-Crimes, Serious Fraud Office and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Center to assist with investigations – Ongoing</li> <li>Education sessions conducted in the community to service groups, vulnerable persons via Community Safety Officer – Ongoing</li> <li>Enhance officer training in cyber crime investigations – Ongoing</li> </ul>
Roadways, Waterways, and Trails	To continuously monitor collision trends, causal factors and deploy commensurate resources for enforcement to promote collision reduction and eliminate risk.	<ul> <li>Utilize collision data to direct and deploy officers to high-risk collision areas for enforcement and education (e-ticket and e-warn) – Ongoing</li> <li>Work in partnership with stakeholders that possess speed analysis technology to intentionally deploy policing resources for enforcement – Ongoing</li> <li>Training Huron County OPP officers in the use of traffic enforcement devices – Ongoing</li> <li>Strategically placed RIDE checks – Ongoing</li> </ul>
Roadways, Waterways, and Trails	To engage with communities, stakeholders, and regional traffic teams to address specific waterways, trail, roadway safety and/or interdiction issues.	<ul> <li>Share analyzed data and engage with West Region traffic teams for deployment to support focused patrols for all-terrain vehicle (ATV), motorized snow vehicle (MSV), Marine and other patrols. – Ongoing</li> <li>Engage with community partners to promote education regarding collision trends – Ongoing</li> <li>Utilize social media through the Community Services Officer to educate the public regarding the "Big Four", coupled with Provincial Traffic Safety Initiatives – Ongoing</li> </ul>

Focus	Commitment	Action(s) and Status
Roadways, Waterways, and Trails	To reduce animal related collisions through community engagement and education.	<ul> <li>Analyze data and determine vulnerable locations related to animal collisions – <b>Ongoing</b></li> <li>Strategic and timely social media use to warn motorists of locations of high incident of collision – <b>Ongoing</b></li> <li>Work with partners to enhance signage, warning motorists of known high populations of animals – <b>Ongoing</b></li> </ul>
Community Well-Being	To promote the existing co-response model of the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) in Huron County.	<ul> <li>Sustained and enhanced MCRT partnerships between police and hospitals – Ongoing (Huron MCRT program partners with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance and continue to assist persons in crisis across the County).</li> <li>Establishment of police-hospital transition agreements – Completed (The protocol has been completed and signed off by all partners. Training is currently underway and hope to implement by mid 2025).</li> <li>Establishment of a police-hospital committee – Completed</li> <li>MCRT members to complete all relevant training – Completed</li> </ul>
Community Well-Being	To promote and execute a rapid OPP response to all missing persons, including those enrolled in Project Lifesaver.	<ul> <li>Training Huron County OPP members in Project Lifesaver equipment response. – Completed</li> <li>Conduct requisite training to ensure operational readiness.</li> <li>Maintain and foster community engagement related to Project Lifesaver and promote enrollment – Completed</li> </ul>

Looking ahead, the Huron County OPP Detachment will begin the development of the 2026-2028 Huron OPP Detachment Action Plan in 2025. This comprehensive plan will be created in close consultation with the Detachment Board and key stakeholders, ensuring that it reflects the evolving needs of the community and the priorities of the OPP. The Action Plan will identify specific priority areas and set clear, measurable goals to guide the detachment's efforts over the next three years. It will serve as a strategic framework for addressing emerging challenges, enhancing public safety, and continuously improving service delivery to the residents of Huron County.

# **Appendix A: Huron OPP 2024 Year in Review**



# HURON OPP DETACHMENT BOARD DÉTACHMENT DE LA OPP HURON CONSEIL

HURON COUNTY OPP DETACHMENT DÉTACHMENT DE LA OPP HURON

JANURY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Detachment Commander A/Insp. Ryan Olmstead

# **OPP STRATEGIC PLAN**

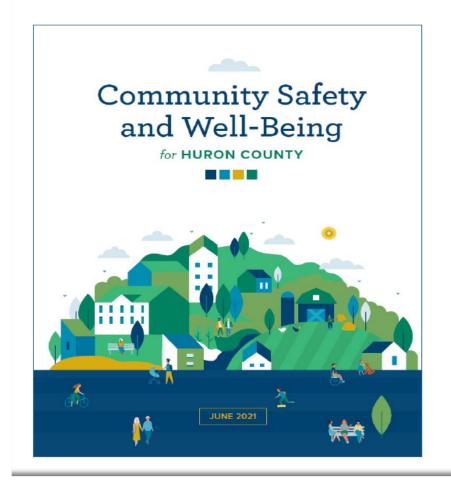


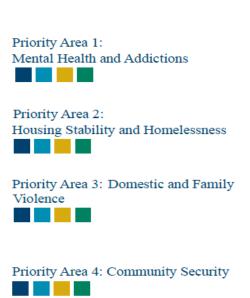
We will strive to support all members in achieving their professional and personal best. We will empower our members to ensure the best possible policing services are delivered to Ontarians. We will partner and build relationships with a shared vision for safety and well-being.

# **DETACHMENT ACTION PLAN**

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Community Well-Being
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To reduce property crime (theft, break and enter, mischief, etc.) incidents and victimization across Huron County.	To engage with communities, stakeholders, and regional traffic teams to address specific waterway, trail, roadway safety and/or interdiction issues.	To promote and execute a rapid OPP response to all missing persons, including those enrolled in Project Lifesaver.
To reduce illicit drug crime through intelligence gathering, trend analysis and enforcement.	To reduce animal related collisions through community engagement and education.	
Cyber-crime		

# **COMMUNITY SAFETY WELL-BEING PLAN**





# **HURON TRAFFIC STATISTICS**

Traffic Related Charges								
January - December								
Year	2022	2	2023	3	2024	1		
ChargeCategory2 ▼	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change		
Speeding	3,992		4,260	6.7%	3,925	-7.9%		
Seatbelt	146		257	76.0%	345	34.2%		
Impaired	137		189	38.0%	159	-15.9%		
Distracted	40		78	95.0%	85	9.0%		

Motor Vehicle Col	lisions by Type						
		January -	December				
Year	20	022	2(	)23	2024		
CollisionType	Incidents	% Change	Incidents	% Change	Incidents	% Change	
Fatal Injury	8		4	-50.0%	5	25.0%	
Non-Fatal Injury	137		99	-27.7%	116	17.2%	
Property Damage Only	914		853	-6.7%	915	7.3%	
Total	1059		956	-9.7%	1036	8.4%	

### CANADA ROAD SAFETY WEEK RESULTS FOR HURON COUNTY OPP

(HURON COUNTY, ON) - All available members of the Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) took part in the Canada Road Safety Week campaign. As part of the commitment to the Canada Road Safety Strategy 2025, Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was promoting and enforcing laws around traffic safety during the annual Victoria Day long weekend traffic campaign which ran from May 14th through May 20th, 2024.

During this time, officers were focusing on "The Big Four", those being seatbelt compliance, speeding, impaired operation, and distracted driving.

Huron County OPP officers laid **370** charges during the week-long initiative including:

- Impaired Driving: 5

Stunt\Careless Driving: 2

Seatbelts: 33Speeding: 208

- Distracted Driving: 7

Alcohol-Related Offences: 3Cannabis-Related Offences: 3Insurance-Related Offences: 13

- Other Criminal Code Traffic Offences: 1

- Other Provincial Offences Act: 95

- Warnings Issued: **183** 

# **HURON CRIME STATISTICS**

	Janua	ary-December	r			
Year		022		2023		2024
ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Homicides	1		1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Other Offences Causing Death	0		0		0	
Attempted Murder	2		2	0.0%	1	-50.0%
Sexual Offences	101		100	-1.0%	90	-10.0%
Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	242		316	30.6%	282	-10.8%
Offences Resulting in the Deprivation of Freedom	7		11	57.1%	3	-72.7%
Robbery	5		11	120.0%	7	-36.4%
Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	185		242	30.8%	178	-26.4%
Offences in Relation to Sexual Services	1		0	-100.0%	1	
Total	544		683	25.6%	563	-17.6%

		January -	December			
Year	2	022	2	2023		2024
ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Arson	3		3	0.0%	2	-33.3%
Break and Enter	199		151	-24.1%	153	1.3%
Theft Over \$5000	198		138	-30.3%	109	-21.0%
Theft Under \$5000	374		336	-10.2%	309	-8.0%
Possession/Trafficking Stolen Goods	31		18	-41.9%	18	0.0%
Fraud	234		271	15.8%	359	32.5%
Mischief	288		257	-10.8%	254	-1.2%
Total	1327		1174	-11.5%	1204	2.6%

Orug Crime							
January - December							
Year	2	2022		2023		2024	
ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	
Possession	38		36	-5.3%	23	-36.1%	
Trafficking	16		14	-12.5%	12	-14.3%	
Importation & Production	0		0		0		
Cannabis Possession	0		0		0		
Cannabis Distribution	0		0		1		
Cannabis Sale	0		0		0		
Cannabis Importation & Exportation	0		0		0		
Cannabis Production	0		0		0		
Other Cannabis Violations	1		0	-100.0%	0		
Total	55		50	-9.1%	36	-28.0%	

### SEARCH WARRANT ON COUNTY BORDER YIELDS ILLEGAL DRUGS, WEAPONS STOLEN VEHICLES AND CASH

Over \$123,000 Worth of Property, Drugs and Cash Seized

(HURON COUNTY & SOUTH BRUCE, ON) – An investigation conducted by the Huron-Perth and Grey-Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU), West Region OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), West Region OPP Bail Support Team, West Region OPP K-9 Unit and Huron County OPP detachment resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs, weapons, cash, and stolen property with a total value exceeding \$123,000.

An investigation was initiated by members of the Huron County OPP detachment which led investigators to an address on Huron-Bruce Road.

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, police attended the rural address and observed a newer model vehicle drive immediately into a farmer's field, damaging crops as it tried to evade officers. The vehicle drove into a tree stump and caused heavy damage to the vehicle. The lone driver fled and was apprehended shortly after and arrested. The vehicle was confirmed to be stolen. A search of the path driven by the accused revealed a 9mm revolver and 9mm ammunition. A search of the vehicle following the arrest resulted in officers locating methamphetamine, \$1,300 in Canadian currency, a prohibited knife, and a container of exploding rifle mix.

While officers were at the address, they observed a stolen vehicle and arrested a second person on the property. A search warrant was later executed for the property which resulted in the seizure of more weapons, stolen property and other offence-related items. Two individuals have been arrested and charged.

As a result of the investigation, police seized other items including a stolen enclosed trailer, stolen snowmobile, stolen pickup truck, crossbows, compound bows and ammunition.

The combined estimated value of the recovered stolen vehicles and property is \$117,000.

The combined estimated value of the seized drugs is \$500.

The combined estimated value of the seized property, weapons and ammunition is \$4,950.

Total Canadian currency seized is \$1,300.



### SEARCH WARRANT IN GODERICH YIELDS ILLEGAL DRUGS, WEAPONS AND CASH

Over \$20,500 Worth of Drugs, Property and Cash Seized

**(GODERICH, ON) –** An investigation conducted by the Huron-Perth Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crimes Unit (CSCU), West Region OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), West Region Tactics and Rescue Unit (TRU) and Huron County OPP detachment resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs, weapons, cash, and offence-related property with a total value exceeding \$20,500.

An illegal drug investigation was initiated by members of the Huron-Perth OPP CSCU which led investigators to a suspect in the Town of Goderich.

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, a search warrant was executed in Goderich which resulted in the seizure of controlled substances, assorted currency, weapons, and other offence-related items. One individual has been arrested and charged.

As a result of the investigation, police seized a quantity of suspected fentanyl, hydromorphone, and cocaine. Other seized items included digital scales, packaging material, cellular phones and several knives. One knife that was seized was a handgun replica knife. A quantity of cash was also seized.

The combined estimated value of the seized drugs is \$12,600.

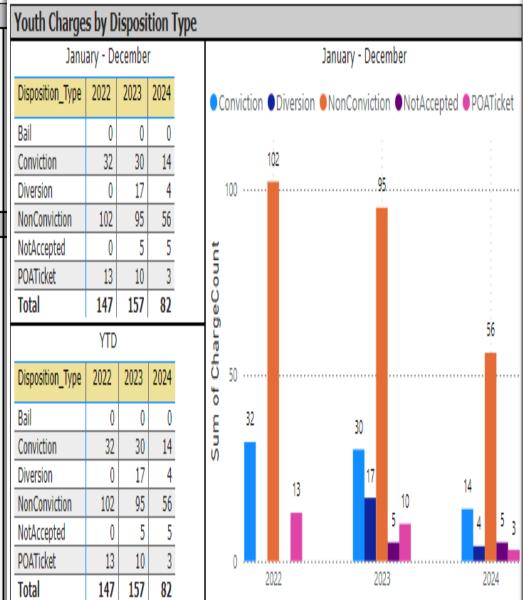
The combined estimated value of the seized property is **\$2,400**.

Total currency seized is \$5,540.

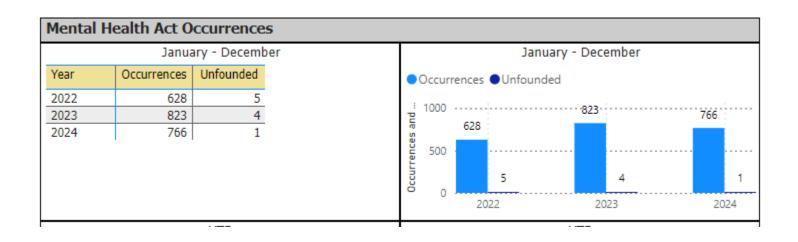


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	overdose	5	7	0	
□ non-Fa	tal	7	13	5	
	pioid overdose	2	1	0	
	overdose	5	12	5	
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Overdose Occurrences



January - December								
Year	2022		2023		2024			
	%	% Change	%	% Change	%	% Change		
Violent	68.8%		71.6%	4.1%	73.2%	2.2%		
Property	17.0%		18.3%	8.0%	17.8%	-2.9%		
Other	72.4%		71.0%	-1.9%	67.0%	-5.7%		
Drugs	90.9%		66.0%	-27.4%	83.3%	26.3%		
Fed Statutes	33.3%		33.3%	0.0%	100.0%	200.0%		
Prov Statutes	96.6%		93.8%	-3.0%	95.0%	1.3%		
Driving Offences	62.1%		71.4%	15.0%	67.1%	-6.1%		



#### **COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES**

Huron County OPP put an emphasis in 2024 of officers being more engaged and visible within the municipalities across the County. Officers were expected to dedicate a portion of their scheduled shift to engage with the public in a positive manner. Officers conducted foot patrols of downtown areas and inside local schools, participated in community events such as parades and school programs and increased police visibility through bike patrols and marine patrols. Below are the results of this enhanced initiative.

Year	# of Community Services Occurrences
2022	265
2023	1336
2024	3045







# Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report Goderich (Town), Howick, Municipality of Bluewater, Municipality of Huron East, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Huron, Munipality of Central Huron, Town of Wingham, Twp of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Twp of North Huron

#### January to December - 2024

Billing Categories			2024				2023	
(Billing categories below do not match traditional crime groupings)	January to December	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours	January to December	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours
Violent Criminal Code	587	587	15.4	9,039.8	726	726	15.4	11,180.4
Property Crime Violations	1,228	1,228	6.3	7,736.4	1,208	1,208	6.3	7,610.4
Other Criminal Code Violations (Excluding traffic)	419	419	7.3	3,058.7	447	447	7.3	3,263.1
Drug Possession	68	68	6.9	469.2	89	89	6.9	614.1
Drugs	12	12	80.6	967.2	13	13	80.6	1,047.8
Statutes & Acts	960	960	3.5	3,360.0	995	995	3.5	3,482.5
Operational	4,853	4,853	3.8	18,441.4	4,930	4,930	3.8	18,734.0
Operational2	1,038	1,038	1.5	1,557.0	1,154	1,154	1.5	1,731.0
Traffic	758	758	3.8	2,880.4	741	741	3.8	2,815.8
Total	9,923	9,923		47,510.1	10,303	10,303		50,479.1

## Appendix B: Huron OPP Detachment Action Plan (2023-2025)



# HURON COUNTY DETACHMENT

2023-2025

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## **OUR MISSION**

To serve our province by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.



OUR VALUES

Serving with PRIDE, PROFESSIONALISM & HONOUR

Interacting with RESPECT, COMPASSION & FAIRNESS

Leading with INTEGRITY, HONESTY & COURAGE

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## **Message from the Detachment Commander**

"The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues to have a clear path forward with the implementation of the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. As an extension of, and building upon, the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, we remain focused on and committed to our three strategic priorities, specifically our people, our work, and our communities. The plan will continue to guide our organization's priorities, strategies, initiatives, and the requirements expected with the enactment of the regulations associated to the new Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)," OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique.



It is with great pleasure I present the 2023-2025 Huron County OPP Detachment Action Plan. It outlines our next steps toward meeting community needs by prioritizing operational demands and officer health and well-being.

The OPP mission statement, core values, along with our enduring vision for Safe Communities... A Secure Ontario, are the basis for every decision we make and every action we take.

Located along the shores of Lake Huron, Huron County is a vibrant rural community and a leader in numerous areas of agricultural, technology and innovation. Urban amenities unite with rural benefits making any one of the nine Huron County municipalities the right fit for business and family.

With over 100 kilometres of coastline, Huron County is a popular tourist destination resulting in an increase in seasonal population and traffic volume.

It is my belief that Huron County is a very safe community. Incidents of violent crime in Huron County have an impact in the community, as well as incidents of theft, drugs, motor vehicle collisions and mental health crisis. These continue to be local priorities and strategies are in place to address these types of incidents through education, enforcement and community engagement. We share a common goal of promoting safety for every individual in Huron County.

The Huron County OPP is committed to collaborating with our community partners to develop co-response models that focus on prevention, harm reduction and risk intervention strategies to improve the overall well-being of our communities. The Huron County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan articulates four priority areas including: Mental Health and Addictions; Housing and Homelessness; Domestic and Family Violence; and Community Safety and Security. These priorities are woven throughout the 2023-2025 Action Plan and form part of the foundation of our policing response.

As the Detachment Commander, I am confident the members of the Huron County OPP, in collaboration with our many community partners, will continue to serve, interact and lead to ensure Huron County is a safe place to live, work and visit.

Inspector Jason Younan Detachment Commander Huron County Detachment

### Message from the Police Service Board Chair

As Mayor of the Town of Goderich, I have an exceptional relationship with our Detachment Commander. For instance, the OPP have participated actively in our emergency management issues (i.e., unsanctioned car rally). Further, they have addressed positively, concerns relating to homeless individuals and financial institutions, as well as vandalism in our community. We have assisted the OPP by providing space for policing duties. Our working relationship is fluid, not static. We must continue to work together to achieve the results desired.

The Town of Goderich, its residents and businesses, wish the Huron County OPP Detachment, Province and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to address the following matters:

- Address increased local and complex social issues, such as mental health, addictions, homelessness, and crime.
- Work with the youth in Goderich by promoting the OPP Youth Foundation programs.
- Continue providing the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Program, and the RIDE Grant associated with this initiative.
- Continue providing the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Program, and the Enhancement Grant associated with this initiative.
- Continue to minimize the societal and economic disruptions of: unsanctioned car rallies in Goderich, potential civil unrest, violence, active threat and crowd disaster in our community.
- Continue to work with the Town and their commitment to the County Community Safety and Well Being Oversight Committee and related initiatives to address local crime and complex social issues.

Mayor Myles Murdock

#### **Our Detachment**

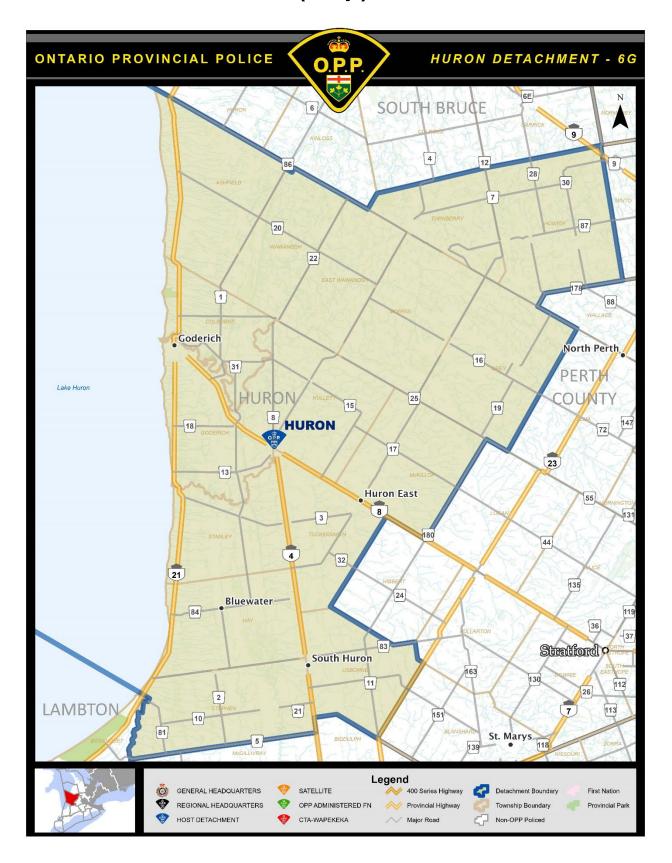
Huron County covers 3,407.62 square kilometres of land and has a fulltime population of 61,366. This population increases dramatically in summer months with a busy tourist and cottage season. Huron County borders Lake Huron for 126 kilometres and includes numerous beaches that are excellent for swimming, fishing, sail boating and other water sports, plus two major marinas located in Bayfield and Goderich. Industries within Huron County include farming, wind power, salt mining, heavy and light manufacturing, tourism, and shipping of grain and salt from the Port of Goderich.

The Huron OPP Detachment is situated at 325 Albert Street in Clinton, Central Huron, and all members are deployed from this location. There are Community Policing Offices located in the villages of Brussels and Seaforth, and the Town of Goderich, which are supplied by the Municipality of Huron East, and the Town of Goderich respectively.

Huron County hosts sporting activities which include the Young Canada Hockey Week Peewee Hockey Tournament, Minor Hockey, broomball, winter carnivals, kilometres of groomed snowmobile and cross country ski trails, and a dynamic curling community. The Town of Goderich is home to a YMCA facility that is second to none. For those interested in the arts, Huron County is home to many authors, artists, the Blyth Festival Theatre, Huron County Play House as well as the Goderich Little Theatre. The Grand Bend Motor Plex is located in the Huron Detachment area and hosts many drag races and rock concerts throughout the summer racing season. Walton also hosts the Transcan National Motorcross Championships. Within the County there exists Point Farms, a 210 site Provincial Park, and 26 other conservation areas.

Huron County is made up of nine municipalities (North Huron, Howick, Morris-Turnberry, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Central Huron, South Huron, Bluewater, Huron East, and the Town of Goderich). Six of these municipalities fall under the OPP policing Section 5.1 of the Police Services Act. Central Huron, the Town of Goderich, and South Huron fall under Section 10 of the Police Services Act.

## **Our Detachment Area (map)**



## **Action Plan Commitment Summary**

The OPP's action planning process ensures compliance with the Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulations (Adequacy Standards) files at O. Reg. 3/99 in 1999.

Through analysis and consultation, the following areas of focus were identified for the next three years. These are reflective of local issues; activities will be addressed, monitored and adjusted as needed.

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Community Well-Being
To increase trained members of the Huron County Detachment in Uniform Frontline Interviewer Program (UFIP) in order to promote a trauma-informed approach to violent crime investigations.	To continuously monitor collision trends, causal factors and deploy commensurate resources for enforcement to promote collision reduction and eliminate risk.	To promote the existing coresponse model of the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) in Huron County.
To reduce property crime (theft, break and enter, mischief, etc.) incidents and victimization across Huron County.	To engage with communities, stakeholders, and regional traffic teams to address specific waterway, trail, roadway safety and/or interdiction issues.	To promote and execute a rapid OPP response to all missing persons, including those enrolled in Project Lifesaver.
To reduce illicit drug crime through intelligence gathering, trend analysis and enforcement.	To reduce animal related collisions through community engagement and education.	
Cyber-crime		

#### **Crime**

**Description:** Personal safety is held as a sacred right, which the Ontario Provincial Police is tasked with upholding. Violent crime has a profound effect on our community's perception of their safety. The members of the Huron County OPP are committed to effective community based responses to address these problems by providing proactive enforcement, deterrence and victim support.

Many of our property crime (break and enters and theft from motor vehicles) and illicit drug use issues are interconnected. The members of the Huron County OPP are committed to focusing on the root cause of these issues in order to reduce their prevalence. Huron County has an active and dedicated Community Street Crime Unit, working in collaboration with frontline officers and local analysts, to target the criminal elements in Huron County. By employing investigative techniques and other specialized OPP resources, the Community Street Crime Unit is having great success in identifying and interrupting criminal activity in the community.

Finally, cyber-crime is a growing concern. The members of the Huron County OPP are committed to reducing victimization from cyber and/or technology-enabled crime through engagement and education.

Commitment	Outcomes	Actions
To increase trained members of the Huron County Detachment in Uniform Frontline Interviewer Program (UFIP) in order to promote a trauma-informed approach to violent crime investigations.	Improved outcomes for victims of crime.  Increase the number of trained Huron OPP Detachment members in UFIP.	In coordination with West Region Regional Abuse Issues Coordinator, host UFIP training sessions in Huron County.  Utilize UFIP trained members to engage with and interview victims of intimate partner violence (IPV).
To reduce property crime (theft, break and enter, mischief, etc.) incidents and victimization across Huron County.	Reduce property incidents and victimization.  Increased number of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments completed.  Increase the use of social media for public education related to property crime.	Utilize social media as a platform to educate the public regarding trends in Huron County.  Support the "Lock It or Lose It" campaign in Huron County, leverage the use of OPP Auxiliary members.  Deploy OPP Auxiliary members to homes and businesses to conduct CPTED through the OPP Safeguard Program.  Through analysis, utilize focused patrol deployments in high property crime areas to engage the public through enhanced police visibility.

To reduce illicit drug crime through intelligence gathering, trend analysis and enforcement.	Reduce illicit drug crime to promote public safety through enforcement of legislation.	Identify trends through analysis and deploy Community Street Crimes Unit to combat property and illicit drug crime.  Execute search warrants to recover proceeds of crime and seize illicit drugs.  Timely monitoring and arrest warrant execution.  Bail enforcement strategies implemented.
Cyber Crime	Reduce victimization from cyber and/or technology enabled crime.	Huron OPP members will engage with Crime Unit members, OPP E-Crimes, Serious Fraud Office and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Center to assist with investigations.  Education sessions conducted in the community to service groups, vulnerable persons via Community Safety Officer.  Enhance officer training in cyber crime investigations.

## Roadways, Waterways and Trails

**Description:** The "Big Four" causal factors of fatal, personal injury and property damage collisions on roadways, waterways and trails are: impaired (alcohol/drug), speeding/ aggressive, inattentive/distracted driving and lack of occupant restraint and safety equipment. These continue to be a focus for members of the Huron OPP Detachment.

Commitment	Outcomes	Actions
To continuously monitor collision trends, causal factors and deploy commensurate resources for enforcement to promote collision reduction and eliminate risk.	Reduce fatal, personal injury and property damage collisions, including animal related collisions.	Utilize collision data to direct and deploy officers to high risk collision areas for enforcement and education (e-ticket and e-warn).  Work in partnership with
		stakeholders that possess speed analysis technology to intentionally deploy policing resources for enforcement.
		Training Huron County OPP officers in the use of traffic enforcement devices.
		Strategically placed RIDE checks.
To engage with communities, stakeholders, and regional traffic teams to address specific waterway, trail, roadway safety and/or interdiction issues.	Increased internal and external partnerships to reduce collisions, promote education and enhance interdiction.	Share analyzed data and engage with West Region traffic teams for deployment to support focused patrols for all-terrain vehicle (ATV), motorized snow vehicle (MSV), Marine and other patrols.
		Engage with community partners to promote education regarding collision trends.
		Utilize social media through the Community Services Officer to educate the public regarding the "Big Four", coupled with Provincial Traffic Safety Initiatives.

To reduce animal related collisions through community engagement and education.	Reduction in animal involved collisions.	Analyze data and determine vulnerable locations related to animal collisions.
		Strategic and timely social media use to warn motorists of locations of high incident of collision.
		Work with partners to enhance signage, warning motorists of known high populations of animals.

## **Community Well-Being**

**Description:** Managing demands within Huron County that require a police response for occurrences determined not to be of an emergent nature, and that may require an alternate response, including calls regarding mental health, and other medical related calls.

Commitment	Outcomes	Actions
To promote the existing coresponse model of the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) in Huron County.	Improved outcomes for individuals in crisis.  Reduction in mental health calls for service.	Sustained and enhanced MCRT partnerships between police and hospitals.  Establishment of police-hospital transition agreements.  Establishment of a police-hospital committee.  MCRT members to complete all relevant training.
To promote and execute a rapid OPP response to all missing persons, including those enrolled in Project Lifesaver.	Locate missing persons with expediency to provide better outcomes.	Training Huron County OPP members in Project Lifesaver equipment response.  Conduct requisite training to ensure operational readiness.  Maintain and foster community engagement related to Project Lifesaver and promote enrollment.



## HURON COUNTY DETACHMENT ACTION PLAN

#### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

Alcohol and Gaming Enforcement

Asset Forfeiture

**Auxiliary Policing/Chaplaincy** 

Aviation/Flight Operations

Biker Enforcement

**Blood Stain Analysis** 

Breath Analysis/Drug Recognition

Canine Search, Rescue, Tracking

and Detection

Chemical, Biological, Radiological,

Nuclear and Explosive Response

Child Exploitation Investigation

Civil Litigation File Coordination

Civilian Data Entry

Collision Reconstruction and Investigation

Commercial Vehicles and Dangerous Goods

Communications

Community Policing

Community Street Crime Units

**Complaint Investigation** 

Computer-Aided Dispatch

Contraband Tobacco

Court Case Management

Crime Analysis

Crime Gun Analysis

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Crime Stoppers

Criminal Investigation Services and

Major Case Management

Crisis Negotiation

**Drug Enforcement** 

Drug Evaluation and Classification

**DNA Coordination** 

**Emergency Management** 

**Emergency Response** 

**Explosives Disposal** 

Federal Firearms Program Delivery

Federal and Provincial Road Safety

Countermeasures

Forensic and Identification Services

Fraud, Corruption, Economic/

Financial Crime Investigation

Hate Crimes/Extremism Investigation

Illegal Gaming Investigation

**Incident Command** 

Indigenous Policing

Information Technology

Intelligence

Justice Officials and

**Dignitary Protection Services** 

Marine, Motorized Snow and

Off-road Vehicle and Motorcycle Patrol

Media Relations

Missing Persons and Unidentified Bodies

Offender Transportation

Ontario Sex Offender Registry

Organized Crime Enforcement

Physical Security Services

Polygraph

Provincial Anti-Terrorism

**Provincial Cybercrime Strategy** 

Provincial Human Trafficking Strategy

**Provincial Operations Centre** 

Public Order

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems

Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement

RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere)

Search and Rescue

Security Assessments and Enquiries

Surveillance - Electronic and Physical

Tactical and Emergency Medical

Tactics and Rescue

Technological Crime/

Digital Evidence Forensics and Analysis

Threat Assessment

Traffic Safety

Training

**Underwater Search and Recovery** 

**United Nations Policing Missions** 

Urban Search and Rescue United

**Nations Policing Missions** 

Video Forensics

Violent Crime Linkage Analysis

Victim Assistance, Support and Response

Weapons Enforcement

Witness Protection

The above list corresponds with the Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulation (Adequacy Standards, O. Reg. 3/99). The list further provides an overview of various OPP programs and services but should not be considered complete.

## **CONTACT THE OPP**

#### REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies
- Don't hang up, stay on the line
- Call 1-888-310-1122 for non-emergency calls
- TTY 1-888-310-1133 (for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired)
- **Know your location**

### SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER IN PERSON

To arrange to meet an officer at a detachment, go to www.opp.ca to use the Local Detachment Finder and follow the prompts.

#### PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
- Visit www.crimestoppers.ca

#### REPORT ONLINE

You now have the option to report select occurrences to police from the convenience of a computer.

Visit www.opp.ca/reporting to use the Citizen Self Reporting system. Specific incidents can be reported online at your convenience without attending a detachment or waiting for an officer.

You can use this system to report:

- **Driving Complaints**
- Lost/missing property
- Mischief/damage to property
- Mischief/damage to vehicle
- Stolen licence plate(s) and/or validation sticker
- Theft From vehicle
- Theft

Do not use this system if this is an emergency! If it is, call 9-1-1.

### 9-1-1 is for police, fire, or medical emergencies only.

Every time an accidental or hang-up 9-1-1 call is received, OPP officers are dispatched.

You may be taking police officers away from a real emergency.

#### #KnowWhenToCall

If you've dialed in error, stay on the line and speak with the communicator. This will eliminate the need for the emergency operator to call back. As per OPP policy, officers will still be dispatched to ensure you are safe.

**ACTION PLAN** 

2023-2025

## **HURON COUNTY** DETACHMENT

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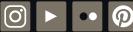


















**April 14 and 15** marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **THRIVE Summit**, at the **Blyth Community Hall**. The 2-day conference is co-delivered by the **Huron County Economic Development** and the **Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) for Huron**.

This event brings together respected speakers, expert-lead discussions and interactive workshops to respond to our businesses, not-for-profits and municipal partner's request for affordable, relevant, world-class training close to home.

The 2025 THRIVE Summit focuses on going back to basics while considering cutting edge tools and resources:

- Digging into good business practices,
- Understanding elements of captivating storytelling to engage new markets or funders,
- Exploring Artificial Intelligence (AI) opportunities and possible challenges,
- Calling out the elephant in the room we are anxious in these uncertain times but can adopt new resources for dealing with that reality and
- Focusing on the value of Community, and so much more.

THRIVE is an opportunity to learn alongside our key stakeholders and engage in meaningful dialogue in a time when calm, steady leadership is so important. The THRIVE Summit offers you a valuable opportunity to connect, learn, and collaborate on the challenges and opportunities facing our communities today.

The current economic times have increased anxiety and uncertainty, forced an opportunity to look for new markets and explore new opportunities. The THRIVE summit is an opportunity to to step back, assess available tools and resources, reframe the current reality, identify new opportunities, and reengage with community.

**Exclusive networking opportunities, lunch, and refreshments are included**. Single day tickets for are \$40.00 per person or the full THRIVE Summit experience for \$80.00.

Visit <u>huroncounty.ca/thrive-summit</u> to learn more about the THRIVE Summit speakers and to secure your tickets.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important conversation.

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Honourable Mark Carney Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington St Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 pm@pm.gc.ca The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I want to thank you both for your strong leadership on behalf of Ontario and Canada through the continued uncertainty around tariffs and international trade.

The WOWC is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single-tier municipalities and 1.6 million constituents across rural Western Ontario, aiming to enhance the prosperity and overall well-being of rural and small communities across the region.

As Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I want to express our ongoing support for the Governments of Ontario and Canada as you work to navigate the challenges posed by tariffs, inter-provincial trade barriers, and other trade restrictions.

Western Ontario's economy is closely linked to trade, particularly with the United States, but also within Canada. Economists highlight that sectors most vulnerable to the imposition of tariffs and trade barriers—potentially leading to layoffs or significant economic challenges—include automotive, construction, energy, agriculture, and consumer goods. In terms of industry GDP, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and transportation and warehousing are expected to be among the most affected industries.

Regional export data, defined as both domestic and international exports outside of Western Ontario, is available through Lightcast Analyst. Western Ontario's exports outside of the region totaled over \$226 billion in 2022. Exports outside the Western Ontario region in the largest industry, manufacturing, totaled close to \$145 billion in 2022, representing 64% of total regional exports. Tariffs on agriculture and food also present substantial risks to the regional economy. This industry accounts for nearly \$12 billion in goods in regional exports.

The WOWC recognizes that trade barriers—whether international or inter-provincial—create significant challenges for industries that are vital to our region's economic stability, job



creation, and long-term prosperity. Restrictions on the movement of goods, services, and labour between provinces can hinder economic growth, increase costs for businesses, and limit opportunities for rural communities. Addressing these inter-provincial trade barriers is crucial to ensuring that businesses in Western Ontario can compete effectively in the national and global marketplace.

The WOWC will remain a vocal advocate for solutions that protect our industries and communities, as we are committed to working with all levels of government to safeguard our region's economic future. As part of this commitment, the WOWC strongly supports efforts to develop and implement procurement policies that alleviate some of the financial and administrative burdens on municipalities. We recognize that municipalities are often constrained by procurement regulations that limit flexibility and increase costs. By collaborating with provincial and federal governments, we can work towards policies that streamline procurement, promote local economic development, and enhance the efficiency of public investments.

Western Ontario's strength comes from our ability to adapt and respond as a region, and the WOWC remains dedicated to partnering with all stakeholders to ensure our communities remain strong and resilient. We look forward to continued collaboration with both levels of government to address these pressing economic and trade-related challenges.

Sincerely,

Mayor Amy Martin

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Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Western Ontario MPs and MPPs Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Counties and Municipalities



#### CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

#### **BY-LAW NO. 19-2025**

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, for its meeting held on April 8, 2025.

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

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

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the April 8, 2025, meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

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

- 1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at its meeting held on April 8, 2025, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Minutes and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at the meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law; and
- 2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorize and direct all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council to the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry referred to in the preceding section thereof;
- 3. The Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time, April 8, 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, April 8, 2025

Mayor Jamie Heffer	
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