



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet in Council Chambers in regular session on April 22, 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 22, 2025, as
circulated.*

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

4.0 **MINUTES**

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

7.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 FIRE

7.1.1 Fire Chief's Monthly Report

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

7.2 FINANCE

7.2.1 Tax Sale Results

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

7.2.2 Cash In-Lieu of Parkland Annual Report

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

7.2.3 2022 & 2023 Huron East Reconciliations

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

7.2.4 Annual Municipal Investment Report 2024

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

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 BUDGET MATTERS – EXPENSES

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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8.2 CROSS BORDER SERVICING AGREEMENT

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

Jamie McCallum

Sharen Zinn

Jodi Snell

Jamie Heffer

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

10.1 Correspondence – Internet Utility Poles – Township of Howick

10.2 Financial Indicator Review – 2024

10.3 Municipal Financial Profile - 2024

10.4 Senior of the Year Nominations – Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

10.5 Agricultural System Implementation – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

10.6 Belgrave Water Monthly Report – March 2025

11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

12.1 ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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12.2 STOP UP, CLOSE, AND SELL GREEN STREET

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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12.3 SEASONAL CLOSURE BY-LAW

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

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Seconded by ~*

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

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12.4 REPEAL ATV BY-LAW

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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15.0 ADJOURNMENT

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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NEXT MEETINGS:

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



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on April 8, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy	Treasurer
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works
Jenn Burns	Planner
Sara Kurtz	Planner

Others in Attendance

Baillie Williams	Applicant, MV01-2025
Laura Pottruff	Applicant, MV01-2025
Michael Kamrath	Applicant, MV01-2025
Susan Pottruff	Applicant, MV01-2025
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. He went on to recognize Jenn Burns and wished her well on her upcoming parental leave and welcomed Sarah Kurtz as the new planner for the municipality. He also made note of correspondence he received informing him of the CAO's completion of an Executive Diploma in Municipal Management.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 73-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby
adopts the agenda for the meeting of April 8, 2025, as
circulated.*

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Heffer declared a conflict regarding item 6.1, Committee of Adjustment for MV1-2025 Williams (Pottruff and Kamrath), as he is an adjacent landowner.

4.0 **MINUTES**

Motion 74-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

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

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 75-2025

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

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

Carried.

Mayor Heffer ceded the Chairship to Deputy Mayor Freiburger and left the Council Table.

6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Motion 76-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*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.*

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

6.1.1 Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Freiburger called the Committee of Adjustment to order at 7:33 pm.

6.1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

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

Ms. Burns presented a report regarding the application.

2. Council’s Questions and/or Comments

None.

3. Applicant and/or Agent

The applicants noted they had nothing to add to the planner's report.

4. Others

None.

6.1.5 Recommendation

It was 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

Motion 77-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, considering the variance to be minor, to maintain the appropriate development of the lands, and to maintain the general intent of the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014 and the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan, hereby approves application for minor variance MV01-2025, 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.*

Carried.

6.1.7 Close Committee of Adjustment

Motion 78-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment hereby adjourns their meeting.

Carried.

Mayor Heffer rejoined the Council table and resumed the Chairship of the meeting

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 PLANNING

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

A report was presented by Jenn Burns in this regard for the information of Council.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 2025 BUDGET

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

Motion 79-2025

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 17-2025 being a by-law 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.

Carried.

8.2 2024 RESERVES

Motion 80-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn

Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 18-2025 being a by-law 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.

Carried.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Freiburger asked if there would be any benefit to accepting the tender of the contractor that has done work for the Municipality. Mr. Alcock stated that the Municipality has had positive experiences with Walker Construction, and while Duncor Enterprises has not done work in the municipality previously, they should be able to complete the work required without issue.

Councillor Zinn asked if South Bruce has worked with Duncor Enterprises previously. Mr. Alcock confirmed that to his knowledge they had not. Councillor Zinn expressed a strong preference for using a contractor the Municipality has worked with before, given the price differential is negligible.

Motion 81-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn

Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accept the tender of Walker Construction Inc. for Contract No. MT 25-113, Supply and Place Surface Treatment in the amount of \$502,830.20 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

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

Carried.

8.4 ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

A report prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston was provided to Council.

Motion 82-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

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

Carried.

8.5 BY-LAW HOUSEKEEPING

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

Motion 83-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

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.

Carried.

8.6 EARLY INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION AND SKILLS PROGRAM

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

Motion 84-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

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.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

March 30 to April 2, attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

Jamie McCallum

April 17 attended a meeting of the Belmore Community Centre Board.
March 30 to April 2, attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

Sharen Zinn

March 19, attended a meeting of the Community Safety and Well Being Oversight Committee.
March 19, attended a meeting of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board.

Jodi Snell

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

Jamie Heffer

March 30 to April 2, attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

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

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 85-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:03 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

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

Carried.

- 13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 86-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Carried.

- 13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received a report on potential litigation with regard to damage to municipal property and provided direction to staff.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 87-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 19-2025, being a by-law 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.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 87-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at 8:17 pm.*

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

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

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Account List for

April 22 2025

General

Hydro One	Morris Office	606.18
Enbridge	Morris Office	143.01
Telizon	Long Distance Phone	2.68
Pitney Bowes Leasing	Ink for Postage Machine	166.09
Orkin Canada	Office & Hall Pest Control	202.25
Realtax Inc.	Tax Sale Costs	361.20
Accountant, Superior Court of Justice	Excess Tax Sale Proceeds	11,109.53
Randy Scott	Livestock Evaluation	158.93
AMDSB Achievement Awards Trust	Graduation Awards x3	750.00
Elementary School Fair	2025 Grant	500.00
Howick-Turnberry Fair Board	2025 Grant	500.00
Brussels Agricultural Society	2025 Grant	500.00
Huron County Plowmen's Assoc	2025 Grant	125.00
Belgrave Community Centre Board	2025 Grant	6,242.00
Bluevale Community Committee	2025 Grant	2,040.00
Belgrave Playground Committee	2025 Grant	2,000.00
MTE Ontario Land Surveyors Ltd.	Land Survey - Green Street	7,006.00
Donnelly Murphy	Legal	819.25
Township of North Huron	March 2025 Fire Calls	1,272.92
Municipality of Huron East	2022 & 2023 Reconciliations	13,751.00
Bluevale Community Committee	March Hall Rentals	300.00

Payroll

April 9 2025	Payroll	26,750.88
	Expenses	191.15
Council Pay	Payroll - March	4,256.97
	Receiver General	472.31

General Total 80,227.35

Building Department

Foxtan Fuels	Fuel	266.40
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Payroll

April 9 2025	Payroll	6,016.35
	Expenses	-

Building Total 6,282.75

Property Standards

Property Standards Total -

Drainage

D&I Wattam Construction	Spivey Municipal Drain	58,401.34
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Drainage Total 58,401.34

Parks & Cemeteries

Hydro One	Kinsmen Park	33.42
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Parks & Cemeteries Total 33.42

Belgrave Water

Hydro One	Belgrave Water	1,608.57
Hydro One	Humphrey Well	275.26
Township of North Huron	2024 Humphrey Well Expenses	1,025.18
Bruinsma Excavating Ltd.	Faulty Connection Repair	3,250.96

Water Total 6,159.97

(2024 Payable)

Landfill

Hydro One	Morris Landfill	449.81
Bluewater Recycling Association	Curbside Pickup - April	8,198.27

Landfill Total 8,648.08

Roads

Hydro One	Streetlights	1,133.45
Hydro One	Morris Shop	202.06
Hydro One	Turnberry Shop	421.81
Enbridge	Morris Shop	286.02
Steffens Auto Supply	Shop Supplies	94.84
Foxton Fuels	Fuel	15,058.83
Chad Cook Electric	Pressure Washer Repair	152.55
Epps	Parts for Pressure Washer	253.20
Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd.	Cold Patch	608.11
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry	Municipal Drains	6,372.03

Payroll

April 9 2025	Payroll	33,476.22
	Expenses	437.90

Roads Total 58,497.02

Account Total 218,249.93

Approved By Council:

April 22 2025

Mayor - Jamie Heffer

Treasurer- Sean Brophy



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

To: CAO Trevor Hallam

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

Date: April 15, 2025

Subject: 2025 Monthly Fire Report

Fire Call Summary – March 2025

Total Calls: 12

Number	Date	Response Type	Address	Location
25-039	3/1/25	False Alarm	90540 LONDON RD	MT
25-040	3/1/25	Vehicle Collision	LONDESBORO MAIN ST / LONDON RD	CH
25-041	3/2/25	Medical	359 MORRIS ST	NH
25-042	3/6/25	MVC	TURNBERRY CULROSS W / LONDON RD	MT
25-043	3/12/25	No Loss Fire	TURNBERRY ST / HELENA ST	MT
25-044	3/12/25	Water Alarm	50 ALFRED ST E	NH
25-045	3/13/25	False Alarm	225 CORNYN ST	NH
25-046	3/18/25	MVC	DONNYBROOK LI / BLYTH RD	ACW
25-047	3/21/25	MVC	ALBERT ST E / JOSEPHINE ST	NH
25-048	3/22/25	Vehicle Fire	CURRIE LI / BELGRAVE RD	NH
25-049	3/29/25	Vehicle Fire	82948 LONDON RD	CH
25-050	3/31/25	Medical	WALTON RD / CLYDE LI	MT

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

Significant Incidents

In March 2025, the Fire Department of North Huron responded to 12 calls for service, compared to 19 calls in March of 2024. While this shows a decrease for the month, the overall call volume is higher year to date, with 54 calls recorded so far in 2025 compared to 48 during the same period last year.

There were no significant events to report for March. All incidents were routine in nature and managed effectively, with no major structure fires, hazardous materials incidents, or large-scale emergencies requiring extended operations. The department remained fully operational and prepared, with all calls handled efficiently within standard response times.

This continued increase in overall call volume reinforces the importance of ongoing training, maintaining equipment readiness, and ensuring appropriate staffing levels to meet the growing emergency service needs of our community.

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March Training Report

The Fire Department of North Huron continues to prioritize high quality, structured training that supports both operational readiness and professional growth. March's training sessions offered a balanced approach, combining practical skills development with scenario-based learning to prepare firefighters for real world emergencies. Training included routine equipment checks and station duties to maintain readiness, forcible entry exercises focusing on speed and efficiency, and medical response training to enhance patient care and coordination with paramedics. Firefighters also completed ropes and knots training, learning essential rope handling and knot-tying techniques for tool hoisting and basic rescue operations. These sessions reinforced key areas such as teamwork, technical proficiency, and scene safety ensuring our firefighters are well equipped to meet the complex demands of modern emergency response.

Week	Training Focus	Key Activities
1	Equipment Checks & Station Duties	Routine apparatus, gear inspections, and maintenance to ensure operational readiness.
2	Forcible Entry Training	Firefighters practiced various forcible entry techniques using Halligan bars, flathead axes, and other tools to gain access through residential and commercial doors. Hands-on scenarios simulated real-world conditions emphasizing speed and efficiency.
3	Medical Training and Patient Care	Training focused on basic medical assessments, patient care procedures, and the use of medical equipment. Firefighters responded to simulated medical emergencies, emphasizing coordination with paramedics to ensure optimal patient outcomes.
4	Ropes and Knots	Ropes and knots training is designed to equip firefighters with essential skills in rope handling, tying secure and functional knots, and understanding the proper use of ropes in emergency situations. This training focuses on practical applications such as hoisting tools, securing ladders, stabilizing loads, and performing basic rescue operations. Firefighters will become familiar with commonly used knots like the clove hitch, figure-eight, and bowline, emphasizing safety, strength, and reliability in all rope-related tasks.

Key Training Achievements

Completed a full month of structured, scenario-based training sessions focused on reinforcing core emergency response skills and promoting professional development across both stations.

- **Equipment Checks and Station Duties:** Ensured all apparatus and gear were maintained, inspected, and operationally ready.

- **Forcible Entry Training:** Firefighters practiced gaining entry through residential and commercial doors using Halligan bars, Flathead axes, and other tools under simulated conditions.
- **Medical Training and Patient Care:** Firefighters focused on basic assessments, treatment protocols, and coordination with paramedics during simulated medical emergencies.
- **Ropes and Knots Training:** Personnel practiced critical knot-tying and rope-handling skills for hoisting, securing, and basic rescue operations using knots such as the clove hitch, bowline, and figure-eight.
- Hosted Weekend 3 of the Huron County Fire Recruit Training Program on March 14–15 at the Blyth Fire Station. This multi-agency initiative brought together new recruits from across the county and provided consistent, high-quality instruction in foundational firefighting skills. The successful delivery of this session highlights FDNH’s leadership and commitment to regional firefighter development.

Reinforced essential competencies in technical operations, scene safety, teamwork, and communications, ensuring firefighters remain well prepared for real world incidents. exercises to further enhance firefighter proficiency and preparedness.

March 2025 Budget Update

The Fire Department of North Huron continues to make strategic investments in firefighter safety and equipment renewal. In March, we placed an order for six new sets of bunker gear, three sets allocated to each station. This purchase is part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining modern, compliant PPE for all front-line firefighters.

We are also pleased to report that we have received provincial grant funding through the cancer prevention initiative. Using these funds, the department has ordered \$16,450 worth of additional protective equipment, including two extra pairs of firefighting gloves and an additional particulate hood for every firefighter. These items will further enhance personal protection during and after fireground operations, supporting our ongoing health and safety priorities.

Additionally, the Blyth Station has acquired its new set of Hurst eDRAULICS extrication tools. This purchase was included in the approved 2025 capital budget and was procured from MES Life Safety. MES agreed to hold the 2024 pricing, matching the cost of the identical equipment previously purchased for the Wingham Station. The total cost for the extrication tools was \$58,080. Standardizing our extrication tools across both stations improves operational consistency and simplifies training and maintenance procedures.

These investments reflect our focus on firefighter health, operational readiness, and long-term capital planning.

Equipment & Maintenance Updates

During the month of March, the Fire Department of North Huron experienced two minor apparatus issues, both of which were promptly addressed to ensure continued operational readiness.

Tanker 4 was temporarily taken out of service for one day due to a mechanical brake failure. Repairs were completed efficiently, and the unit was returned to full operational status with no impact on overall response capabilities.

Engine 6 also required maintenance after an issue was identified with the water tank gauge. The faulty gauge was repaired, and the apparatus is now fully functional and back in service.

These quick turnaround repairs reflect our commitment to maintaining a high standard of fleet reliability, ensuring our apparatus are always ready to respond when needed.

Closing Remarks

March marked steady operational progress across all areas of the Fire Department of North Huron. Key initiatives in training, equipment maintenance, fire prevention, and emergency response continue to align with departmental objectives and legislative requirements. As we move into the second quarter, the department remains committed to maintaining service readiness, advancing firefighter certification, and supporting community safety through proactive planning and engagement.

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Kelly Tiffin, Tax Collector
DATE: April 22, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Tax Sale Results

RECOMMENDATION

That the council of Morris-Turnberry receives the report on the 2025 Tax Sale proceedings and results for information.

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Act ("Act") establishes specific collection processes to assist municipalities in the collection of unpaid property taxes. The Act provides the ability to register a tax arrears certificate on a property where any part of the taxes owing to the municipality, on January 1st, is two years overdue or older. The property owner has one year, from the date of tax sale registration, to pay the arrears in full to avoid a public sale of the underlying property. These legislative provisions are utilized by the municipality for all eligible properties, as a last resort to collect overdue tax arrears.

All properties being sold through the tax sale process are offered on an 'as-is' basis, without warranty. Two properties within the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry were advertised for tax sale beginning February 19th to be sold via public tender, scheduled to take place on March 26, 2025.

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On March 26th by 3pm the municipality received 5 tenders. The highest bidder was notified via email of the successful bid. The tenderer successfully completed the purchase within 14 days and the property has been registered with the municipal records updated accordingly.

Provincial legislation dictates that any funds remaining above the minimum tender amount (if over \$250), are to be paid into the Superior Court of Justice. The property owner and each interested party, at the time of the sale is provided with the details of the proceeds and are eligible to apply to the court for these funds within 10 years.

The proceeds of this tax sale were paid to the court on April 9, 2025, and therefore this tax sale process is complete.

40 60 490 020 10815 PLAN 410 LOT 134 PT LANE PT WATER ST AND RP 22R6376 PARTS 2 AND 7 23512.68SF 86.81FR

The property owner redeemed the property by paying all arrears and fees associated with the tax sale, prior to 3pm on March 26th therefore the tax sale was cancelled. The cancellation certificate was registered to complete the tax sale process.

COMMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

None

OTHERS CONSULTED

Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Tiffin,
Tax Collector

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Sean Brophy, Treasurer

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: 2023 & 2024 Annual In-Lieu of Parkland Fees Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council received the In-Lieu of Parkland Fees report for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

Section 42(15) of the Planning Act states:

All money received by the municipality under subsections (6), (6.0.1) and (14) and all money received on the sale of land under subsection (5), less any amount spent by the municipality out of its general funds in respect of the land, shall be paid into a special account and spent only for the acquisition of land to be used for park or other public recreational purposes, including the erection, improvement or repair of buildings and the acquisition of machinery for park or other public recreational purposes

Section 42(16.1) of the Planning Act states:

Beginning in 2023 and in each calendar year thereafter, a municipality shall spend or allocate at least 60 per cent of the monies that are in the special account at the beginning of the year.

Section 42(17) of the Planning Act states:

A council of a municipality that passes a by-law under this section shall provide the prescribed reports and information to the prescribed persons or classes of persons at such times, in such manner and in accordance with such other requirements as may be prescribed

COMMENTS

To summarize the Planning act requirements:

1. In-Lieu of Parkland funds must be used to acquire land, buildings, or machinery for parks, or for other recreational purposes.
2. 60% of any funds remaining at year end must be spent or allocated the following year
3. Annual reporting for council and other prescribed persons who may request it

It has been Morris-Turnberry's practice to allocate and use the minimal restricted In-Lieu of Parkland funds within the year received. As such the need to report on a zero-balance account was deemed unnecessary.

In 2023 regulations were changed to require that any remaining Parkland funds must be spent or allocated within the following year. Due to this change, staff will provide a formal report regardless of the ending balance to ensure compliance with all regulations.

In 2024, Morris-Turnberry received an above average amount of In-Lieu of Parkland funds and incurred a below average amount of eligible expenditures. The net result was a balance of unspent parkland funds in 2024 and a corresponding allocation requirement for 2025.

Please find attached a reconciliation of the In-Lieu of Parkland Funds for 2023 & 2024.

Moving forward, this reporting will be incorporated into the annual budgeting process.

ATTACHMENTS

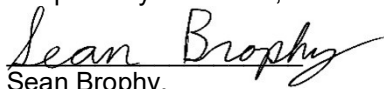
2023 In-Lieu of Parkland Funds Reconciliation

2024 In-Lieu of Parkland Funds Reconciliation

OTHERS CONSULTED

None

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Brophy,
Treasurer

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
2023 Parkland & Parks Reserve

	In Lieu of Parkland	Morris-Turnberry Contributions	Total Parks Reserve
Opening Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Add: In-Lieu of Parkland Funds Collected	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -	\$ 2,700.00
Add: MT Contributions to Parks Reserve	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Less: Eligible Projects			\$ -
- Bluevale Hall Door Repair	\$ (9,305.94)	\$ -	\$ (9,305.94)
	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
60% Required Allocation in 2025	\$ -		

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
2024 Parkland & Parks Reserve

	In Lieu of Parkland	Morris-Turnberry Contributions	Total Parks Reserve
Opening Balance	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Add: In-Lieu of Parkland Funds Collected	\$ 4,300.00	\$ -	\$ 4,300.00
Add: MT Contributions to Parks Reserve	\$ -	\$ 4,934.80	\$ 4,934.80
Less: Eligible Projects			\$ -
- Belgrave Playground Contribution	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 8,934.80	\$ 12,234.80
Interest	\$ 165.99	\$ -	\$ 165.99
Ending Balance	\$ 3,465.99	\$ 8,934.80	\$ 12,400.79
60% Required Allocation in 2025	\$ 2,079.59		
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<u>Upcoming Eligible Projects/Expenses</u>			
- 2025 Belgrave Playground Contribution	\$ 2,000.00	Other Recreation - Buildings	
- 2025 Bluevale Dam Maintenance	\$ 500.00	Other Recreation - Buildings R&M	
	\$ 2,500.00		

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Sean Brophy, Treasurer
DATE: April 22, 2025
SUBJECT: 2022 & 2023 Huron East Reconciliations

RECOMMENDATION

For Council's information.

BACKGROUND

During the 2025 Budgeting process, staff informed council that the prior year's reconciliations for Brussels Fire, Brussels Cemetery and Brussels Recreation remained outstanding.

The first set of reconciliations for 2022 & 2023 has now been received.

This report is to provide additional details regarding the reconciliation payment to the Municipality of Huron East included on the April 22, 2025 account list.

COMMENTS

The payment of \$13,751 represents the net amount owing to the Municipality of Huron East for 2022 & 2023 Brussels Fire, less the refunds owing to Morris-Turnberry for 2023 Brussels Cemetery & Brussels Recreation.

<u>Summary of Prior Year Reconciliations</u>				
	Descriptions:	MT Budgeted Expense	MT Actual Expense	Net Owing / (Refund)
	2022 Brussels Fire - Operating	\$ 84,944	\$ 100,796	\$ 15,852
	2022 Brussels Fire - Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	2023 Brussels Fire - Operating	\$ 101,074	\$ 104,324	\$ 3,250
	2023 Brussels Fire - Capital	\$ -	\$ 3,445	\$ 3,445
	Total Owing for 2022 & 2023 Brussels Fire			\$ 22,547
Less:	2023 Brussels Cemetery	\$ 9,771	\$ 4,632	\$ (5,139)
Less:	2023 Brussels Recreation	\$ 75,560	\$ 71,903	\$ (3,657)
	Total Huron East Reconciliation for 2022 & 2023			\$ • 13,751

Reconciliations for 2024 Brussels Fire, Brussels Cemetery and Brussels Recreation are still ongoing and estimated to be completed by the end of April or early May 2025. Staff will report on the 2024 reconciliations when available.

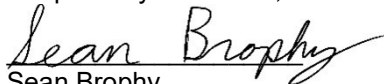
ATTACHMENTS

None

OTHERS CONSULTED

None

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Brophy,
Treasurer

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Sean Brophy, Treasurer
DATE: April 22, 2025
SUBJECT: Annual Municipal Investments Report

RECOMMENDATION

For information purposes only.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with O.Reg 438/97 and the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry’s investment policy, the Treasurer shall report the results of the investments to Council on an annual basis, or more frequently as required.

O.Reg 438/97 s.3(2.0.1) requires if a municipality’s total investments in securities at a credit union are valued in excess of \$250,000, the credit union must meet or exceed the following prescribed financial indicators:

- 1. Positive retained earnings in its audited financial statements for its most recently completed year.
- 2. Regulatory capital of at least the percentage of its total assets equal to one percentage point higher than the minimum percentage set out in O.Reg 105/22 S20(1).1, as calculated by the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act
- 3. Regulatory capital of at least the percentage of its total risk weighted assets equal to one percentage point higher than the minimum percentage set out in O.Reg 105/22 S20(1).2, as calculated by the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act
- 4. Positive net income in its audited financial statements for three of its five most recently completed fiscal years

In the event the credit union does not meet or exceed the prescribed financial indicators, the Municipality must make plans to reduce the total securities invested at that institution to below the \$250,000 threshold.

COMMENTS

Libro Credit Union has issued their annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. Upon review, the credit union does meet or exceed all the required financial indicators.

Financial Indicator	Required	Actual
1. Retained Earnings	Positive Retained Earnings in most recent year	2024 RE = \$182,849,000
2. Total Asset Requirement	Leverage Ratio of 3% + 1% = 4%	2024 Leverage Ratio = 8.92%
3. Total Risk Weighted Asset Requirement	Total Capital Ratio of 8% + 1% = 9%	2024 Total Capital Ratio = 14.28%
4. Positive Net income	Positive Net Income in 3 of past 5 years	2024 = \$ 19,583,000 2023 = \$ 11,592,000 2022 = \$ 37,496,000 2021 = \$ 13,322,000 2020 = \$ 7,288,000

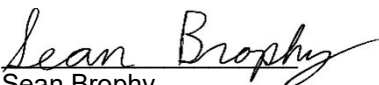
Summary of the Municipality’s investments is attached. Any GICs with a 2025 maturity date have been highlighted and will be renewed in accordance with the Municipality’s Investment Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

Investment Summary

OTHERS CONSULTED

Respectfully submitted,


Sean Brophy,
Treasurer

Municipality of Morris-Trunberry
Investment Summary
As of December 31, 2024

Category A Investments - Lattimer Estate & School Awards & Fairs

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Use</u>
\$ 55,600.00	3.75%	Nov 05, 2029	Lattimer Estate - Park Maintenance
\$ 10,815.19	4.35%	Jun 07, 2029	Turnberry & R.Nicholson School Awards
\$ 16,692.91	2.90%	May 18, 2027	Lattimer Estate - School Fairs & Awards
\$ 5,000.00	4.60%	Aug 09, 2028	Lattimer Estate - Park Maintenance
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\$ 88,108.10	Total		

Category B Investments - Surplus Proceeds from Property Sale

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Use</u>
\$ 50,000.00	4.05%	Sep 08, 2029	Fund Municipal Expenses
\$ 50,000.00	4.85%	Sep 08, 2025	Fund Municipal Expenses
\$ 50,000.00	4.75%	Sep 08, 2026	Fund Municipal Expenses
\$ 50,000.00	4.65%	Sep 08, 2027	Fund Municipal Expenses
\$ 50,000.00	4.60%	Sep 08, 2028	Fund Municipal Expenses
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\$ 250,000.00	Total		

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Sean Brophy, Treasurer
DATE: April 22, 2025
SUBJECT: O.Reg 284/09: Budget Matters - Expenses

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry pass a motion to accept the report on O.Reg284/09 Budget Matters-Expenses for the 2025 budget.

BACKGROUND

In 2009 municipal accounting standards were modified by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) to require tangible capital asset accounting, among other changes, to be incorporated when a municipality reports its annual financial statements. However, the standards did not require a municipality to change the basis on how its budget was calculated or prepared.

Ontario Regulation 284/09 Budget Matters-Expenses permits a municipality to maintain the basis on how its budget is constructed by excluding from its estimated budgeted expenses:

1. Amortization Expense on Tangible Capital Assets (TCAs),
2. Post-Employment Benefits
3. Solid Waste Landfill Closure & Post Closure Expenses

If a municipality excludes the above identified expenses, then *O.Reg 284/09* requires council to adopt by resolution a report that contains:

- An estimate of the change in accumulated surplus of the municipality to the end of the year resulting from the exclusion of any of the expenses
- An analysis of the estimated impact of the exclusion of any of the expenses on future tangible capital asset funding requirements of the municipality

COMMENTS

Much like many other municipalities, Morris-Turnberry prepares its annual budget using the traditional cash basis of accounting. The above expenditures are excluded from the budget, but are included in the municipality's financial statements as required by PSAB accounting standards

While Morris-Turnberry has correctly prepared past annual financial statements in accordance with PSAB accounting standards and correctly reported the identified expenditures within its financial statements, *O.Reg 284/09* also requires a report on these expenditures to be adopted by council resolution, which was previously overlooked.

The below report and accompanying reconciliation summarize and illustrate the difference as it relates to The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry between the cash basis of accounting used to prepare the 2025 budget and the estimated impact on the municipality's accumulated surplus once adjusted to the accrual basis of accounting for financial statement reporting purposes.

This report will be updated annually and submitted to Council upon the completion of the annual budget.

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry 2025 Budget was approved by Council on April 8, 2025, and excluded the following expenses:

1. Amortization Expense

The 2025 budget did not include an amortization expense for the Municipality's tangible capital assets. This expense is estimated at \$1,137,334 and is a financial estimation of the decrease in asset value as capital assets age and are utilized over time. Amortization is based on historical costs and can be a poor estimate for future capital needs. Instead, the municipality has included within its budget a contribution of \$1,352,225 to its capital reserves. This contribution is based on future capital asset needs and helps to ensure sufficient funding is available for current and future tangible capital asset acquisitions.

2. Post Employment Benefits

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does not offer post-employment benefits to its employees. Therefore, no costs or expenses are recorded within its budget or on its financial statements.

3. Solid Waste Landfill Closure & Post Closure Expenses

In 2023 the accounting treatment and reporting requirements for landfill liabilities were changed in by *PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs)*.

The landfill liability reported on the municipality’s financial statements represents the present-day discounted value of the anticipated future closure and future ongoing monitoring costs for the Morris Landfill and Turnberry Landfill sites. The amounts are increased by 2.5%0 annually to represent the increase in liability as the municipality approaches the estimated future closure date. The corresponding accretion expense is recorded on the municipality’s financial statements to record that increase in liability to the fiscal period in which it was incurred.

Landfill Liability Estimates				
		2025	2025	Estimated
Active /		Opeing	Closing	Accretion
Inactive	Location:	Balance	Balance	Expense
Active	Morris Landfill	\$ 1,165,578	\$ 1,194,717	\$ 29,139
Inactive	Turnberry Landfill	\$ 318,742	\$ 326,710	\$ 7,969
		\$ 1,484,320	\$ 1,521,428	\$ 37,108

The cost of closing future Morris Landfill cells are expected to be funded through future operating budget allocations and operating reserve allocations as they are incurred. The corresponding liabilities are adjusted as tasks are completed and future cost estimates are updated every 2-3 years.

The Municipality is currently allocating approximately \$12,000 per year towards a perpetual care reserve for the Morris Landfill’s final closing costs and future ongoing monitoring costs. This reserve will have an estimated balance of \$145,689 at the conclusion of the 2025 fiscal period.

Current Turnberry Landfill monitoring costs are being funded through current budget allocations. The 2025 waste budget allocates \$19,700 per year for ongoing engineering and monitoring costs for the Turnberry Landfill.

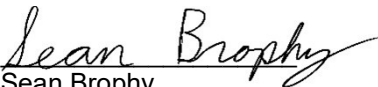
ATTACHMENTS

2025 Estimated Change in Accumulated Surplus

OTHERS CONSULTED

None

Respectfully submitted,


Sean Brophy,
Treasurer

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
O.Reg 284/09 - Budget Matters - Expenses
2025 Estimated Change in Accumulated Surplus

2025 Budget - (Cash Bases)

Revenues

Taxation	5,338,641
Grants, User Fees & Other Revenues	4,179,695
Funds from Reserve - Operating	540,936
Funds from Reserve - Capital	1,171,000

Expenditures

Operating Expenditures	(7,896,389)
Capital Expenditures	(1,629,000)
Contributions to Reserves - Operating	(352,658)
Contributions to Reserves - Capital	(1,352,225)

Net Surplus / (Deficit)	-	Balanced
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Reconcile to Financial Statements - (Accrual Basis)

Less: TCA Amortization Expense	(1,137,334)
Less: Funds from Reserve - Operating	(540,936)
Less: Funds from Reserve - Capital	(1,171,000)
Less: Landfill Liability Accretion Expense	(37,108)
 Add: Contributions to Reserves - Operating	 352,658
Add: Contributions to Reserves - Capital	1,352,225
Add: TCA Purchases	1,629,000
Add: Loan Principal Payments	53,505

Estimated Net Impact on Accumulated Surplus	\$	501,010	Increase
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MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Reeve/Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk, Morris-Turnberry

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Cross Border Servicing Agreement Update

RECOMMENDATION

That Council pass By-law 20-2025, authorizing the execution of a Cross-Border Servicing Agreement for Water and Wastewater Services between the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron.

BACKGROUND

At the regular Council meeting held on February 18, 2025, the Council of the Township of North Huron reviewed correspondence and a draft agreement regarding the provision of water services by Morris-Turnberry to the residents of Belgrave within North Huron's boundaries. Staff were directed to proceed with a meeting with Morris-Turnberry staff to negotiate reciprocal cross border servicing agreements, addressing both Morris-Turnberry's connections to North Huron's systems and North Huron's connections to Morris-Turnberry's system.

The agreement for the provision of water services by Morris-Turnberry to residents in North Huron was scheduled to expire on April 30th, 2025, and up to this point the provision of services to Morris-Turnberry residents by North Huron had continued under the terms of a previous agreement that had been terminated in 2019.

On February 25th, a meeting was held with the following staff in attendance:

Trevor Hallam – CAO, Morris- Turnberry
Mike Alcock – Director of Public Works, Morris Turnberry
Carson Lamb – Interim CAO/ Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk, North Huron
Chip Wilson – Interim Director of Public Works, North Huron
Jenna McDonald – Public Works Administrative Assistant, North Huron

The meeting was productive, with all those in attendance quickly reaching a consensus regarding the purpose of, and requirements for a reciprocal agreement.

Morris-Turnberry staff later produced a draft of a reciprocal agreement specifically tailored to meet the terms agreed upon in the February 25th meeting. Staff of each municipality worked together over the following week to refine the draft, which was provided to their respective Councils in closed sessions in March.

The proposed draft included the following:

- The agreement establishes a reciprocal servicing arrangement for water and wastewater services between the two municipalities. It ensures continued service for users located in one municipality but connected to the other's system while addressing cost recovery, liability, and legal protections.
- Each Party is responsible for the operation and maintenance of its own water/wastewater systems in compliance with Ontario laws.
- All cross-border connections require written approval from both municipalities, and applicants for new connections can be required to produce additional documentation or information as required by the system's owner.
- Each municipality has the right to perform work on public/municipal property within the other's boundaries to service infrastructure connected to their system.
- Each municipality charges and collects fees from users within its own boundaries, at rates set by the municipality that owns the system.
- Rates for users outside a municipality's boundaries must be equal to those charged within its own boundaries.
- The agreement remains in force unless terminated with 12 months' notice.
- The agreement allows for individual agreements, where needed due to the nature of a user's business or other special circumstances, and allows separate historic agreements to continue to be honoured.

COMMENTS

In closed sessions on March 17th and 18th respectively, both Councils approved the agreement in principle, and staff from each municipality sent the draft for legal review by separate firms. Only minor clerical amendments were required following the review.

As directed, the agreement and authorizing by-law are provided here for the consideration of Council.


ATTACHMENTS

1. 20-2025 – Cross Border Servicing Agreement – North Huron

OTHERS CONSULTED

Trevor Hallam – CAO, Morris- Turnberry
Mike Alcock – Director of Public Works, Morris Turnberry
Carson Lamb – Interim CAO/ Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk, North Huron
Chip Wilson – Interim Director of Public Works, North Huron
Jenna McDonald – Public Works Administrative Assistant, North Huron

Respectfully submitted,

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

Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 20-2025

Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Cross-Border Servicing Agreement for Water and Wastewater Services between the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron.

WHEREAS Section 20(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may enter into an agreement with one or more municipalities or local bodies on any matter which all of them have the power to provide within their own boundaries;

AND WHEREAS Section 20(2) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 provides that a municipality may provide a matter under an agreement referred to in subsection (1) anywhere that the municipality or local body has the power to provide the matter;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry deems it expedient to enter into an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of North Huron for the reciprocal provision of municipal water and wastewater services to users residing in each other's jurisdictions;

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

1. THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Corporation and to affix the corporate seal to the said agreement attached hereto as Schedule "A", which forms part of this By-law.
2. THAT by-laws 44-2017, 36-2010, and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
3. THAT this by-law shall come into force immediately upon its passing.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 22nd day of April, 2025.

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2025.

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

CROSS BORDER SERVICING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this day of , 2025 (the “Agreement”).

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
 (“Morris-Turnberry”)

OF THE FIRST PART

– and –

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
 (“North Huron”)

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS Section 20(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended (the “*Municipal Act*”, authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with one or more municipalities or local bodies, as defined in Section 19 of the *Municipal Act*, on any matter which all of them have the power to provide within their own boundaries;

AND WHEREAS Section 20(2) of the *Municipal Act* authorizes a municipality to provide the matter in accordance with an agreement anywhere that any of the municipalities or local bodies have the power to provide the matter;

AND WHEREAS North Huron owns and operates municipal water and wastewater systems within its geographic boundaries in Wingham and Blyth;

AND WHEREAS Morris-Turnberry owns and operates a municipal water system within its geographic boundaries in Belgrave;

AND WHEREAS certain users are connected to the water and/or wastewater systems of one Party while residing within the geographic boundaries of the other Party;

AND WHEREAS the Parties have voluntarily entered into this Agreement to permit the provision of Services and are bound by its term and conditions;

AND WHEREAS the Parties wish to establish a reciprocal arrangement to ensure the continued provision of water and wastewater services to such users while addressing cost recovery, liability, and legal protections under Ontario law.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) paid by each of the parties hereto to the other party hereto, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. "Party" means either North Huron or Morris-Turnberry, as the context requires.

1.2. "Parties" means both North Huron and Morris-Turnberry collectively.

1.3. "Water and Wastewater Systems" refer to the respective infrastructure, treatment facilities, and distribution networks owned and operated by each Party for the provision of potable water and wastewater collection and treatment.

1.4. "User" means any property owner or occupant receiving water or wastewater services from either Party’s system.

1.5. “New Connection” means a connection made to a water or wastewater system after the effective date of this Agreement.

- 1.6. "Servicing Party" means the Party that is providing water and/or wastewater services to users outside its geographic boundaries.
- 1.7. "Receiving Party" means the Party within whose geographic boundaries the Users receiving services from the Servicing Party are located.

2. GENERAL TERMS OF SERVICING

- 2.1. Each Party shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of its Water and Wastewater Systems in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of Ontario, including but not limited to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, S.O. 2002, c. 32, and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40.
- 2.2. Each Party agrees to provide water and wastewater services to connected Users located within the geographic boundaries of the other Party, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement.
- 2.3. The Parties shall ensure that connections to their respective Water and Wastewater Systems comply with all applicable standards, permits, and approvals. Each Party shall be responsible for maintaining its own Water and Wastewater Systems.
- 2.4. The Servicing Party shall be engaged during the pre-consultation stage for proposed development or applications made under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, and shall be circulated by the Receiving Party on site plan and site servicing drawings as a commenting agency, for any property requiring a connection to its Water and Wastewater Systems.
- 2.5. All New Connections that require service from one Party's Water and Wastewater Systems to a User located within the geographic boundaries of the other Party shall require the written approval of both Parties.
- 2.6. New Connections will be considered at the sole discretion of the Servicing Party but shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 2.7. The Servicing Party may require any applicant for a New Connection to provide documentation or information deemed necessary to properly review the application, in its sole discretion.
- 2.8. The Servicing Party shall have the right to access, enter upon, and perform work on public or municipal property within the geographic boundary of the Receiving Party for purposes related to the services provided under this Agreement (the "Work"). The Servicing Party shall ensure that all Work is conducted in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and industry standards. Upon completion, the Servicing Party shall fully restore the affected lands to their original condition, at its sole cost and expense, and shall remain liable for any damages, deficiencies, or claims arising from the Work until full restoration is verified and accepted by the Receiving Party.
- 2.9. The Parties shall have the right to collectively or individually interrupt, without notice, the provision of services to the subject Users or any part thereof in emergencies (the "Emergency Work"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Emergency Work may include work: (i) related to infrastructure, utilities and services in, to, over, under or across the surrounding road network, on public lands, or relative to the municipal water distribution system; and (ii) related to site services. Each Party shall bear its own costs related to Emergency Work.

3. COST RECOVERY

- 3.1. The Parties agree that each Party shall charge and collect water and wastewater service fees, or other fees related thereto, from Users located within their respective geographical service boundaries in accordance with the Servicing Party's rate structures, as amended from time to time.

- 3.2. The Parties agree that each Party's rate structures shall set rates for Users residing within the geographic boundaries of the other Party equal to the rates for Users within its own geographical boundaries.
- 3.3. Where a Party provides water and/or wastewater services to a User within the geographic boundaries of the other Party, the Servicing Party shall invoice the Receiving Party on a cost-recovery basis for actual usage, including any administrative, operational, and capital costs associated with the service, and shall provide such supporting documentation as may be reasonably required to confirm the calculation of any invoiced amount.
- 3.4. The invoiced amounts shall be payable within thirty (30) days of receipt. Any outstanding amounts shall bear interest in accordance with the Servicing Party's existing rate structures.

4. INDEMNITY, LEGAL PROTECTIONS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 4.1. Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Party (the "Indemnified Party"), its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any claims, demands, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, or expenses (including legal fees) arising from:
 - a. Any breach of this agreement by the Indemnifying Party;
 - b. Any negligent act or omission by the Indemnifying Party or anyone for whom the Indemnifying Party is responsible at law in relation to the provision of water or wastewater services; or
 - c. Any contamination, damage, claim or adverse impact caused by the Indemnifying Party's Water and Wastewater Systems.
- 4.2. Any disputes arising under this agreement shall first be addressed through good faith negotiations between the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and heads of Council of both Parties. If unresolved, the dispute shall be referred to mediation.
- 4.3. If mediation fails to resolve the dispute, either Party may commence legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction in Ontario.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1. Any written notice or account under this Agreement shall be deemed properly given if either emailed, mailed, or delivered by facsimile to the parties at the addresses as follows:

To Morris-Turnberry:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
41342 Morris Road
PO Box 310
Brussels ON N0G 1H0
Attn: CAO

To North Huron:

The Corporation of the Township of North Huron
PO Box 90
274 Josephine Street
Wingham ON N0G 2W0
Attn: CAO

- 5.2. This Agreement shall remain in force unless terminated in writing by either Party with at least twelve (12) months' notice.
- 5.3. Any amendments to this agreement shall be in writing and duly executed by both Parties.

- 5.4. Neither Party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without prior written consent.
- 5.5. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein.
- 5.6. Either Party may enter or continue to honour individual agreements with users within the geographic boundaries of the other Party where required due to the nature of the user, with the written consent of both Parties to this Agreement. The terms of such individual agreements shall prevail over the terms of this Agreement unless otherwise specified.
- 5.7. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada as may be applicable.
- 5.8. Article, section and/or paragraph headings are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way modify or limit the statements contained in any article, section or paragraph.
- 5.9. Any obligation or agreement set out in this Agreement shall be construed as a covenant of the party upon whom the obligation or agreement rests or by whom that agreement was made.
- 5.10. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is deemed or determined to be in violation of any law, or held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the violation and invalidity of any particular provision shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement. This Agreement shall afterwards be interpreted as though the offending provision is not contained in the Agreement.
- 5.11. Wherever the singular is used in this Agreement, it shall be construed as including the plural.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement has been executed by the proper signing officers of the parties, who have been duly authorized in that regard.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON**

Paul Heffer
Reeve

Carson Lamb
Clerk

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

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April 11, 2025

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Dear Hon. Premier and Ministers:

Re. Installation of New Utility Poles in Howick Township through the Accelerated High Speed Internet Project (AHSIP)

It is with great concern that we provide a connectivity update from the perspective of the Township of Howick. The Township applauds the provincial government for its \$4 billion investment to provide high-speed internet access in every region of Ontario and is appreciative of the Ministry of Infrastructure's leadership with the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP).

Improved connectivity to Ontario's unserved and underserved areas creates immense economic development opportunities and begins to address some of the challenges experienced by rural and remote communities. These communities continue to experience profound inequities in the areas of education, business and interpersonal relationships due to the lack of adequate communications infrastructure. The buildout of new broadband infrastructure starts the work towards resolving this inequity.

The Township of Howick is a small, rural municipality with a rich and proud history in agriculture. Through AHSIP, Xplore Inc. has obtained \$1.6 billion of private investment and government funding for fibre network expansion in several underserved, rural Ontario communities, including Howick Township.

While Howick Township is supportive of all rural residents receiving access to reliable high-speed internet, there are ongoing concerns from Council and residents over the installation of dozens of new utility poles within the municipal right-of-way across Howick's countryside instead of utilizing Hydro One's existing utility poles or underground direct bury or drilling methods.

In response to our inquiries, representatives from Xplore Inc. have explained to township council and staff that these new utility poles have been installed by their subcontractor because of "significant delays in Hydro One's permitting process to add broadband infrastructure to their existing utility poles and because it is the most cost-effective installation method."

The Ministry of Infrastructure outlines very thorough processes, procedures and timelines for Attaching to LDC-Owned Poles in the *Building Broadband Faster in Ontario* guidelines released November 30, 2021. Section 2.2 of the guideline outlines the Broadband One Window (BOW) authorization process for LDC owned pole attachments, including the engineering design requirements as well as the applicable standards to which stakeholders are expected to adhere to. This process includes field inspection/survey of the poles, pole loading structural analysis and determination of what telecom and power make-ready work, if any, needs to be completed for safe attachment. Nowhere in the guidelines does the Ministry of Infrastructure outline a process for installing new utility poles instead of attaching to existing LDC owned poles.

This leave us in Howick Township with several questions:

What guidelines are being followed if this ISP is completely bypassing the LDC in favor of erecting new utility poles? Is the Ministry of Infrastructure responsible for making sure these guidelines and processes are being followed? If Xplore Inc. has admitted to avoiding the permitting process of using the LDC's (Hydro One) existing utility poles, who owns these new utility poles that have been installed? Who is responsible for their maintenance and eventual replacement? Who is going to maintain the brush and shrubbery that surround many of these new poles in the municipal right-of-way?

It is Howick Township's opinion that the AHSIP program lacks oversight and compliance measures over the work being completed by the Internet Service Providers and their sub-contractors. Along with this, the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021, S.O. 2021, c.2*,

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Sched. 1 has stripped Howick Township's right to question the installation of dozens of new utility poles without incurring financial penalties for causing delays to the project.

We have included photos (see [Appendix A](#)) of the substandard installation of new utility poles across Howick Township under AHSIP that occurred throughout this past winter. As you can see, many poles were installed incorrectly, quickly and during all weather conditions. This required the sub-contractors to return several times to fix deficiencies. This doesn't seem like the most cost-effective installation method. Other photos show examples of the number of new poles installed in areas of Howick Township. With our primarily agriculture-based background and economy, many Howick Township landowners are quite upset with the amount of new utility poles that have been installed. Farm equipment continues to get larger in size as farming techniques modernize, and these new 30ft utility poles limit access to fields with overhead infrastructure installed along the municipal right-of-way.

Through our research into this matter, we have not found examples of so many new utility poles being installed elsewhere across the province to facilitate the installation of fibre optic high-speed internet infrastructure. New pole installations are only referenced in the program guidelines regarding LDC-owned poles requiring replacement prior to installing the broadband infrastructure.

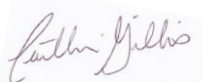
Can you explain why so many new utility poles are being installed in Howick Township directly by the ISP instead of utilizing existing utility poles owned by Hydro One as outlined in your program guidelines? Municipalities were not informed that dozens of new utility poles would be installed through AHSIP. Howick Township is requesting to have these new utility poles removed in favour of utilizing existing LDC owned poles or direct bury or plowing methods of installation.

We encourage any other Ontario municipalities who are experiencing similar new utility pole installations through the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program to reach out to Howick Township directly, and to join Howick Township by reaching out to the above listed ministries with your concerns.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix A - New Utility Poles in Howick Township















FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

(Based on 2023 Financial Information Return)

Morris-Turnberry M

Date Prepared:	17-Jan-25
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Tier	LT

2023 Households:	1,335
2023 Population	3,590
2024 MFCI Index	3.0

Median Household Income:	70,208
Taxable Residential Assessment as a % of Total Taxable Assessment:	55.0%
Own Purpose Taxation:	5,064,845

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Indicator	Ranges		Actuals	South - LT - Counties - Rural		Level of Risk
				Median	Average	
Total Taxes Receivable less Allowance for Uncollectibles as a % of Total Taxes Levied	Low: < 10% Mod: 10% to 15% High: > 15%	2019	7.4%	7.4%	8.4%	LOW
		2020	6.2%	7.2%	8.5%	LOW
		2021	4.4%	6.5%	7.4%	LOW
		2022	4.6%	7.1%	7.6%	LOW
		2023	5.5%	7.6%	8.0%	LOW
Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues	Low: > -50% Mod: -50% to -100% High: < -100%	2019	2.8%	45.7%	49.3%	LOW
		2020	3.4%	54.9%	56.8%	LOW
		2021	15.1%	54.0%	59.8%	LOW
		2022	67.9%	49.1%	53.6%	LOW
		2023	59.5%	33.0%	37.8%	LOW
Total Reserves and Discretionary Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses	Low: > 20% Mod: 10% to 20% High: < 10%	2019	30.2%	73.3%	78.1%	LOW
		2020	32.3%	82.4%	86.7%	LOW
		2021	44.3%	86.6%	89.9%	LOW
		2022	92.1%	81.7%	87.1%	LOW
		2023	83.5%	68.1%	84.9%	LOW
Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities)	Low: > 50% Mod: 50% to 25% High: < 25%	2019	-127.4%	410.8%	535.3%	HIGH
		2020	105.4%	456.2%	529.2%	LOW
		2021	302.0%	497.5%	581.7%	LOW
		2022	594.1%	392.6%	497.2%	LOW
		2023	706.7%	430.7%	538.8%	LOW

FLEXIBILITY INDICATORS

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	Low: < 5% Mod: 5% to 10% High: >10%	2019	1.7%	2.6%	3.1%	LOW
		2020	1.5%	2.3%	3.1%	LOW
		2021	1.8%	2.5%	2.9%	LOW
		2022	1.4%	2.4%	2.8%	LOW
		2023	1.7%	2.7%	3.3%	LOW
Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)	Low: < 50% Mod: 50% to 75% High: > 75%	2019	46.2%	44.6%	46.5%	LOW
		2020	46.6%	45.2%	46.9%	LOW
		2021	45.2%	45.9%	47.4%	LOW
		2022	45.6%	45.4%	47.5%	LOW
		2023	44.8%	45.7%	47.6%	LOW
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) as a % of Own Source Revenues	Low: > -1% Mod: -1% to -30% High: < -30%	2019	10.8%	18.7%	23.1%	LOW
		2020	8.1%	16.6%	17.1%	LOW
		2021	41.5%	16.8%	16.5%	LOW
		2022	54.2%	17.0%	17.2%	LOW
		2023	6.4%	15.3%	15.7%	LOW

The data and information contained in this document is for informational purposes only. It is not an opinion about a municipality and is not intended to be used on its own - it should be used in conjunction with other financial information and resources available. It may be used, for example, to support a variety of strategic and policy discussions.

FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

(Based on 2023 Financial Information Return)

Morris-Turnberry M

NOTES

Financial Information Returns ("FIRs") are a standard set of year-end reports submitted by municipalities to the Province which capture certain financial information. On an annual basis, Ministry staff prepare certain financial indicators for each municipality, based on the information contained in the FIRs. It is important to remember that these financial indicators provide a snapshot at a particular moment in time and should not be considered in isolation, but supported with other relevant information sources. In keeping with our Financial Information Return review process and follow-up, Ministry staff may routinely contact and discuss this information with municipal officials.

Supplementary Indicators of Sustainability and Flexibility

The following is a summary, adapted from the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 4.

- A government (including a municipality) may choose to report supplementary information on financial condition, to expand on and help explain the government's financial statements.
- Supplementary assessment of a government's financial condition needs to consider the elements of sustainability and flexibility.
- Sustainability in this context may be seen as the degree to which a municipality can maintain its existing financial obligations both in respect of its service commitments to the public and financial commitments to creditors, employees and others without inappropriately increasing the debt or tax burden relative to the economy within which it operates.
- Sustainability is an important element to include in an assessment of financial condition because it may help to describe a government's ability to manage its financial and service commitments and debt burden. It may also help to describe the impact that the level of debt could have on service provision.
- Flexibility is the degree to which a government can change its debt or tax level on the economy within which it operates to meet its existing financial obligations both in respect of its service commitments to the public and financial commitments to creditors, employees and others.
- Flexibility provides insights into how a government manages its finances. Increasing taxation or user fees may reduce a municipality's flexibility to respond when adverse circumstances develop if the municipality approaches the limit that citizens and businesses are willing to bear.

A municipality may temporarily use current borrowing, subject to the requirements set out in the Municipal Act to meet expenses and certain other amounts required in the year, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received. Municipal current borrowing cannot be carried over the long term or converted to long term borrowing except in very limited circumstances.
- For each element of financial condition, the report on indicators of financial condition should include municipality-specific indicators and municipality-related indicators. It may be useful to also include economy-wide information when discussing financial condition.

Additional Notes on what Financial Indicators may indicate:

Total Taxes Receivable less Allowance for Uncollectibles as a % of Total Taxes Levied - Shows how much of the taxes billed are not collected.

Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues - Indicates how much property tax and user fee revenue is servicing debt.

Reserves and Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses - Indicates how much money is set aside for future needs and contingencies.

Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities) - Indicates how much cash and liquid investments could be available to cover current obligations.

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs) - Indicates how much of each dollar raised in revenue is spent on paying down existing debt.

Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio) - Indicates how much of the assets' life expectancy has been consumed.

Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs) as a % of Own Source Revenues - Indicates the municipality's ability to cover its operational costs and have funds available for other purposes (e.g. reserves, debt repayment, etc.)

The Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) is used by the Ministry of Finance to calculate the "Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant" aimed at northern as well as single and lower-tier rural municipalities. The index measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances. The MFCI is determined by six indicators: Weighted Assessment per Household, Median Household Income, Average Annual Change in Assessment (New Construction), Employment Rate, Ratio of Working Age to Dependent Population, and Per Cent of Population Above Low-Income Threshold. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances. (Note: the MFCI index is only available for northern and rural municipalities)

FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

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Morris-Turnberry M

CALCULATIONS

Total Taxes Rec. less Allowance for Uncollectibles as % of Total Taxes Levied

SLC 70 0699 01 / (SLC 26 9199 03 - SLC 72 2899 09)

Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues

SLC 70 9945 01 / (SLC 10 9910 01 - SLC 10 0699 01 - SLC 10 0899 01 -
SLC 10 1098 01 - SLC 10 1099 01 - SLC 10 1811 01 - SLC 10 1812 01 - SLC 10 1813 01 -
SLC 10 1814 01 - SLC 10 1830 01 - SLC 10 1831 01 - SLC 12 1850 04)

Total Reserves and Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses

(SLC 60 2099 02+SLC 60 2099 03)/(SLC 40 9910 11-SLC 12 9910 03-SLC 12 9910 07)

Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities)

SLC 70 0299 01 / (SLC 70 2099 01 + SLC 70 2299 01)

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)

(SLC 74 3099 01 + SLC 74 3099 02) / (SLC 10 9910 01 - SLC 10 1831 01)

Closing Amortization Balance as a % or Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)

SLC 51 9910 10 / SLC 51 9910 06

Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs) as a % of Own Source Revenues

(SLC 10 2099 01 - SLC 10 1831 01) / (SLC 10 9910 01 - SLC 10 0699 01 -
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MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL PROFILES

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1,335

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3,590

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Median Household Income (2016) : ^{*4}

70,208

2024 Annual Repayment Limit:

1,278,935

Borrowing Capacity 7% over 10 yrs:

8,982,703

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23						
Population ^{*3}	3,496	3,496	3,590	3,590	3,590	6,647	43,437	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%
Households ^{*3}	1,322	1,322	1,318	1,337	1,335	3,347	17,340	-0.1%	1.4%	-0.3%	0.0%
Municipal Expenses ^{*7}	\$ 5,566,311	\$ 5,586,066	\$ 5,308,071	\$ 5,788,863	\$ 7,018,387	\$ 12,633,227	\$ 162,237,461	21.2%	9.1%	-5.0%	0.4%
Own Source Revenues	\$ 4,683,170	\$ 4,868,450	\$ 5,275,007	\$ 5,612,487	\$ 6,282,313	\$ 12,691,710	\$ 130,832,613	11.9%	6.4%	8.4%	4.0%
Own Source Revenue per Household	\$ 3,542	\$ 3,683	\$ 4,002	\$ 4,198	\$ 4,706	\$ 3,812	\$ 4,399	12.1%	4.9%	8.7%	4.0%
Own Source Revenue as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	74.8%	78.7%	68.8%	63.1%	83.7%	78.1%	73.9%	32.8%	-8.4%	-12.6%	5.3%
Total Revenues	\$ 6,264,196	\$ 6,184,920	\$ 7,667,696	\$ 8,901,640	\$ 7,501,383	\$ 15,984,575	\$ 192,134,057	-15.7%	16.1%	24.0%	-1.3%
Annual Repayment Limit	\$ 880,111	\$ 1,026,976	\$ 1,082,025	\$ 1,138,153	\$ 1,188,910	\$ 3,354,125	\$ 21,330,790	4.5%	5.2%	5.4%	16.7%
Own Purpose Taxation	\$ 3,697,911	\$ 4,173,984	\$ 4,345,690	\$ 4,776,748	\$ 5,064,845	\$ 7,298,427	\$ 72,523,884	6.0%	9.9%	4.1%	12.9%
Direct Water Billings as % of Gross Water Expenditures	3.4%	0.0%	3.9%	0.1%	0.0%	67.6%	64.1%				
Taxable Res. Assessment as a % of Total Taxable Assessment	55.5%	54.9%	54.7%	54.4%	55.0%	81.5%	80.4%				

DISCOUNTED WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT ^{*1} (Source: Financial Information Return)

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023						
Taxable	466,902,868	515,535,081	521,794,264	528,753,984	540,069,254	1,127,481,033	9,748,690,831				
PIL	795,054	1,001,770	1,036,090	1,036,090	1,036,090	16,617,116	129,150,513				
Total	467,697,921	516,536,851	522,830,354	529,790,074	541,105,344	1,144,098,150	9,877,841,344				

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RESIDENTIAL TAXES

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
# of Residential Households	1,247	1,250	1,257	1,257	1,266	3,543	12,180	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%
Avg Municipal Property Taxes Per Avg Residential Household	\$ 2,331	\$ 2,578	\$ 2,665	\$ 2,808	\$ 2,991	\$ 2,722	\$ 2,787	6.5%	5.3%	3.4%	10.6%
Avg Total Property Taxes per Avg Residential Household	\$ 2,639	\$ 2,897	\$ 2,989	\$ 3,132	\$ 3,319	\$ 3,115	\$ 3,183	6.0%	4.8%	3.2%	9.8%
Avg Total Property Taxes per Avg Residential Household as a % of Median Household Income (Tax Effort)	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.8%				
# of Residential Households Excluding Recreational Properties (Excl. RDUs)	1,226	1,229	1,234	1,234	1,244	2,883	11,715	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%
Avg Municipal Property Taxes Per Avg Residential Household (Excl. RDUs)	\$ 2,347	\$ 2,598	\$ 2,685	\$ 2,829	\$ 3,013	\$ 2,704	\$ 2,764	6.5%	5.3%	3.4%	10.7%
Avg Total Property Taxes per Avg Residential Household (Excl. RDUs)	\$ 2,657	\$ 2,918	\$ 3,012	\$ 3,155	\$ 3,344	\$ 3,093	\$ 3,153	6.0%	4.8%	3.2%	9.8%
Avg Total Property Taxes per Avg Residential Household (Excl. RDUs) as a % of Median Household Income (Tax Effort)	3.8%	4.2%	4.3%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%	4.7%				

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES ^{*2} (Source: Financial Information Return)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Lower / Single-Tier General Rate	0.0074139	0.0077124	0.0078634	0.0084372	0.0088372	4.7%	7.3%	2.0%	4.0%
Upper-Tier General Rate	0.0046423	0.0045702	0.0046056	0.0047037	0.0050091	6.5%	2.1%	0.8%	-1.6%
Education Rate	0.0016100	0.0015300	0.0015300	0.0015300	0.0015300	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-5.0%

TAXES RECEIVABLE

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Total Taxes Receivable less Allowance for Uncollectibles	\$ 512,558	\$ 470,897	\$ 341,414	\$ 387,751	\$ 485,208	\$ 1,043,574	\$ 5,848,492	25.1%	13.6%	-27.5%	-8.1%
Total Taxes Rec. less Allowance for Uncollectibles as % of Total Taxes Levied	7.4%	6.2%	4.4%	4.6%	5.5%	8.0%	8.8%				
Current Year Taxes Receivable as % of Total Taxes Receivable	70.1%	62.5%	71.3%	82.5%	76.0%	61.7%	62.5%				
Working & Contingency Reserves and Discretionary Reserve Funds as % of Current Yr Taxes Rec.	39.0%	42.2%	69.0%	287.2%	258.8%	189.9%	331.7%				
Previous and Prior Years Taxes Receivable as % of Total Taxes Receivable	24.7%	32.1%	23.2%	14.4%	20.1%	27.8%	27.2%				

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GRANTS

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Total Unconditional Grants	\$ 957,373	\$ 588,400	\$ 492,791	\$ 385,000	\$ 369,800	\$ 984,714	\$ 1,278,920	-3.9%	-21.9%	-16.2%	-38.5%
Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund	\$ 581,900	\$ 508,600	\$ 442,500	\$ 385,000	\$ 369,800	\$ 979,864	\$ 1,135,985	-3.9%	-13.0%	-13.0%	-12.6%
As % of Municipal Expenses	10.5%	9.1%	8.3%	6.7%	5.3%	9.4%	7.9%				
Other	\$ 375,473	\$ 79,800	\$ 50,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850	\$ 142,935	0.0%	-100.0%	-37.0%	-78.7%
Total Ontario Conditional Grants	\$ 86,935	\$ 287,985	\$ 802,087	\$ 717,544	\$ 518,908	\$ 1,026,745	\$ 32,961,343	-27.7%	-10.5%	178.5%	231.3%
As a % of Municipal Expenses	1.6%	5.2%	15.1%	12.4%	7.4%	8.0%	13.6%				
Total Ontario Conditional and Unconditional Grants											
As a % of Municipal Expenses	18.8%	15.7%	24.4%	19.0%	12.7%	15.9%	21.1%				

COVID - 19

COVID-19 Municipal Operating Funding Allocations - Actual	2020	2021	TOTAL	
- Phase 1 Allocation	\$ 79,800			
- Phase 2 Application Based Allocation	\$ -			
- Phase 2 2021 Allocation		\$ 19,000		
2021 Provincial COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities		\$ 26,291		
Total COVID-19 Municipal Operating Funding	\$ 79,800	\$ 45,291	\$ 125,091	

COVID-19 Municipal Funding - Amounts Recognized	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	
Safe Restart Agreement - Municipal Operating Funding	\$ 45,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,291	
Provincial COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<i>* Note: Because a municipality has recognized all of their funding, does not necessarily mean that they have used all of their funding. Some may still be in a reserve / reserve fund.</i>
TOTAL COVID-19 MUNICIPAL OPERATING FUNDING RECOGNIZED	\$ 45,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,291	
			Funding not recognized:	\$ 79,800	
Safe Restart Agreement - Public Transit Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

	2021	2022	2023
Total COVID-19 Expenses as reported on SLC 42 6009 01	\$ 36,467	\$ 10,225	\$ -

TOTAL DEBT BURDEN

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Total Debt Burden	\$ 849,911	\$ 1,664,476	\$ 1,573,258	\$ 1,492,830	\$ 1,503,912	\$ 4,609,447	\$ 75,048,775	0.7%	-5.1%	-5.5%	95.8%
Per Household	\$ 643	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,194	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,526	0.9%	-6.5%	-5.2%	95.8%
Debt Servicing Cost	\$ 104,610	\$ 91,841	\$ 141,540	\$ 128,086	\$ 128,076	\$ 567,081	\$ 7,673,152	0.0%	-9.5%	54.1%	-12.2%
Per Household	\$ 79	\$ 69	\$ 107	\$ 96	\$ 96	\$ 157	\$ 196	0.1%	-10.8%	54.6%	-12.2%

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Prepared By:		Spencer Fitzpatrick						2024 MFCI Index: *8		3.0		Borrowing Capacity 7% over 10 yrs:		8,982,703					
As a % of Municipal Expenses				1.9%		1.6%		2.7%		2.2%		1.8%		3.8%		3.6%			
As a % of Own Purpose Taxation				2.8%		2.2%		3.3%		2.7%		2.5%		7.1%		6.9%			
As a % of Own Source Revenue				2.2%		1.9%		2.7%		2.3%		2.0%		4.2%		4.3%			
As a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)				1.7%		1.5%		1.8%		1.4%		1.7%		3.3%		3.1%			
Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Target: Ratio >= 2)				14		15		22		32		11		45		33			

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LIABILITIES (Including Post-Employment Benefits)

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Temp. Loans for Current Purposes as % of Municipal Expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%				
Post-Employment Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,898	\$ 30,987,414	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Reserves and Reserve Funds for Post-Employment Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,177	\$ 6,366,089	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

RESERVES AND RESERVE FUNDS

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Total Reserves	\$ 1,679,219	\$ 1,804,428	\$ 2,353,213	\$ 5,331,408	\$ 5,860,710	\$ 6,451,987	\$ 38,349,650	9.9%	126.6%	30.4%	7.5%
Total Discretionary Reserve Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,223,105	\$ 64,666,380	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Reserves and Discretionary Reserve Funds	\$ 1,679,219	\$ 1,804,428	\$ 2,353,213	\$ 5,331,408	\$ 5,860,710	\$ 10,675,091	\$ 103,016,031	9.9%	126.6%	30.4%	7.5%
Per Household	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,785	\$ 3,988	\$ 4,390	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,619	10.1%	123.3%	30.8%	7.5%
As a % of Total Taxes Receivable	327.6%	383.2%	689.3%	1375.0%	1207.9%	1249.4%	1661.5%				
As a % of Municipal Expenses	30.2%	32.3%	44.3%	92.1%	83.5%	84.9%	75.6%				
As a % of Own Purpose Taxation	45.4%	43.2%	54.2%	111.6%	115.7%	143.0%	134.9%				

FINANCIAL ASSETS

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023						
Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	2.1%	2.7%	10.4%	42.8%	49.8%	30.1%	32.4%				
Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues	2.8%	3.4%	15.1%	67.9%	59.5%	37.8%	40.7%				
Net Working Capital as a % of Municipal Expenses	11.4%	30.0%	45.8%	92.9%	80.9%	90.0%	71.2%				
Net Book Value of Capital Assets as a % of Cost of Capital Assets	52.0%	51.5%	53.1%	54.0%	53.8%	53.9%	55.1%				
Asset Sustainability Ratio (Target: > 90%)	158.7%	143.7%	288.3%	232.7%	94.6%	186.7%	204.7%				
Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)	46.2%	46.6%	45.2%	45.6%	44.8%	47.6%	47.4%				

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SURPLUS / DEFICIT

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			23/22 %	22/21 %	21/20 %	20/19 %
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs)	\$ 506,806	\$ 394,380	\$ 2,187,973	\$ 3,043,278	\$ 404,472	\$ 2,970,691	\$ 22,870,192	-86.7%	39.1%	454.8%	-22.2%
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs) Adjusted for Ontario Budget Reg. 284/09)	\$ 1,374,588	\$ 1,349,668	\$ 2,996,157	\$ 3,939,488	\$ 536,764	\$ 3,933,122	\$ 36,688,034	-86.4%	31.5%	122.0%	-1.8%
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs) as a % of Own Source Revenues	10.8%	8.1%	41.5%	54.2%	6.4%	15.7%	18.1%				
Current Ratio (Target: >= 100%)	229.5%	490.4%	516.3%	789.1%	943.4%	717.7%	601.8%				

OTHER INDICATORS

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:	
						South - LT - Counties - Rural	PROVINCE
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Rates Coverage Ratio (Target: >=40%)	76.2%	78.0%	90.6%	88.5%	81.0%	78.1%	73.9%
Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities)	-127.4%	105.4%	302.0%	594.1%	706.7%	538.79%	446.70%
Operating Balance as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs) ^{*5}	8.1%	6.4%	28.5%	34.2%	5.4%	13.1%	13.9%
Cumulative Annual Growth Rate ^{*6}	2.2%	-1.0%	10.8%	11.8%	-0.4%	0.5%	0.6%
Interest Payments as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	1.1%	0.9%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%

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VULNERABILITY MEASURES

						2023 AVERAGES FOR:					
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Own Source Revenue as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			32.8%	-8.4%	-12.6%	5.3%
Own Source Revenue per Household	\$ 3,542	\$ 3,683	\$ 4,002	\$ 4,198	\$ 4,706	\$ 3,812	\$ 4,399	12.1%	4.9%	8.7%	4.0%
Avg Municipal Property Taxes Per Avg Residential Household as a % of Median Household Income (Tax Effort)	\$ 2,331	\$ 2,578	\$ 2,665	\$ 2,808	\$ 2,991	\$ 2,722	\$ 2,787	6.5%	5.3%	3.4%	10.6%
	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.8%				

SUPPLEMENTARY INDICATORS OF SUSTAINABILITY, FLEXIBILITY AND VULNERABILITY

The following is a summary, adapted from the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 4:

- A government (including a municipality) may choose to report supplementary information on financial condition, to expand on and help explain the government's financial statements.
- Supplementary assessment of a government's financial condition needs to consider, at a minimum, the elements of sustainability, flexibility and vulnerability.
- Vulnerability in this context may be seen as the degree to which a municipality is dependent on sources of funding outside its control or influence or is exposed to risks that could impair its ability to meet its existing financial obligations both in respect of its service commitments to the public and financial commitments to creditors, employees and others.
- Vulnerability is an important element of financial condition because it provides insights into a municipality's reliance on funding sources outside its direct control or influence and its exposure to risks. A municipality whose vulnerability is relatively low has greater control over its financial condition.
- For each element of financial condition, the report on indicators of financial condition should include municipality-specific indicators and municipality-related indicators. It may be useful to also include economy-wide information when discussing financial condition.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON WHAT FINANCIAL MEASURES MAY INDICATE:

Own Source Revenue as a % of Total Revenues (Less TCAs)

Indicates the extent to which a municipality has a high proportion of revenues for its own sources, reducing its impact to a change in transfers from other levels of government.

Own Source Revenue per Household

Indicates the demand for resources and the municipality's ability and willingness to provide resources.

Average Municipal Property Taxes per Average Residential Household

Indicates the level of taxes on residential households for municipal purposes.

Average Municipal Property Taxes per Average Residential Household as a % of Average Household Income

Indicates the portion of a ratepayer's income used to pay municipal property taxes.

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April 2025

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to [nominate](#) an exceptional local senior for the 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

This award provides each municipality the opportunity to honour one outstanding senior for their contributions to enriching the social, cultural, and civic life of their community.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2025.

For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the [Ontario Senior of the Year](#) webpage. Once your nomination is submitted, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present this certificate to your nominee in June during Seniors Month.

The Ontario government is proud to celebrate Seniors Month with municipalities across the province. Seniors generously give their time, knowledge and expertise making Ontario the best place in this country to live and work. It is important to take the time to celebrate our older population and acknowledge their invaluable contributions.

If you have any questions regarding the 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please contact Ontario Honours and Awards at OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you for supporting the civic engagement of your local seniors.

Sincerely,

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

**Policy Division
Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch**

April 15, 2025

To: All municipalities in Ontario (Planning Department and/or Clerk's Office)

Re: Agricultural System Implementation

Dear municipal partners,

The [Provincial Planning Statement](#) (PPS, 2024) came into effect on October 20, 2024. To help foster a thriving agri-food sector, the PPS (2024) requires an Agricultural System approach province-wide, which strives to protect the agricultural land base and strengthen the viability of the agri-food network. Implementing an Agricultural System approach can help support agri-food businesses, farm operations, related employment and economic opportunities, and protect Ontario's highest quality farmland.

The PPS, 2024 Agricultural System approach includes two components: 1. the identification of the agricultural land base; and 2. the consideration of the agri-food network – which may include infrastructure, services and assets that the agri-food sector relies on.

To support municipalities in their implementation of an Agricultural System approach, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) has the following resources:

1: Agricultural Land Base Resources

To implement the agricultural land base, municipalities are required to identify and designate prime agricultural areas and consider if there are rural lands that could also be identified as part of an agricultural land base. Inclusion of rural lands within the agricultural land base is left to municipal discretion.

To support this work, OMAFRA has data and information available upon request that can help municipalities identify where prime agricultural areas and rural lands are present. While there is no requirement to utilize this data and information in identifying municipal designations, it can help to provide a basis that municipalities can then refine based on

local information, such as municipally-designated prime agricultural areas and settlement area boundaries.

The existing [OMAFA Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System \(2020\)](#) continue to provide helpful guidance with respect to what/how municipalities can address Agricultural System policies in their respective official plans. It is important to note that given section 5.3 of the Greenbelt Plan, 2017 has not been modified, the 2018 provincial agricultural land base mapping and implementation procedures remains in effect for the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt. OMAFA staff are developing updated Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System to align with the PPS (2024) and will provide notice once these updates have been finalized.

2: Agri-food Network Resources

The second component of the Agricultural System is the agri-food network. It complements and supports the agricultural land base. The agri-food network includes the regional infrastructure and transportation networks, agricultural operations, services, and other agri-food assets that are needed to sustain and enhance agriculture and the prosperity and viability of the broader agri-food sector.

The OMAFA [Agricultural System Portal](#) maps elements of the agri-food network, however, unlike prime agricultural areas, the agri-food network is not a land use designation within an official plan. Rather, awareness of, and support for the agri-food network is documented in an official plan for economic development purposes and can be achieved in several ways. This could include reference to local elements identified in asset mapping reports, or an inventory of components of the agri-food network in an official plan appendix. Other supportive approaches include policy cross-references to mapping and data tools, including OMAFA's Agricultural System Portal, the development of Agricultural Advisory Committees, supportive economic development policies for the agri-food network, and cross-references to Economic Development staff/programs.

Moving Forward

OMAFA staff will continue to work with municipalities to support implementation of the PPS 2024 Agricultural System policies. As such, we are pleased to share that as part of broader modernization efforts, the Ministry is embracing an 'evergreen' approach for maintaining and enhancing Ontario's digital soil mapping data.

As an example, improved topography/slope information available through new technology will be incorporated in a forthcoming digital update of the existing Canada Land Inventory (CLI) mapping for agricultural soil. As it becomes available, this new information is being applied to CLI ratings across Ontario. OMAFA is committed to making ongoing improvements to ensure CLI data is as accurate as possible. The work currently underway is anticipated to be completed in 2026/27. Until any future release of updated data, municipalities can continue using existing agricultural capability mapping (i.e., CLI ratings).

When you embark on implementing an Agricultural System approach or updating/refining existing official plan mapping, please contact OMAFA staff to discuss the data that may be available to support your project. You can locate OMAFA land use planning staff on [OMAFA's website](#). Below you will find a summary list of the additional resources related to Agricultural System planning and implementation.

Please share this correspondence with the appropriate planning and economic development department staff in your municipality.

Sincerely,



Andrea Martin
Director
Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch

Resources

[Provincial Planning Statement, 2024](#)

[Implementation Procedures of the Agricultural System](#)

[A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019](#)

[Agricultural Systems Portal](#)

[OMAFA Agricultural land use planning staff](#)

[Economic tools](#)

[Canada Land Inventory information for Agricultural Land Use Planning in Ontario](#)

[Soil Capability for Agriculture in Ontario](#)

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Belgrave Summary (with SCADA Data)

March, 2025

WELL FLOW

	<u>Flow, L/s</u>	<u>Volume, m3</u>
McCrea	Max: 4.20	65.95
	Average: 3.53	51.80
	Total: 1,605.73	

TREATED FLOW - Discharge

	Max: 62.97	m3
	Average: 53.77	m3
	Total: 1,666.91	m3

Jane

	Max: 1.55	45.73
	Average: 1.44	22.31
	Total: 691.61	

SCADA On-Line Analyzer

CL2 Residual (free):

Max:	2.80	mg/L
Min:	1.73	mg/L
Average:	1.99	mg/L

Combined:

	Min:	63.11
	Max:	90.27
	Average:	74.11
	Total:	2,297.34

TURBIDITIES

	<u>McCrea</u>	<u>Jane</u>	
Max:	0.26	0.24	NTU
Min:	0.26	0.24	NTU
Average:	0.26	0.24	NTU
# Grab Samples:	1	1	

Treated Water Grab Residuals:

CL2 Residual (free):

Max:	2.20	mg/L
Min:	1.80	mg/L
Average:	1.97	mg/L
# Grab Samples:	17	

CHEMICAL USE

Chlorine:		<u>Pump # 1</u>	<u>Pump # 2</u>
Total	Litres	0.00	82.47
Total	kg	0.00	5.36
Average, mg/L	Dosage	0.00	7.58

CHLORINATION ON DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Humphrey On-Line Analyzer:

CL2 Residual (free)

Max:	2.31	mg/L
Min:	2.19	mg/L
Average:	1.94	mg/L

Potassium Permanganate:

Total	Litres
Total	kg
Average, mg/L	Dosage

Distribution Grab Residuals:

CL2 Residual (free)

Max:	2.19	mg/L
Min:	1.72	mg/L
Average:	1.94	mg/L
# Grab Samples:	18	



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 21-2025

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

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 22nd day of April 2025.

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 22nd day of April 2025.

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 22-2025

Being a by-law to stop up and close a portion of the road allowance known as Green Street, and authorize the sale thereof.

WHEREAS Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides that a by-law permanently closing a highway does not take effect until a certified copy of the by-law is registered in the proper land registry office;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the interest of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, hereinafter referred to as the Municipality, that the part of Green Street described in schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, hereinafter referred to as the subject lands, be permanently closed, stopped up and sold;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with by-law 89-2019 of the Municipality, notice of the permanent closure of the subject lands was published in The Wingham Advance Times on April 3rd, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the subject lands are deemed to be non-viable property, as defined by by-law 88-2019 of the Municipality, and are exempt from the declaration, notice and valuation provisions thereof.

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

1. The part of Green Street described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby stopped up and closed as a public highway.
2. That upon the coming into force and effect of this by-law the soil and freehold of the public highway stopped up and closed by this by-law shall be sold to the persons listed in Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, for the price of \$25,000.00 per acre plus all costs;
3. That upon sale, an 'Application to Consolidate Parcels' be registered on title to consolidate the subject lands to the property listed in Schedule 'B'
4. That the Clerk of the Municipality is hereby authorized to execute such deeds or other documents as may be necessary to effect the conveyance of the land as described herein;
5. That this by-law will come into full force and effect upon its registration in the proper land registry office.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 22nd day of April 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 22nd day of April 2025

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

SCHEDULE 'A'

Subject Lands being described as:

PART OF GREEN ST PL 410 WINGHAM BTN JOHN ST & MAITLAND RIVER
EXCEPT PT 1, 22R1864; TURNBERRY; MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-
TURNBERRY, being Part 2, 22R-7466,

PART OF PIN 41051-0120 (LT)

Subject Lands to be sold to:

WALTER EDGARDO GARCIA
244 TURNBERRY STREET
WINGHAM, ONTARIO
N0G 2W0

Subject Lands to be consolidated with:

LOTS 167 AND 178 PLAN 410; LANE LYING BETWEEN LOT 167 AND LOT 178
PLAN 410 (CLOSED BY HC116260), PART 5 22R6314; MUNICIPALITY OF
MORRIS-TURNBERRY

PIN 41051-0391 (LT)



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 23-2025

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

WHEREAS Subsection (3) of Section 11 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 S.O.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. By-law 81-2019 is hereby repealed.
4. This by-law shall come into force on the day it is passed.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 22nd day of April 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 22nd day of April 2025

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

SCHEDULE ‘A’
By-Law 23-2025

	<u>Highway</u>	<u>From</u>	<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 Rd.
5.	Nichol Line	750m N. of Morris Rd.	Maitland River
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



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 24-2025

Being a by-law to repeal By-law No. 84-2017, being a by-law to regulate the operation of Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs and ORVs) on municipal highways within the limits of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

WHEREAS Section 191.8 of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, as amended, authorizes municipalities to permit and regulate the operation of off-road vehicles on highways under their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 316/03 made under the *Highway Traffic Act*, as amended by Ontario Regulation 63/21, expanded the types of off-road vehicles permitted on municipal highways and established that such vehicles may operate on highways unless a municipality specifically prohibits their use by by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to repeal By-law No. 84-2017 in order to align with current provincial regulations and avoid duplication or conflict with the updated legislative framework;

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

1. That That By-law No. 84-2017 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and all associated amendments, are hereby repealed in their entirety.
2. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its final passing.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 22nd day of April 2025.

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 22nd day of April 2025.

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 25-2025

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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 2025

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, April 22, 2025

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam