



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet in Council Chambers in regular session on the 7th day of May 2024, at 7:30 pm.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Disclosure of recording equipment.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of May 7th, 2024, as circulated.

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3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4.0 MINUTES

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 16th, 2024, 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 for payment the April 16th accounts in the amount of \$ 361,848.99.

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6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 MCARTHUR MUNICIPAL DRAIN COURT OF REVISION

The meeting to consider the engineer's report for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 was held on April 2nd, 2024. Notice of the sitting of the Court of Revision was sent on April 9th, 2024. No appeals were received by the deadline of April 27th. At the time of the publication of this agenda, no late appeals had been received.

On April 2nd Council appointed Deputy Mayor Freiburger, Councillor Zinn and Councillor Snell to sit on the Court of Revision.

6.1.1 Open Court of Revision

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their regular meeting of Council and opens the Court of Revision for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024.

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McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 Court of Revision

6.1.2 Call to order by the Clerk.

6.1.3 Appointment of Chair

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT _____ be appointed as Chairperson for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 Court of Revision.

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6.1.4 Appeals

No appeals were received by the deadline of April 27th. As no appeals were received, the project engineer will not be in attendance.

6.1.5 Late or Verbal Appeals

No late appeals have been received as of the time of publication of the agenda. The Court may hear verbal appeals from the floor at their discretion.

6.1.6 Adjournment

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT, there being no appeals to the assessment schedule as prepared by the engineer, the Court of Revision for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 be adjourned.

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7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

7.1.1 Bill 185 Changes to Provincial Planning Statement

A report has been prepared by Huron County Planner Jenn Burns in this regard for the information of Council.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING FEE STRUCTURE

A report has been prepared by Huron County Planning Director Sandra Weber and Planning Manager Denise Van Amersfoort in consultation with the Planning Fees Working Group.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby approves the proposed changes to the planning fee structure as presented and directs staff to return a by-law amending the current fees and charges by-law following approval by Huron County Council.

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8.2 TENDER RESULTS – SHOULDER SPREADER

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby accepts the tender of CUBEX LTD. For a Shoulder Spreader Attachment to fit the CAT® Backhoe, in the amount of \$102,876.76 excluding HST, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

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8.3 WINTER GRADER

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby authorizes the use of a single source purchase under 20(a)(vi) of the municipality's procurement policy for the purchase of the Volvo G940 grader from Elvaan Equipment Solutions and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

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8.4 DOCUMENT COMMISSIONING POLICY

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

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby approves the draft Document Commissioning Policy as presented and directs staff to return a by-law to adopt the policy to the next meeting of Council.

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9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

Jamie McCallum

Sharen Zinn

Jodi Snell

Jamie Heffer

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

10.1 Media Release – Funding from Ministry for Training - AORS

10.2 Media Release – Environmental Action Plan - AMDSB

10.3 Correspondence – Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding – Western Ontario
Warden's Caucus

10.4 Correspondence – Leadership Change – Nuclear Innovation Institute

10.5 Correspondence – Pride Month and Pride Flag – Huron County Pride

10.6 Correspondence – Pride Month and Pride Flag – Huron Perth Public Health

10.7 Correspondence – Summary of Proposed Hosting Agreement – Municipality of South
Bruce

10.8 Notice of Meeting – Open House – South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project

10.9 Notice of Meeting – Official Plan Review – Municipality of Central Huron

- 10.10 Resolution – Resume Assessment Cycle – Huron Shores
- 10.11 Resolution – Basic Income Guarantee – Town of Smith Falls
- 10.12 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – April 24, 2024
- 10.13 Minutes – Maitland Source Protection Authority – March 20, 2024
- 10.14 Minutes – MVCA Board Meeting – March 20, 2024
- 10.15 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

12.1 CRUIKSHANK MUNICIPAL DRAIN BY-LAW – FINAL READING

At the March 19th meeting of Council, first and second reading were given to the Cruikshank Municipal Drain By-Law. The period for submitting appeals has now passed. Council may proceed to give 3rd reading to the By-law.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 14-2024, being a by-law to adopt the engineer's report and authorize construction for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read a third time, and finally passed this 7th day of May 2024.

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13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Enter closed session.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

- a) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.*

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13.2 Return to open session.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 24-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on May 7th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 7th day of May 2024.

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15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

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

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 21st , 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, 7:30 pm



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 16th day of April 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Patricia Smith	Trustee, Avon Maitland District School Board
Lisa Walsh	Director of Education, Avon Maitland District School Board
Scott Stephenson	The Citizen
Kelsey Bent	Wingham Advance Times

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 89-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of April 16th, 2024, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 **MINUTES**

Motion 90-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 2nd, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 91-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the April 16th accounts in the amount of \$ 162,964.14.

Carried.

6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

At the request of Council, Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee Patricia Smith and Director of Education Lisa Walsh attended to provide an update on the work of the School Board.

In response to a question submitted in advance regarding the efficiency of bus routes, Ms. Walsh explained the role of the school board and the company that operates the busses and the complexity of the planning that contributes to the establishment of bus routes.

Councillor McCallum asked about inconsistencies in bus cancellations. Ms. Walsh described for Council the various information sources and agencies that have a role in making decisions around inclement weather cancellations.

Councillor Zinn asked about the reasons for having to hire additional math instructors. Ms. Walsh informed Council that the need for additional instructors was identified by EQAO test results and are focused on primary level schools where teachers are required to be generalists rather than specialists in any one subject.

Councillor Zinn also raised concerns regarding buses and the number of stops made near each other. Ms. Walsh suggested that in such cases the safety of the student is often the key factor.

6.2 CRUIKSHANK MUNICIPAL DRAIN COURT OF REVISION

The meeting to consider the engineer's report for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024 was held on March 19th, 2024. Notice of the sitting of the Court of Revision was sent on March 21st, 2024. No appeals were received by the deadline of April 6th. No late appeals were received.

On March 19th Council appointed Mayor Heffer, Councillor McCallum and Councillor Snell to sit on the Court of Revision.

6.2.1 Open Court of Revision

Motion 92-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their regular meeting of Council and opens the Court of Revision for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024.

Carried.

Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024 Court of Revision

- 6.2.2 Call to order by the Clerk.
- Mr. Hallam called the Court of Revision to Order and called for nominations for Chair.
- 6.2.3 Appointment of Chair
- Motion 93-2024*
- Moved by Jodi Snell*
Seconded by Jamie McCallum
- THAT Jamie Heffer be appointed as Chairperson for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024 Court of Revision.*
- Carried.*
- 6.2.4 Appeals
- No appeals were received by the deadline of April 6th.
- 6.2.5 Late or Verbal Appeals
- No late appeals were received and there were no appeals from the floor.
- 6.2.6 Adjournment
- Motion 94-2024*
- Moved by Jamie McCallum*
Seconded by Jodi Snell
- THAT, there being no appeals to the assessment schedule as prepared by the engineer, the Court of Revision for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024 be adjourned.*
- Carried.*

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 7.1 PUBLIC WORKS
- 7.1.1 Request Regarding Public Works Issues

A report prepared by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock was provided for the information of Council.

8.0 BUSINESS

- 8.1 REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT – THOMPSON LAMONT DEYELL MUNICIPAL DRAIN

A report prepared by Drainage Superintendent Kirk Livingston in this regard was presented by Mr. Hallam.

Motion 95-2024

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby receives the Notice of Request for Drain Improvement for the Thompson Lamont Deyell Municipal Drain, as described in the request submitted by Tyson Schlegel under Section 78(1) of the Drainage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports proceeding with the drainage works and instructs the Clerk to send the notice required under Section 78(2) of the Drainage Act to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, and parties who requested the improvement under Section 78(1);

AND FURTHER THAT Streamline Engineering Incorporated be appointed to prepare a report for the improvement of the Thompson Lamont Deyell Municipal Drain effective 30 days after the issuance of the notice to the prescribed parties.

Carried.

8.2 REMOVAL OF HOLDING PROVISION

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

Motion 96-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce by-law 22-2024, being a by-law to amend by-law 45-2014, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 16th day of April 2024.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

April 3rd, attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee
April 12th attended the MP, MPP, Local Politicians forum hosted by the Huron County Federation of Agriculture

Jamie McCallum

April 15th attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board.

Sharen Zinn

None.

Jodi Snell

None.

Jamie Heffer

April 11th attended a meeting with MPP Lisa Thompson and local abattoir operators to review the challenges they are facing and what could be done to address those challenges.
April 12th attended the MP, MPP, Local Politicians forum hosted by the Huron County Federation of Agriculture

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

- 10.1 Media Release – Exercise Trillim Venture – Huron County OPP
- 10.2 Correspondence – CT Scanner Campaign – Wingham and District Hospital Foundation
- 10.3 Correspondence – Legislative and Regulatory Changes – Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
- 10.4 Notice of Amendments – Source Water Protection Plan Amendments in Effect – Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Water Protection Region.
- 10.5 Declaration of Surplus And Intent to Dispose of Unopened Allowance – Municipality of Huron East
- 10.6 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor McCallum noted that in previous terms there had been a Council tour of the municipality to see firsthand upcoming projects and infrastructure challenges and requested that one be scheduled during this term. Mayor Heffer noted that he was planning to propose a mid-term tour in the fall.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

None.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 97-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 23-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 16th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 16th day of April 2024.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 98-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:26 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Account List for

May 7 2024

General

Bell Canada	Morris Office	463.99
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	25.07
Telizon	Long Distance Phone	3.40
Enbridge	Morris Office	114.04
Orkin Canada	Pest Control	124.49
Huron Clean	Office Cleaning	391.84
MicroAge Basics	Office Supplies, IT Support & Laptop	4,086.87
CIBC VISA	AMCTO Conference Registration	450.87
	Online Council Meetings	24.28
	Coffee Supplies	585.19
	Water	66.22
	Laptop Battery	63.27
	PO Box Renewal	370.64
		1,560.47
Aird & Berlis LLP	Legal	1,050.90
Public Services Health & Safety Assoc	Health & Safety Training Certification	536.75
Ideal Supply	Bluevale Hall Generator Annual Maintenance	381.88
Bluevale Community Committee	April Hall Rentals	350.00
Belgrave Playground Committee	Playground Project Contribution	1,000.00
Wingham Golf & Curling Club	Vance Foundation	51,285.19
Minister of Finance	Policing - March	40,560.00
Infrastructure Ontario	Belgrave Water Loan Payment	29,721.46
WSIB	WSIB - April	1,295.63
Minister of Finance	EHT - April	854.44

Payroll

April 24 2024	Payroll	23,362.49
	Expenses	185.65
Council Pay	Payroll - April	5,983.71
	Rec General	1,541.06

General Total 164,879.33

Building Department

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	60.27
CIBC VISA	2024 Quarts Registration	128.00
	OBOA Conference Registration	1,636.24
	Chapter Meeting Lunch	36.00
		1,800.24
WSIB	WSIB - April	286.24
Minister of Finance	EHT - April	171.74

Payroll

April 24 2024	Payroll	5,203.28
	Expenses	-

Building Total 7,521.77

Property Standards

Property Standards Total -

Drainage

Hydro One	Hopper Pump	283.84
JA Porter Holdings Ltd	McGavin Municipal Drain	491.55
CT Environmental	McGavin Municipal Drain	2,106.04
MRH Const. Inc.	Lamont Municipal Drain	18,051.75
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority	Thompson Lamont Deyell MD & Arbuckle MD	470.00
GM BluePlan Engineering Ltd.	Cruikshank Municipal Drain	1,416.79
Headway Engineering	Grant Municipal Drain	5,144.03

Drainage Total 27,964.00

Parks & Cemeteries**Parks & Cemeteries Total****-****Belgrave Water**

Rogers	Belgrave Water	90.39
Veolia Water	March Operations	10,260.92
Municipality of Brockton	Waste Water Disposal	1,193.11
Steven Robinson	Snowblowing - February & March	310.75

Water Total**11,855.17****Landfill**

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	8.91
John McKercher Construction Ltd	Morris Landfill	1,130.00
RJ Burnside & Associates	Morris Landfill	5,169.19
Maitland Welding & Machining	Compactor Repair	1,182.98
MGM Townsend Tire	Compactor Repair	294.93
Creekside Rentals	Tractor Repair	378.41
Bluewater Recycling Assoc	Curbside Pickup - May	8,026.89

Landfill Total**16,191.31****Roads**

Bell Canada	Morris Shop	232.00
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	59.05
Enbridge	Morris Shop	228.08
Enbridge	Turnberry Shop	493.90
HuronTel	Turnberry Shop Internet	66.56
Radar Auto Parts	Shop Supplies	397.95
McDonald Home Hardware	Shop Supplies	275.21
Hodgins Building Centre	Shop Supplies	1.57
CIBC VISA	Development Program Registration	1,299.50
	Development Program - Hotel	315.66
	CVOR Renewal	51.00
	Courier	184.38
		1,850.54
Centra Door North Co. Ltd.	Shop Repairs	271.20
Huron County Road Supervisor Assoc	2024 Annual General Meeting	90.00
Joe Kerr Ltd.	Parts for 09-06 Tandem & Repair for 16-05 Tandem	8,977.85
White's Wearparts Ltd.	Grader Blades	792.13
Huron Tractor	Parts for 06-04 Grader	382.14
Maitland Welding & Machining	Parts for 13-03 Grader	205.83
Blackburn Media Inc.	Tower Rental	1,017.00
Property Owners	Return Entrance Deposits	1,000.00
AJN Builders Inc.	Moncrief Road Culvert (M070)	84,590.84
Roberts Farm Equipment	Sidewalk Maintenance	226.00
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry	Municipal Drains	2,700.28
WSIB	WSIB - April	1,468.03
Minister of Finance	EHT - April	880.82

Payroll

April 24 2024	Payroll	27,230.43
	Expenses	-

Roads Total**133,437.41****Account Total****361,848.99****Approved By Council:****May 7 2024**_____
Mayor - Jamie Heffer_____
Treasurer- Sean Brophy

Notice of Sitting of Court of Revision

Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, subs. 46(1) and (2)

To:

Re: MCARTHUR MUNICIPAL DRAIN

(Designation of drainage works)

Take notice that your property is assessed for the construction of the above mentioned drainage works

under section 78 of the *Drainage Act*. Attached is a provisional by-law exclusive of the engineer's report. Details of your assessment are contained in the engineer's report dated 2024/03/08, which has been previously sent to you or is available at

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

on-line

An owner of land assessed for the drainage works may appeal to the Court of Revision on any of the following grounds:

- Any land or road has been assessed an amount that is too high or too low;
- Any land or road that should have been assessed has not been assessed; and/or
- Due consideration has not been given to the use being made of the land.

Pursuant to section 52(1) of the *Drainage Act*, objections or appeals to the assessment must be forwarded in writing, to the attention of the undersigned, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Court of Revision.

The Court of Revision will take place:

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

2024/05/07

Time

7:30 PM

Location

41342 MORRIS RD, BRUSSELS

Name of Clerk (Last Name, First Name)

HALLAM, TREVOR

Name of Municipality

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

Signature of Clerk

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

2024/04/09

Right of Appeal – Any owner of land or public utility affected by the above mentioned drainage works may appeal to the Referee regarding legal issues or the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal regarding technical issues within forty (40) days of the sending of this notice. *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, subs. 47(1) and 48(1).*



**Schedule of Assessment for Construction
McArthur Municipal Drain 2024**

McArthur Municipal Drain	Property Details					Drainage Act Instruments of Assessment					For Information	
	Part Lot	Concession	Landowner	Roll Number	Approx. Ha. Affected	Benefit (Sec. 22)	Outlet Liability (Sec. 23)	Special Benefit (Sec. 24)	Special Assessment (Sec. 26)	Total Assessment	Less Allowances	Net Estimated Expense
	22	9	Hydro One Networks Inc.	10-900-00		\$ 3,494.00	\$ -	\$ 104,275.00	\$ 12,765.00	\$ 16,259.00	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 13,719.00
	22	9	Huether Holdings Ltd.	9-050-00	12.5	\$ 4,306.00	\$ 627.00		\$ 109,208.00	\$ 6,910.00	\$ 102,298.00	
	23	9	David & Brenda Linton	9-051-00	28.8	\$ -	\$ 1,170.00		\$ 1,170.00	\$ -	\$ 1,170.00	
	24	9	Huether Farms Inc.	9-052-00	28.5	\$ -	\$ 1,255.00		\$ 1,255.00	\$ -	\$ 1,255.00	
	24	9	Kenneth Huether & Sarah Devereaux	9-052-05	0.6	\$ -	\$ 62.00		\$ 62.00	\$ -	\$ 62.00	
	25	9	Ronald & Nicole Stevenson	9-053-00	10	\$ -	\$ 514.00		\$ 514.00	\$ -	\$ 514.00	
	23	9	Fred & Heidi McClure	10-016-00	6.1	\$ -	\$ 131.00		\$ 131.00	\$ -	\$ 131.00	
24	10	Matthew & Julie Shortreed	10-017-00	3.6	\$ -	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00	\$ -	\$ 41.00			
Total Assessments on Lands						\$ 7,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 104,275.00	\$ 12,765.00	\$ 128,640.00	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 119,190.00
Walton Road		Municipality of Morris-Turnberry			1.4	\$ -	\$ 360.00		\$ 360.00		\$ 360.00	
Total Assessments on Roads						\$ -	\$ 360.00		\$ -	\$ 360.00		\$ 360.00
Total Assessments												
McArthur Municipal Drain 2024						\$ 7,800.00	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 104,275.00	\$ 12,765.00	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 119,550.00

Notes:

- 1 The Special Benefit Assessment (Sec. 24) is the increased estimated costs of enclosing the existing ditch and replacing it with a tile drainage system, less the Special Assessment under Section 26, and less the equivalent cost of two ditch cleanouts.
- 2 The Special Assessments (Sec. 26) shall be non-proratable assessments. All other assessments are proratable.
- 3 The Net Estimated Expense is the Total Assessment less allowances (if applicable).



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To: The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
From: Jenn Burns, Planner
Date: May 8, 2024
Subject: Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 and Revised Draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)

RECOMMENDATION

That the report, Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 and Revised Draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), dated May 8, 2024 for information.

Background

The Province introduced Bill 185 “Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act” on April 10, 2024. There is no commenting opportunity for Bill 185 but there is an opportunity to provide comments on the revised Provincial Planning Statement until May 12, 2024 (as per Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #019-8462).

This is the tenth significant bill to impact land use planning policy and law since 2021; the changes are proposed to help the Provincial government achieve its goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031.

Comments

This report contains a summary of:

1. Proposed revisions to the Provincial Planning Statement, focusing on those changes most impactful for the County and local municipalities within Huron; and
2. Changes proposed to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act by Bill 185.

Draft Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) 2024

The Province released a draft PPS in Spring 2023 and conducted public consultation in the subsequent months. The County of Huron submitted comments with the main concern being a proposed policy to allow residential non-farm lot creation in Prime Agricultural Areas which has been removed in this updated version. The updated version was released on April 10, 2024.

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

Key Changes by Section, Relevant to Huron County:

Agriculture

- Removed proposed 3 residential non-farm related lot creation policy in Prime Agricultural Areas.
- Directs that two (2) Additional Residential Units are permitted where a residence is a permitted use in Prime Agricultural Areas (Section 4.3.2.5.)
- Amended criteria for surplus dwelling to clarify that detached ARU can't be severed as second surplus;
- Addition of 'battery storage' as an example of a "land-extensive energy facility' under the "On-farm Diversified Use' definition.

Response: Many of the County's concerns have been satisfactorily addressed and we appreciate the approach the Province has taken with consultation, particularly with the farm groups. Huron has already implemented a policy framework for Additional Residential Units in agricultural settings and the policies prohibit the severing of detached Additional Residential Units onto a separate lot through surplus farm dwelling severance criteria.

Mineral Aggregate

- New language for Extraction in Prime Agricultural Area (4.5.4)
 - o Complete rehabilitation to an agricultural condition is not required if: a) the depth of planned extraction makes restoration of pre-extraction agricultural capability unfeasible; and b) agricultural rehabilitation in remaining areas is maximized.

Response: No concern. Addresses commonly heard criticism that aggregate is not an 'interim use' in agricultural settings when extraction is below the water table.

Natural Environment

- Removal of reference to Provincial direction for Natural Hazards (5.2) including hazardous lands adjacent to the shoreline of the Great Lakes – St Lawrence River System, adjacent to river, stream and small inland lake systems which are impacted by flooding hazards and/or erosion hazards; and, hazardous sites.
- Little to no changes identified for Natural Heritage.

Response: No concern.

Water

- Enhanced direction for stormwater management planning (Section 3.6.8)
- New definition 'sensitive surface water features (4.2.2.)'
 - o Addresses 'water withdrawals and addition of pollutants'.

Response: No concern. Huron has strong partnerships with local Conservation Authorities and works cooperatively to achieve shared responsibilities and goals.

Urban

- Amended criteria for Settlement Area Boundary Expansions
 - o Removed criteria for intensification but includes "demonstrated need"

- New criteria including avoiding impacts on the 'agricultural system', need for agricultural impact assessments, and providing for phased progression of urban development.
- Removed all references to 'comprehensive reviews' (Section 2.3.2.)
- Population and employment growth forecasts to be based on Ministry of Finance 25-year projections, with modifications as appropriate (Section 2.1.1)
- Planning horizon shifted from 25 years to "at least 20 years but not more than 30 years" (Section 2.1.3.)
- New Housing Section (Section 2.2)
 - Requires planning authorities to establish and implement minimum targets for housing that is affordable for low and moderate income households, intensification and redevelopment within built-up areas (Section 2.2.1.a and 2.3.4).
 - Permit and facilitate development and redevelopment of underutilized commercial and institutional sites (eg. shopping malls) and mixed use areas.
 - 'Affordable' with respect to housing is now based on municipality as opposed to regional market area.
- Strategic Growth Areas (Section 2.4)
 - New definition and section to promote intensification of defined geographic areas within settlement areas.
- Enhanced direction to protect Employment Areas (i.e. industrial uses) (Section 2.8.2.4)

Response: Huron is well positioned to respond to proposed changes with updated population and housing projections and much of the proposed change was already implemented across the County through the 'Housing Friendly Review' (2021-2023).

General

- Enhanced direction for early Indigenous Consultation (Chapter 1, Vision)
- New definition for 'energy storage systems' including pumped hydro storage, hydrogen storage, fuels storage, compressed air storage and battery storage.
- New direction for planning authorities to provide opportunities for the development of energy supply including 'energy storage systems' (Section 3.8).

Response: Huron supports early and meaningful consultation with Indigenous Nations. The County has one compressed air energy storage facility presently (located in Goderich). In recent months, there have been proposals for battery storage (Huron East) and compressed air energy (Bluewater) within agricultural settings in the County. The County is supportive of energy supply projects while also supportive of the preservation of agricultural lands for agricultural purposes.

Bill 185: Planning Act & Development Charges Act Changes

Change to Appeal Rights

Removal of Third Party Appeals for Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The proposed change is not limited to applications involving housing approvals. Under previous, recent legislative changes, third party appeals were removed for Plans of Subdivision and Condominium, consents and minor variances.

Reinstates the ability to appeal the refusal of an Official Plan Amendment Application that proposes a Settlement Area Boundary Expansion. The appeal prohibition was first introduced in 2006.

Should the proposed change be approved, the land use planning appeals process in Ontario would transition to primarily addressing disputes between applicants and municipalities. Huron supports comprehensive settlement area expansion planning that maximizes the use of land within settlement area boundaries and protects farmland.

Removal of Fee Refunds

Removes a series of fee refunds established by Bill 109 and applied if a municipality did not make a decision within specified time periods.

This is positive as the fee refunds system was not effective in streamlining approvals.

Update to Notice Requirements

Changes are proposed to the regulations that govern how notice is given by a municipality to reflect current practices of most municipalities, including on a website if local papers are not available.

This reflects changing communication practices and is supported.

Development Charges

Five-year phase in of increased development charges introduced in Bill 23 revoked.

The cost of development charge background studies can again be included as a capital costs when calculating the charge.

This change is in line with comments of several local municipalities within Huron.

Pre-Consultation

Pre-application consultation with municipalities will be voluntary and not mandatory.

Huron County will continue to encourage pre-consultation as it is proven to be beneficial to all parties.

“Use it or Lose it”

Developments with approved site plans which do not obtain a building permit within a period of time can have approvals withdrawn. The time period will be set by regulation, with a default of no less than three years if a regulation does not apply.

Draft plans of subdivisions also will have mandatory lapsing provisions, with the time frames to be set by regulation.

Municipalities will be given the authority to enact by-laws under the Municipal Act to track water supply and sewage capacity, and to set criteria for when an approved development can have their allocation withdrawn.

Draft plans of subdivisions that were approved before March 27, 1995 will lapse if not registered within three years of the bill passing.

This is in line with how most local municipalities within Huron currently allocate capacity. There are no unregistered plans of subdivisions within Huron that pre-date 2001.

Additional Residential Units (ARUs)

The minister is proposed to be given a new regulation-making power to remove zoning barriers for small multi-unit residential developments. In addition to restricting parking requirements (Bill 23), the regulation could address matters such as setbacks, lot coverage, angular planes, etc.

Huron has been proactive at permitting ARUs in different settings (town, village, agricultural).

Facilitating Standardized Housing Designs

Create regulation-making authority that would enable:

- The establishment of criteria to facilitate planning approvals for standardized housing.
- The proposed changes would only apply on certain specified lands, of a minimum lot size, such as urban residential lands with full municipal servicing outside of the Greenbelt Area.
- The identification of elements of the Planning Act and/or City of Toronto Act, 2006 that could be overridden and/or certain planning barriers that could be removed if the criteria are met.

Huron is supportive of options which streamline housing approvals.

Expedited Approval Process for Community Service Facility Projects

Create regulation-making authority to enable a streamlined approvals pathway for prescribed class(es) of “community service facility” projects (public schools K-12, hospitals and long-term care facilities) that support the creation of complete communities.

Huron is supportive of options which streamline housing approvals.

Changes which are not expected to have implications for Huron:

Parking Standards

Parking minimums are prohibited in major transit station areas and areas where minimum densities are required by official plans or provincial policies.

Minister Zoning Orders/Community Infrastructure Housing Accelerators

New framework in place for requesting an MZO including criteria that will consider provincial priorities. The Community Infrastructure Housing Accelerator process introduced by Bill 23 is proposed to be repealed.

Upper-Tier Planning Responsibilities

Provide flexibility for bringing the changes to remove planning responsibilities from specified upper-tier municipalities into force separately.

Identify July 1, 2024 as the effective date of the upper-tier planning changes for Peel Region, Halton Region and York Region.

The upper-tier planning changes for the remaining four municipalities (i.e., Waterloo, Durham and Niagara Regions, and Simcoe County) would come into force at a later date(s), upon proclamation. The government intends to move forward with bringing the changes into effect for the remaining upper-tier municipalities by the end of 2024.

Exempt Universities from the Planning Act

Exempt publicly-assisted universities from the Planning Act and planning provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 for university-led student housing projects on- and off-campus.

NEXT STEPS

Further information will be provided when Bill 185 receives third reading and is ultimately passed including direction on transition. The Planning and Development Department will continue to monitor for additional regulations relating to Bill 185 and advise accordingly.



Jenn Burns, Planner

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HURON

Planning and Development Department

To: Mayor/Reeve and Members of Council, All Municipalities in Huron County
From: Planning Fees Working Group (Report prepared by Sandra Weber, Director and Denise Van Amersfoort, Planning Manager)
Date: April 18, 2024
Subject: **Planning Application Fees Review**

The following report outlines the process used to review the current Planning Application Fees and provides recommendations from the Planning Fees Review Working Group for consideration by local municipalities. Once all municipalities have had the opportunity to review and provide comments and a final report is taken to County Council, the finalized Fee Schedule will be provided to municipalities to be adopted by by-law to come into effect on July 1st, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Planning application fees have historically been reviewed every 5 years. The fees were last reviewed in 2021 and a coordinated fee schedule was passed which set the standardized fees across the County for 2022 to 2026. At that time, all Councils across the County approved the fees with a 2% increase each year over this 5-year period with the increase occurring on January 1st each year. Since planning is a shared service, there is a cost sharing that is built into the fee schedule and the fees are reconciled twice a year with the local municipalities. There is an average of 250 planning applications processed per year (average over past 5 years).

Section 69 of the Planning Act allows municipalities to establish a tariff of fees to cover the anticipated costs of processing planning applications. The review is based on the guiding principles that planning fees should continue to be user-pay and cover costs incurred by the local municipality and the County for staff time and disbursements, while keeping within a reasonable range in comparison to neighbouring Counties. The review looked at current staff time and is not a review of future staffing needs. Costs are not charged for overhead (office space, computer hardware, training, etc.). Additional costs are reimbursed by the applicant for the municipality's peer review of consultants' reports (e.g., engineering studies, environmental impact studies, traffic impact studies, etc.).

Although the fees were approved by the County and local municipalities until the end of 2026, several changes occurred since that time that warranted a need for a further review to determine if the costs of the County and the local municipalities are being covered. These changes include legislative amendments to the Planning Act that have added work to the process, increased costs of staff time and disbursements being greater than the estimated 2% increase to fees, complexity of applications, and the implementation costs of Cloudpermit to modernize and streamline the application process.

In December 2023, County Council approved a Terms of Reference which set out the process for reviewing the fees that included forming a Planning Fees Working Group in consultation with the Huron County Clerks and Treasurers Association. The Working Group includes Jessica Rudy (Huron East), Trevor Hallam (Morris-Turnberry), Olivia Kempel (North Huron), Florence Witherspoon (ACW), Mike Rolph (South Huron), Rachel Anstett (Central Huron), Lindsay Whalen (Bluewater), and Planning and Development staff including Sandra Weber, Denise Van Amersfoort, and Lisa Finch, Land Division Administrator.

COMMENTS

The Working Group reviewed fees from comparator municipalities across the Province, reviewed the current fee for each type of planning application to determine recommended changes to cover staff time and disbursements, and discussed the need for additional fees for services that are not currently included in the Fee Schedule.

The justification for the proposed fee increases and new fees is as follows:

- To help cover the cost of the County-wide planning application processing and tracking system that is being implemented in collaboration with the County and all 9 local municipalities to modernize and streamline the application process.
- A review of comparator municipalities indicated that the current fees are low. The fee schedules were reviewed for Perth, Lambton, Bruce, Grey, Wellington, Norfolk (recently reviewed), and the Cities of Stratford, Sarnia, and London. Depending on the application type, the current fees are approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000 lower than the average fee, and in municipalities where full cost recovery is being charged, the fees are in the range of \$10,000 lower (Wellington, Norfolk). For example, in Norfolk County where the fees were recently reviewed, the fee for a Zoning By-law Amendment -Regular is \$12,178 and Major is \$18,904 and an Official Plan Amendment Regular is \$12,605 and Major is \$18,994. The recommended changes will bring the fees more in line with the average range being charged in neighbouring municipalities.
- Over the past 2.5 years, the County and local municipalities undertook substantial work to permit more as-of-right housing development through the implementation of changes to planning documents; as a result, the less complex applications are no longer needed. Staff are finding that where applications are required, they are more complex in nature and the amount of time being spent by staff (Planners, Planning Co-ordinators, Land Division Administrator, Building Officials, Drainage Superintendents, Public Works staff, etc.) and Councils has increased. This additional time is reflected in the recommended fees.
- The 2% annual increase has not kept up with the Consumer Price Index for staff time and disbursements and has resulted in true costs not being recovered.
- Legislative amendments to the Planning Act have resulted in additional work for processing applications such as finalizing deeds for both the severed and retained parcels and the issuance of cancellation certificates. New fees have been added to cover the cost of this additional staff time.
- With the substantial increase in value of properties as a result of planning applications such as amendments or the creation of new lots, it is the opinion of the Working Group that the proposed fee increases will not deter applicants from proceeding with developments.
- This is a balance between cost recovery and having the cost of planning approvals being subsidized by the levy.

Based on the above review and justification, the following is a summary of the key changes recommended by the Working Group to the 2024 Planning Fees Schedule (full Draft Fee Schedule with proposed changes highlighted in red is attached for review):

- Rather than the current 2% annual increase, it is recommended that on January 1st each year (starting January 1st, 2025), the fees will be increased on a percentage basis rounded up or down to the nearest ten-dollar increment consistent with the Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index for Ontario for the previous calendar year (October to October), if the Index shows an increase.

- Plans of Subdivision/Condominium – proposed increase in base fee from \$9364 to \$10,000 for 1-10 lots/blocks/units and an increase from \$176 to \$200 for each additional lot/block/unit over 10. Draft Plan approval extensions are proposed to increase from \$2081 to \$2500 for the first extension and to \$5000 for any subsequent extension. The higher fee is due to the fact that 6 years would have passed and there is a substantial amount of work for County and local staff to go back through the file to review conditions and follow up with applicant and agencies. An increase is also proposed for phasing and final approval, and changes to draft plan conditions.
- Official Plan Amendments – Proposed increase in fee from \$4100 to \$6000 for reasons outlined in justification above. A new fee has been added for Official Plan Amendments for new or expanding aggregate operations of \$12,000. This reflects the complexity of these files and the additional coordination required with multiple technical studies. Both Bruce and Wellington Counties use a similar approach where there is a separate fee specific to planning applications for aggregate operations.
- Consents (Severances) are split into 2 categories:
 1. Technical Consents- such as Easements, Right of Ways, Correction of Title, Well Block, Validation Certificate, minor lot enlargement, re-creation of original farm lots are proposed to increase from \$2341 to \$3000.
 2. Consents for New Lot Creation – such as Surplus and the creation of a new lots would be increased from \$3381 to \$4500. This reflects the increase in the amount of time spent by staff responding to concerns of neighbours, reviewing studies, drafting conditions, etc. The Fee Schedule is also proposed to be clarified that an application includes once severed and one retained parcel. There is proposed to be an additional fee of \$2500 for each additional lot created over and above one severed and retained. Previously, one fee has been charged which allowed a severed and multiple retained lots to be created. This is not the practice in many other Counties across the Province who charge an additional fee for each new lot created.
- A new fee of \$500 is proposed for the issuance of Retained Land Certificates and Cancellation Certificates which the County is required to issue as a result of amendments to the Planning Act.
- Similar to a Technical Consent, Part Lot Control applications are proposed to increase from \$2341 to \$3000 with an additional fee of \$200 per additional conveyable Part over 2.
- Zoning By-law Amendments are proposed to increase from \$2108 to \$4000. As discussed above, the less complex amendments have been eliminated through the updates to planning documents and the applications being submitted are more complex and take additional staff time. For Zoning By-law Amendments for expanding or new aggregate operations that do not have a corresponding Official Plan Amendment, a fee of \$10,000 is proposed. This reflects the complexity of these files and the additional coordination required with multiple technical studies.
- Minor Variances are proposed on a sliding scale with one variance at \$2500, two variances at \$3250 and three or more variances proposed at \$4000. The higher fee is set at the same rate as a Zoning By-law Amendment.
- A reduced rate for combined fees for Official Plan Amendments and Zoning By-law Amendments has been removed. As 2 different documents are being amended, there is not a significant reduction in staff time required to process both applications to warrant a reduced fee.
- Part Lot Control By-law - remove discount if following a related planning application. New fee proposed to be \$2250 plus \$170/additional conveyable Part over 2;

- Natural Environment review by County Biologist is proposed to increase from \$228 to \$500 to cover staff time. An hourly rate is charged to review Terms of Reference and Environmental Impact Studies.
- Site Plan Applications – currently the local municipalities are charging a fee or billing for time and the County is tracking and billing for Planner review time (over 2 hours). It is proposed that a base fee of \$750 be set for County staff time which would include up to 4 hours of review. Any review time above that would be billed by the hour.

NEXT STEPS

Once all municipalities have had the opportunity to review and provide comments and a final report is taken to County Council, the finalized Fee Schedule will be provided to municipalities to be adopted by by-law to come into effect on July 1st, 2024.

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Sandra Weber, Director

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Denise Van Amersfoort, Planning Manager

DRAFT 2024 FEES (Note: Changes Highlighted in Red)	Municipal	County	TOTAL
Official Plan Amendment (OPA), Local OPA, County OPA	1189 (\$1800)	2911 (\$4200)	4100 (\$6000)
Official Plan Amendment (OPA), Local OPA, County OPA-New or expanding aggregate operation	\$3,600	\$8,400	\$12,000
Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBLA)	696 (\$1320)	1412 (\$2680)	2108 (\$4000)
Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBLA) -New or expanding aggregate operation if no OPA is required	\$3,300	\$6,700	\$10,000
Minor Variance (1 variance or more)	705 (\$1075)	934 (\$1425)	1639 (\$2500)
Minor Variance (2 variances)	\$1,400	\$1,850	\$3,250
Minor Variance (3-3 or more variances)	924 (\$1720)	1176 (\$2280)	2100 (\$4000)
Consent-Technical (e.g. lot additions, easements, ROW's, Validation Certificates, re-creation of original lots, etc.)	585 (\$750)	1756 (\$2250)	2341 (\$3000)
Consent-New Lot Creation (e.g. new lots, surplus farm severances)- Base fee includes one severed and one retained - add \$2500 for each additional lot created	845 (\$1125)	2536 (\$3375)	3381 (\$4500)
Retained Land Certificate		\$500	\$500
Cancellation Certificate		\$500	\$500
Change of Consent Conditions or Draft Deed		\$500	\$500
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium	2341 (\$2500)	7023 (\$7500)	9364 (\$10000)
Lots/Blocks/Units over 10	add \$60 (\$68) per lot/unit/ block	add \$116 (\$132) per lot/unit/ block	add \$176 (\$200) per lot/unit/ block
Draft approval extension - first extension	520 (\$625)	1561 (\$1875)	2081 (\$2500)
Any subsequent extension	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$5,000
Phasing, Final Approval*	293 (\$750)	878 (\$2250)	\$1171 (\$3000) per final approval/phase*
Changes to a Draft Approval Plan or Conditions*	146 (\$500)	438 (\$1500)	\$584* (\$2000)
*Note: Where Final Approval, Phasing or Changes to draft plan conditions result in the creation of additional lots/blocks/units, an additional fee of \$176 (\$200)/lot/block/unit shall apply.			
Combined Local OPA & ZBL	\$1,443.00	\$3,711.00	\$6,154.00
Combined County & Local OPA	\$1,369.00	\$6,436.00	\$6,795.00
Combined County OPA, Local OPA & ZBL	\$1,819.00	\$6,089.00	\$7,908.00
Removal of Holding (H) Symbol	286 (\$500)	286 (\$500)	583 (\$1000)
If combined with a planning application and when H is imposed by the Municipality	\$0	\$0	\$0
Renewal of Temporary Use Zoning By-law	522 (\$990)	1059 (\$2010)	1581 (\$3000)
By-law to Deem lots not in a Plan of Subdivision, or the repeal of such B	234 (\$500)	233 (\$500)	467 (\$1000)
Where combined with any other planning application	\$116.00	\$117.00	\$233.00
Part Lot Control *	1171 (\$1500)	1170 (\$1500)	2341 (\$3000)
	add \$60 (\$100) per additional conveyable Part over 2	add \$116 (\$100) per additional conveyable Part over 2	plus \$176 (\$200) per additional conveyable Part over 2
*in both cases, For Deeming and Part Lot Control, applicants cover all legal costs & by-law prep			
Application Re-circulation fee (resulting from a change/meeting cancellation requested by the applicant)	Fee to be paid to Municipality responsible for re-circulation.	Fee to be paid to Municipality responsible for re-circulation.	312 (\$500)
Site Plan Control	Fee to be set by local Municipality	750 base fee (additional cost recovery for more than 4 hours of review)	Variable
Agreements: subdivision, condominium, development, lot grading & drainage (Costs to be reimbursed for legal and engineering).	Cost recovery	Cost recovery	Variable-Cost recovery
Natural Heritage Review by County Biologist (if development is proposed within 120m of a Natural Heritage feature): comments on planning application Review terms of reference and EIS		\$228 (\$500) comments on planning application (\$46.50 (\$60)/hour) billed hourly for review of Terms of Reference and EIS	228 (\$500)for comments on planning application/variable - billed hourly for review of Terms of Reference and EIS

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works

DATE: May 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Tender MT 24-601 – Shoulder Spreader Attachment for CAT® Backhoe

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accept the tender of CUBEX Ltd. for a Shoulder Spreader Attachment to be fit the CAT® Backhoe, in the amount of \$102,876.76 (excluding HST) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

BACKGROUND:

The approved 2024 Public Works budget includes \$115,000 for the acquisition of the proposed shoulder spreader.

The tender closed at 12:00 noon on May 1st, 2024 at the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry office. Three equipment suppliers picked up tenders and two submitted tenders for the shoulder spreader.

Both tenders submissions meet all of the required specification for this tender.

COMMENTS:

The primary purpose of gravel shoulders on a road is to provide lateral support for the hard surface. Poorly maintained shoulders can lead to edge cracking and eventually loss of the edges of the road breaking off. Poorly maintained shoulders are also a safety issue. The Minimum Maintenance Standards define shoulder drop offs as a safety concern that needs to be repaired within a certain timeframe depending on road classification.

Gravel Shoulders typically require rehabilitation with new gravel every 10 years to maintain supportive safe shoulders. Gravel shoulders should also be relayed as soon as possible after paving to prevent damage to new asphalt.

It is estimated that with this piece of equipment maintaining shoulders on existing and newly paved hard surface roads will take approximately 30 hours per year. A business plan was created using data from the past several years to show that this shoulder spreader will provide

savings in the amount of the shoulder spreader in 6 – 7 years. Municipal staff estimate the shoulder spreader will last approximately 20 years.

The following table summarizes the tender prices received May 1st, 2024 for a 2024 – Shoulder Spreader:

Supplier	Manufacturer	Chipper Price	Applicable HST (1.76%)	Actual Cost including 1.76% HST
CUBEX Ltd.	Road Widener	\$102,876.76	\$1,810.63	\$104,687.39
Marathon Equipment	Road Widener	\$104,940.00	\$1,846.94	\$106,786.94

Price Excluding HST

CUBEX and Road Widener are well known in the road construction industry and have provided satisfactory service to the Municipalities that provided references for this tender.

BUDGET:

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry included \$115,000 in the approved 2024 Public Works Budget for the acquisition of a shoulder spreader. The budget impact will be \$104,687.39 (including 1.76% HST).

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Alcock,
Director of Public Works

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works
DATE: May 8, 2024
SUBJECT: Winter Grader

RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry authorize:

Option 1: Continue to rent the grader for winter maintenance at a cost of \$49,700 which is an increase of \$27,300 per year.

Option 2: Purchase the 2003 used grader with one-way plow and wing for \$55,000 plus HST and perform any necessary repairs, shipping etc.

Option 3 (preferred): Purchase the grader that we are currently renting for \$97,590 or less including HST. It is in the yard, no shipping costs etc.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry has been renting a grader for winter maintenance since the Winter of 2020-21 from Jade equipment. Prior to that the Municipality tendered out a grader route to Ryan Construction. Ryan Construction was not interested in winter maintenance and the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry adjusted operations to rent a grader and staff it with a seasonal equipment operator.

Jade equipment was sold to another company Elvaan Equipment Solutions. We were informed that Elvaan was getting out of the grader rental business. After discussions with Elvaan, they agreed to rent us the same grader next year with some conditions:

Option 1 – Continue as we were with the Price Increase:

- Rent increase from \$5,600/mo for 4 months to \$8,500/mo with a 5 month minimum.
- We would need to purchase the one-way plow \$4,200
- Floating would no longer be included – estimated cost of \$3,000 annually.
- Total cost for next season \$49,700 plus applicable taxes. Increase of \$27,300
- No guarantee on a rental the following year so Tendering to replace the 2006 grader would also be recommended in 2025.

Upon learning this news, the Public Works Department began looking into other options. The option to acquire and take delivery of a new grader is not available due to time constraints for this coming winter. Finding a contractor with a grader that is willing to do winter maintenance is also unlikely with no contractors in the area currently in that business.

The plan in the Public Works Department was to replace the 2006 Volvo grader in 2026 and keep the 2006 grader to replace the rental grader with the hope that it would last until 2029 when the next grader is scheduled for replacement and so on.

In light of the sharp increase in the rental costs we have been exploring other options.

We have found an older model Volvo G740B that is currently listed for sale. The grader came from Waterloo Region and was in working condition when it left. Waterloo Region sold it at auction, and it is now for sale in another location for \$55,000 (plus HST) complete with one-way plow and wing for winter maintenance.

Option 2:

- Purchase used (approximately 2003) Volvo grader for \$55,000
- Tender to replace our existing 2006 Volvo in time for start of winter in 2025
- Keep existing 2006 grader and used (2003) Volvo grader until 2029 (one as a spare)
- 2 – 4 tires would need to be replaced with new tires or good used ones.
- In 2029, Dispose of the oldest 2 graders and Keep our existing 2009 John Deere grader as the winter machine until our next grader is scheduled for replacement in 2033.

Option 3 (Preferred):

- Purchased the Volvo G940 grader that we have been renting \$95,900
- Including all equipment ready to go.
- It is tested by us over the past two and a half winters.
- Stick with existing plan to replace 2006 grader in 2026 and make a decision on which grader we keep as our winter grader.
- \$10,000 of value in tires higher than option 2.
- 7 model years newer which equates to many improvements over 2006 – 2008 models.

COMMENTS:

All options come with a certain amount of risk. Grader repairs are expensive and there is no guarantee that purchasing a grader will not result in expensive repairs. Similarly, there is also no guarantee that any of our existing graders may require expensive repairs. There is also no guarantee that the company that we are renting the grader from will make any significant repairs to that grader if it has a serious breakdown.

The plan to keep the 2003 and 2006 grader is for insurance in case one of them has a catastrophic failure. Some of the parts from these graders will be interchangeable if repairs are recommended. We don't feel this would be required with Option 3.

Morris-Turnberry staff have viewed the used grader but have not tested it. Testing would occur if Council's preferred option is to Purchase the 2003 used grader. Initial reports from the previous owner (Region of Waterloo) indicate that it was in working condition when taken out of service last year.

Morris-Turnberry staff have used and operated the grader in Option 3 for the past two and a half years. The grader has served us well with no major repairs needed during that time and no repairs needed at this time, just regular maintenance.

Finding solutions to being short one grader with our timeline before winter is challenging. Very few solutions exist, and we currently do not see any other viable options available.

BUDGET:

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry has sufficient unbudgeted funds in Public Works reserves for all options.

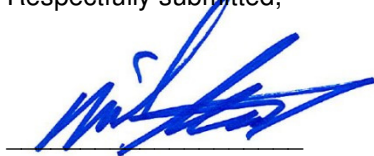
OTHERS CONSULTED:

Barry Shaw – Public Works Forman

Sean Brophy – Treasurer

Region of Waterloo Fleet

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Alcock,
Director of Public Works

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Kim Johnston, Deputy Clerk

DATE: May 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Implementation of Document Commissioning Policy

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council hereby receives the report regarding the implementation of a Document Commissioning Policy, for information purposes;

AND That the Council directs staff to prepare a bylaw to adopt the Document Commissioning policy for consideration at the next Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

A Commissioner of Oaths is a person authorized by the Province of Ontario to administer oaths and take affidavits or declarations required by legislation or regulation. The *Commissioners of Taking Affidavits Act* authorizes Clerks, Treasurers, and their Deputies, by virtue of their office, to act as Commissioners in the geographic area in which their municipality is situated.

The authority of Commissioners of Oaths is limited, and Commissioners are not authorized to swear affidavits for private businesses or personal affairs. The Commissioner of Oaths is not responsible for the content of the affidavit, does not assist with the completion of the affidavit, or provide legal advice. The Commissioner of Oaths cannot commission any documents that require a Notary Public.

COMMENTS

A draft Document Commissioning Policy is attached. The draft policy outlines information for the public on Commissioner of Oaths services provided by the Municipality, standardizes the process/procedure and types of documents that can and cannot be commissioned by Municipal staff, and explains the Municipality's role regarding commissioning services. The provisions in the draft policy are standard among most Ontario municipalities.

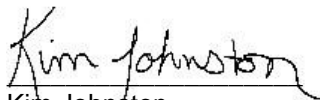
ATTACHMENTS

1. Document Commissioning Policy

OTHERS CONSULTED

Trevor Hallam, CAO/ Clerk

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Johnston,
Deputy Clerk

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Commissioning of Documents Policy	
Approved By: Council	Date:
Last Review Date:	Effective Date:

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline information for the public with respect to Commissioner of Oath services provided by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry; as well as standardize the process/procedure and types of documents that can and cannot be commissioned by the Municipal staff for the public.

1. Background

- 1.2 Clerks, Deputy Clerks, Treasurers and Deputy Treasurers, by virtue of office, are authorized by the Minister of Justice through the [Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act](#) to act as Commissioners of Oaths, within the limits of their Municipality.
- 1.3 A Commissioner of Oaths is a person authorized by the Province of Ontario to administer Oaths and take affidavits or declarations required by legislation or regulation.
- 1.4 Commissioner of Oaths services are provided by authorized staff between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM, Monday to Friday, at the Morris-Turnberry Municipal office. An appointment is recommended to ensure the availability of the staff authorized to perform these services.

2. Commissioner of Oath Services

- 2.1 A Commissioner of Oaths is empowered under provincial legislation to administer and witness the swearing of oaths or solemn affirmations in the taking of an affidavit for any potential legal matter. Commissioner of Oaths can also witness any declaration as required under a statute.
- 2.2 The person swearing an oath, making an affirmation or making a declaration is called a deponent or declarant.

2.3 The deponent must appear before the Commissioner of Oaths. Proper identification such as a valid driver's license, current passport or any other government issued photo identification that includes the deponent's signature must be presented as well as the completed affidavit with the exception of the signature. The signing of the affidavit must be completed in the presence of the Commissioner of Oaths. The Commissioner shall not commission the document if it is not signed in their presence.

2.4 A Commissioner of Oaths only certifies by affixing a stamp or seal that the required oath or affirmation or declaration has been properly administered. Under the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act, Commissioners of Oaths do not certify the truth of the statement contained in a document; that responsibility remains with the deponent.

2.5 The Commissioner of Oaths is not responsible for the content of the affidavit. It is the responsibility of the deponent. The deponent must understand not only the details to which they will attest, but also the fact that they are swearing an oath that the details are correct.

2.6 The public shall be advised as follows:

2.6.1 The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Commissioner of Oaths will commission documents relating to the following:

- a) Planning Applications
- b) Domestic and Foreign Pension documents (Proof of Life)
- c) Statutory Declaration of Apprenticeship hours
- d) Canadian Citizenship forms
- e) Delayed statement of Live birth
- f) Name Change documents
- g) Statutory Declaration of Lost Identification (must include police report number)
- h) Sworn statement for the transfer of a used motor vehicle in the Province of Ontario
- i) Statutory declaration for OSAP – Statement of Common Law Status/supporting children
- j) Affidavit for unregistered vehicle
- k) Immunization Health form
- l) Statutory declaration of Common-law union (single signature) – Service Canada form
- m) Application for Change of Sex Designation on a Birth Registration.

2.6.2 The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Commissioner of Oaths will NOT sign documents relating to the following:

- a) Wills, “Living Wills”, Codicils to Wills or Estate Settlement documents
- b) Power of Attorney
- c) Divorce or Separation documents
- d) Custody documents
- e) Documents related to debt
- f) Real estate related documents, statements, transfer of land
- g) Court, Legal or Civil issue related documents
- h) Age of Majority or BYID Card application
- i) Documents that need to be notarized
- j) Letters of Invitation to obtain a visa to visit Canada
- k) Travel Affidavit – consent letter for children
- l) Proof of Loss for Insurance documents
- m) Any document that is to be executed by an individual acting in their capacity as a Power of Attorney
- n) Documents that are in any language other than English

2.7 Documents not specified within section 2.6.1 of this policy will be commissioned at the discretion of the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall ensure that doing so is not in conflict with any of the provisions of this policy or applicable legislation.

2.8 Notwithstanding Section 2.6.1 of this policy, it is at the discretion of the individual Commissioner of Oaths whether or not they choose to sign the document. If a Commissioner of Oaths is uneasy about the identify of the deponent or the content of the document for any reason, they may refuse to sign the document and the deponent will be referred to a lawyer.

2.9 The Commissioner of Oaths will not prepare or edit affidavits, nor provide legal advice. The Commissioner of Oaths will not counsel or assist a person with completing the affidavit document. Any assistance required should be directed to the agency or party that has requested the form. The Municipality does not supply blank affidavit forms.

2.10 If the affidavit refers to an Exhibit, then the Exhibit must be attached at the time the deponent(s) swears the affidavit. The Commissioner is required to verify that the Exhibit(s) attached to the affidavit are in fact those to which the deponent has referred

to in the body of the affidavit and mark and sign accordingly.

2.11 The Municipality does not provide interpreters for their signing of affidavits. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain and provide an interpreter, if required.

2.12 For documents that the Commissioner of Oaths is unable to sign, the public will be referred to Commissioner of Oaths within the community, A Court Office, Justice of the Peace or a local legal firm for further assistance.

3. Notary Public

3.1 A Commissioner of Oaths cannot notarize documents. Documents that specify a signature required by a Notary Public will be referred to local legal firms, Justice of the Peace, or similar vocations eligible to notarize documents.

4. Certify True Copies

4.1 Municipal Clerks are authorized by the *Municipal Act, 2001 (within Subsections 253(1) & (2) and Section 447.6)* to certify copies of municipal records as “true copies” of the original documents.

4.2 Commissioner of Oaths, including Clerks, have no authority to “certify” any other documents as “true copies” of the originals.

5. Compliance

5.1 All Commissioner of Oaths for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry are required to comply with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Document Commissioning policy as well as the [Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act](#).

CHANGES TRACKING	
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Secures Major Funding from Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

(TORONTO, ON, APRIL 22, 2024) – The Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) is pleased to announce a significant investment from the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) to address the imminent labour shortage facing municipal public works departments across the province. This funding, provided through MLITSD’s Skills Development Fund, will enable the development and implementation of a specialized Municipal Equipment Operator course designed to equip future municipal employees with the essential skills needed to maintain and improve our communities’ infrastructure.

As Ontario municipalities’ grapple with the challenges posed by an aging workforce and increasing demands for infrastructure maintenance, the need for skilled municipal workers has never been more pressing. The Municipal Equipment Operator course, developed in collaboration with industry experts and educators, will provide comprehensive training in heavy equipment operation, basic road maintenance techniques, legislative compliance, and more.

One of the primary barriers for individuals seeking employment in municipal public works roles is the requirement for a DZ license. Recognizing this challenge, successful graduates of the Municipal Equipment Operator course will not only receive training in heavy equipment operation, but will also undergo testing for their DZ license, removing a significant barrier to entry into the field.

“As Ontario’s growing population increases the need for new road infrastructure, as well as the pressures on road maintenance, municipal public works departments are facing growing demands for more workers,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, and Skills Development. “To complement our government’s historic investments in new road infrastructure, we are proud to invest over \$1.3 million through our Skills Development Fund to create the talent highway we need to maintain and improve our road infrastructure.”

“This investment from the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, and Skills Development is a crucial step towards ensuring that Ontario’s municipalities have access to the skilled workforce needed to maintain the essential infrastructure that supports our communities,” said John Maheu, Executive Director of AORS. “By working with Fanshawe College Corporate Training Solutions to provide specialized training and support for individuals pursuing careers in municipal public works, we are investing in the long-term health and safety of our communities.”

Mike Alcock, Immediate Past President of AORS and Director of Public Works for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, emphasized the dedication of AORS’ staff in advocating for solutions to address the looming labour shortage in municipal public works departments. “Over the past year, AORS has worked tirelessly to bring attention to the critical need for skilled municipal workers,” said Alcock. “This funding



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represents a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to ensure that municipalities have the resources and support they need to maintain essential infrastructure to keep our communities safe.”

Looking towards the future, AORS President and City of Belleville’s Director of Transportation & Operations Joe Reid, expressed optimism about the organization’s role in shaping the landscape of municipal public works. “This investment marks a turning point for AORS and underscores our commitment to providing innovative solutions to the challenges facing our industry,” said Reid. “With this funding, we have the unique opportunity to expand our offerings and support the next generation of municipal public works superheroes as they embark on fulfilling careers in public service.”

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About AORS:

The Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the skills and knowledge of municipal public works professionals across Ontario. Through training, advocacy, and networking opportunities, AORS strives to ensure that Ontario’s municipalities have access to resources and support needed to maintain safe and sustainable infrastructure. Visit www.aors.on.ca for more information.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AMDSB Releases Environmental Action Plan

The Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) has released a three-year Environmental Action Plan which outlines the board's commitment to developing and fostering an ethic of care for the environment in all staff and students. It defines the board's efforts to connect with the land, take action to preserve and protect the land, and to become community leaders in environmental practices.

The plan was developed throughout the 2022/2023 school year by a committee composed of educators, employees from all AMDSB departments, a Trustee representative, and community partners of AMDSB. It articulates three *Calls to Action*:

1. Teach and learn on and about the land so students and educators develop relationships with the more-than-human world that inspire its preservation and protection.
2. Provide opportunities for students to become knowledgeable and active environmental leaders in their communities.
3. The Avon Maitland District School Board will serve as a model of environmental care and responsibility.

AMDSB is leading the way in this area as one of only a few school boards across the country committing to an action plan of this scope.

April Smith, Superintendent of Education shares: "We believe that implementation of this action plan is a shared responsibility among system and school leaders, staff, students, and the community. In all decision-making, connecting to the land and our impact on the more-than-human world need to be considered."

"The Environmental Action Plan is a framework for AMDSB staff and students as they consider their impact on the land in their day-to-day activities and operations, and long-term programming and planning." Smith continued.

The Plan is grounded in a desire to uphold the [Truth and Reconciliation's 94 Calls to Action](#) and the [United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples](#). It recognizes and respects the relationship Indigenous peoples have always had with the land. It acknowledges that the lands our district occupies are homelands of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples, and it affirms our ongoing commitment to care for these lands.

The Environmental Action Plan can be viewed on the board's website at amdsb.ca/environmentalactionplan.

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For more information, please contact:

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Monday, April 15, 2024

Sent via email
MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca

Hon. Vic Fedeli
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
College Park 18th Flr,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Honourable Minister Fedeli,

Re: Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding

As you are aware, Small Business Enterprise Centres play an invaluable role in supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across Ontario. For over 25 years, these centres have been instrumental in providing essential resources, tools, and guidance to individuals embarking on their entrepreneurial journeys.

There are 12 SBEC's located within the WOWC Counties, they are Collingwood, Orangeville, Niagara Falls, Stratford, Woodstock, Huron County, Sarnia-Lambton, St Thomas, Essex, Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Bruce County.

These centres serve as crucial hubs for budding entrepreneurs and existing small businesses alike. From assisting with business plans to aiding in recovery during challenging times, SBECs are pivotal in fostering economic growth and resilience within our communities. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, making up 98% of all employer businesses in Ontario and Western Ontario is no different.

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on Friday, April 5, 2024 the Caucus supported Small Business Enterprise Centres with the following resolution:

Moved by H. MacDonald, seconded by D. Bailey:

Whereas for more than 25 years, the 47 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEC's) across Ontario have supported entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing the essential fundamentals, tools, and contacts they need to start and grow their businesses; and

Whereas 12 SBEC locations offer services in WOWC member municipalities; and Whereas the Small Business Enterprise Centres, or SBEC's, are often the first stop on an entrepreneur's journey; and

Whereas In addition to working with entrepreneurs at the start of their journey, SBEC's are called upon to support existing businesses, typically with 10 or less employees; and

Whereas this support comes in the form of supporting them with growth plans, succession planning, and with recovery during difficult times; and

Whereas, operating funding has stagnated, impacting the ability to maintain services, diminishing the time spent with clients, time spent in the community, and involvement in local events and programming; and

Whereas the short-term duration of the Transfer Payment Agreements, makes budgeting and long-term planning difficult; and

Whereas SBEC's Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, expires on March 31, 2024

Therefore be it resolved that Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus requests that the Province continue to fund SBECs and increase annual amounts in line with inflation and population growth.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business
- Stephen Rhodes, Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- Anne Bermonte, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation and Economic Partnerships
- Division, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Western Ontario MPPs
- Municipalities in Western Ontario.

- **CARRIED**

We were encouraged to see in the budget that Ontario is investing an additional \$6.8 million over the next two years to enhance the Starter Company Plus program, allowing more eligible entrepreneurs to receive a Starter Company Plus Grant of \$5,000, that will provide grants to an additional 500 entrepreneurs over two years. As well as supporting the Summer Company Program, providing student between the ages of students between the ages of 15 and 29 with at least 12 hours of business training, one-on-one mentoring and grants up to \$3,000.

The budget failed to address operating funding for the SBEC's that has stagnated over the years, leading to challenges in maintaining services and adequately supporting clients. Core funding from the province has remained unchanged since 2014 and municipalities have increased their contributions by 68% over that period. Additionally, the short-term nature of Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade further complicates long-term planning and sustainability for these centres.

We look forward to collaborating with you on ensuring the prosperity of our small business community.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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Anne Bermonte, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation and Economic Partnership, Division, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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Members of Council, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

April 15, 2024

Dear Members of Council,

On behalf of the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII), I am pleased to provide you with an update on recent changes and growth at our organization.

In March, NII underwent a change in leadership, and I am pleased to be in the role of Interim CEO. Over the past weeks, I have begun to advance and expand NII's work, including economic development programs and partnerships, policy and advocacy, STEM education, and nuclear industry innovation.

As I continue shaping NII's next chapter, our talented team has the breadth and depth of experience to drive change, supporting the clean energy transition and the technological innovation required to get there: from advancing clean energy policy and partnerships to driving STEM education and trades training to sparking the region's economic development.

The NII Board of Directors and I recognize the opportunity and leadership role our organization will play as the nuclear sector continues its growth here in the Clean Energy Frontier, across the country and internationally. NII deeply values and relies upon the diverse support of our partners, whose collaboration is vital in advancing our strategic objectives and realizing our shared vision.

I am committed to active collaboration and open lines of communication with your municipality's leaders and staff as we drive progress together, creating meaningful change for our communities in our collective pursuit of a net-zero future.

Thank you for being a champion of this unique organization—we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Linthorne", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Linthorne

Interim CEO, Nuclear Innovation Institute

jessica.linthorne@nii.ca

Request to Council: Declaration of Pride Month and Raising of Pride Flag

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of Huron County Pride, I am writing to you to request the rainbow Pride flag be flown in our communities during the month of June and officially declare the month of June as Pride Month. This is an important step to show your support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ people who live, work, and visit our municipalities. People of all gender identities and sexual orientations contribute to our communities, from arts and culture to agriculture, from local businesses to local service clubs and faith communities.

Raising the Pride flag would send a message of inclusivity, diversity, and acceptance to all members of 2SLGBTQIA+ community and it would also be a reminder that you are committed to promoting equity and respect for all people. This specifically aligns with Huron County's Economic Development 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, which lists becoming a more inclusive place to live and work as a goal for our county.

The month of June is recognized worldwide as Pride Month, commemorating the Stonewall Riots that took place in New York City on June 28, 1969. Since then, the month has been a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. It is also a time to address the continuing systemic issues that the 2SLGBTQIA+ community face. The most recent data from Statistics Canada shows that police reported hate crimes targeting one's sexual orientation increased 12% from 2021 to 2022, and recent legislative efforts across Canada have targeted sexual and gender diverse young people in our communities.

Having the municipality raise the Pride flag and declare June as Pride month is just one part of the work we are called to in order to promote equity and safety both in our local and wider communities. This is the work that Huron County Pride has dedicated itself to.

Founded in 2022, Huron County Pride is a volunteer-run organization that provides 2SLGBTQIA+ programming, resources, and education to cultivate a positive community; educate on, and advocate for gender and sexually diverse individuals; and promote inclusion. We have been striving towards this vision with various events, educational opportunities, and community engagement, most notably with our first Pride Festival held last year. That festival saw thousands of residents and visitors come together to celebrate and learn about 2SLGBTQIA+ people. The success of these events has shown the desire for greater 2SLGBTQIA+ support in Huron County from community members of all walks of life – community members who have elected you to represent them.

Should Council members wish to discuss further about these requests, we would be happy to. We are also here to support Council members and staff in becoming more 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusive year-round. Never hesitate to reach out to see how we can support.

I hope you will consider Huron County Pride's request and take action to raise the Pride flag in our community for the month of June and declare June 2024 as Pride Month.

Yours in Pride,

Tim Damon (he/him)
President, Huron County Pride
pridehuroncounty@gmail.com
huroncountypride.ca

May 2, 2024

Re: Pride Flag Raising Request

Dear Mayor and Council,

June 1, 2024 is recognized as the beginning of Pride Month in Canada. Many Pride events take place throughout the month to recognize and celebrate the history, courage and diversity of 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual & more) people around the world.

During Pride Month, many institutions and organizations, including our Nation's Parliament, fly the Pride flag as a celebration of diversity and the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. It is also an opportunity to come together to advocate, educate, and progress on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues. While flying the Pride flag is not the only way to show acceptance and respect for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, the flag has become an internationally recognized way for communities and organizations to show support and acknowledge their 2SLGBTQIA+ residents.

In June, communities across Canada, including municipalities in Huron and Perth counties, will raise Pride flags to acknowledge and support their 2SLGBTQIA+ community members. By raising Pride flags, municipalities demonstrate that inclusivity and acceptance are cornerstone values of their community.

To show your support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, we ask that you join Huron Perth Public Health in **recognizing June as Pride Month and raise a Pride flag in your community beginning on June 1, 2024**. See flag images and details below.

To learn more about the history of Pride in Canada and the Pride flag, visit <https://www.queerevents.ca/canada/pride/history>. Please contact us if you have any questions or if there is any further information we can provide. Janet Jackson, Public Health Manager, can be reached at 1-888-221-2133 ext 3744 or via email at jjackson@hp-ph.ca.

Thank you for your consideration of this important symbol of support and inclusivity in our community.

Sincerely,



Dr Miriam Klassen
Medical Officer of Health and CEO

About the Pride Flag

The Pride flag is a celebration of diversity and a visual reminder that shows individuals from the 2SLGBTQIA+ community that they are welcome, safe, and supported. There are specific flags and flag variations for many identities within the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Rainbow Pride Flag

The current Pride flag's exact colours and dimensions have changed from the Gilbert Baker flag, which first appeared as a symbol of hope and representation of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in 1978. The flag was originally designed with eight colours, but the 6-colour version with red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple stripes has become the internationally recognized symbol of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and the Pride movement.



Progress/Progressive Pride Flag

In 2018, graphic designer Daniel Quasar added a five-colored chevron to the original Rainbow Flag to place a greater emphasis on inclusion and progression. This flag, now widely referred to as the "Progressive Pride Flag" was designed to represent the forward movement of furthering inclusivity for all individuals who belong to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The flag includes black and brown stripes to represent marginalized 2SLGBTQIA+ communities of color, along with the colors pink, light blue and white, which are used on the Transgender Pride Flag.



Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride Flag

In 2021, Valentino Vecchietti of Intersex Equality Rights UK designed the Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride Flag. This updated flag adds to the Progress Pride Flag by including the intersex community and their rights. The yellow represents an alternative to pink and blue, which is associated with the male and female gender binary. The Purple circle symbolizes wholeness and autonomy.



To learn more about the Pride flag, visit <https://www.hrc.org/resources/lgbtq-pride-flags>.

Mapping Our Future



Summary of Proposed Hosting Agreement

Spring 2024



MUNICIPALITY OF

South Bruce

For complete information, please see the full hosting agreement on the South Bruce website.



About the Project

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) plans to permanently secure Canada's used nuclear fuel in a deep geological repository (DGR) more than 600 metres underground. There is a broad international scientific consensus that this is the safest way to manage used nuclear fuel long-term. Along with the DGR, the NWMO Project includes above ground facilities and a Centre of Expertise.

The NWMO is committed to selecting an informed and willing community to host the DGR. In 2012, 22 communities, including the Municipality of South Bruce, expressed interest in learning more about the Project. In 2020, sites in South Bruce/Saugeen Ojibway Nation and in Ignace/ Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation in northern Ontario were identified as the final two in the NWMO process.

The NWMO is in discussions with and is seeking willingness from South Bruce, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, the Township of Ignace and the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.

The NWMO plans to decide on its preferred site by the end of 2024.

Supporting an informed community decision

After 10 years of scientific, social and economic studies, peer reviews, and public engagement, the Municipality of South Bruce has negotiated a comprehensive Hosting Agreement with the NWMO. This helps the community to make an informed decision on its willingness to host the Project.

The Hosting Agreement maps out what will happen if the community decides it is a willing host for the Project and is selected by the NWMO as the site for the Project. The Agreement also sets out a path for South Bruce to exit the site selection process if the community decides it is not a willing host or is not selected by the NWMO.

A commitment to the community's Guiding Principles

Addressing the 36 Guiding Principles is important to South Bruce. The Hosting Agreement addresses many of the Principles. As of April 2024, all have either been addressed or there is a commitment in place to address them at a later stage of the Project. The principles cover top priorities related to:

- ensuring the safety of people and the environment
- having an ongoing municipal voice in the Project, and
- having a plan that manages and reduces impacts, as well as providing benefits to the community.

Referendum to Determine Community Willingness

- If approved by South Bruce Council, the Mayor and Clerk will sign the Hosting Agreement on behalf of the Municipality.
- Based on community consultation, South Bruce will hold a referendum to determine whether the community is a willing host on October 28, 2024.
- South Bruce will provide notice of the community's decision to the NWMO in November 2024.

Not Willing

South Bruce declares it is not a willing host community and exits the site selection process. South Bruce to receive a \$4 million exit payment.

Willing – Not Selected

South Bruce declares it is a willing host community but is not selected as the site. South Bruce to receive an \$8 million exit payment.

Willing – Selected

If South Bruce and Saugeen Ojibway Nation both say they are willing hosts, and NWMO selects the South Bruce site, the Hosting Agreement outlines long-term commitments related to the Project. The funding package is anticipated to be worth \$418 million to the Municipality over the 138-year life of the Project.

Safety and the Environment



- The NWMO presented its safety case and studies to the community describing how the facility will operate safely and securely.
- On behalf of the Municipality, consultants from GHD independently reviewed NWMO studies and agreed with the safety case.
- The DGR will only store used Canadian fuel and a small amount of radioactive waste created by the operation of the Project.
- The federal Impact Assessment and licensing by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will review site specific design and confirm safety of operational practices for people and the environment.

Regulatory

- The NWMO will be solely responsible for the Project and fulfilling regulatory requirements.
- Specific funding will ensure the municipality has resources to take part in the regulatory process.
- The Municipality will support NWMO in the federal licensing process, reserving its right to express concerns related to local matters.

Governance and Oversight

- A **Leadership Table** including the Mayor and NWMO CEO would meet twice per year during planning, design and construction and annually during operations.
- An **Implementation Committee** comprised of staff from the Municipality of South Bruce and NWMO would oversee day-to-day implementation of the Agreement.
- Differences that are not resolved by the Leadership Table will be referred to an independent arbitrator.
- The Municipality will have the right to review and comment on major regulatory applications before they are filed by the NWMO.
- The NWMO must conduct at least three years of community engagement and education before applying for approval to store used Canadian nuclear fuel from an emerging technology.
- South Bruce maintains authority over matters within municipal jurisdiction with no special treatment for the NWMO.

Community Wellbeing

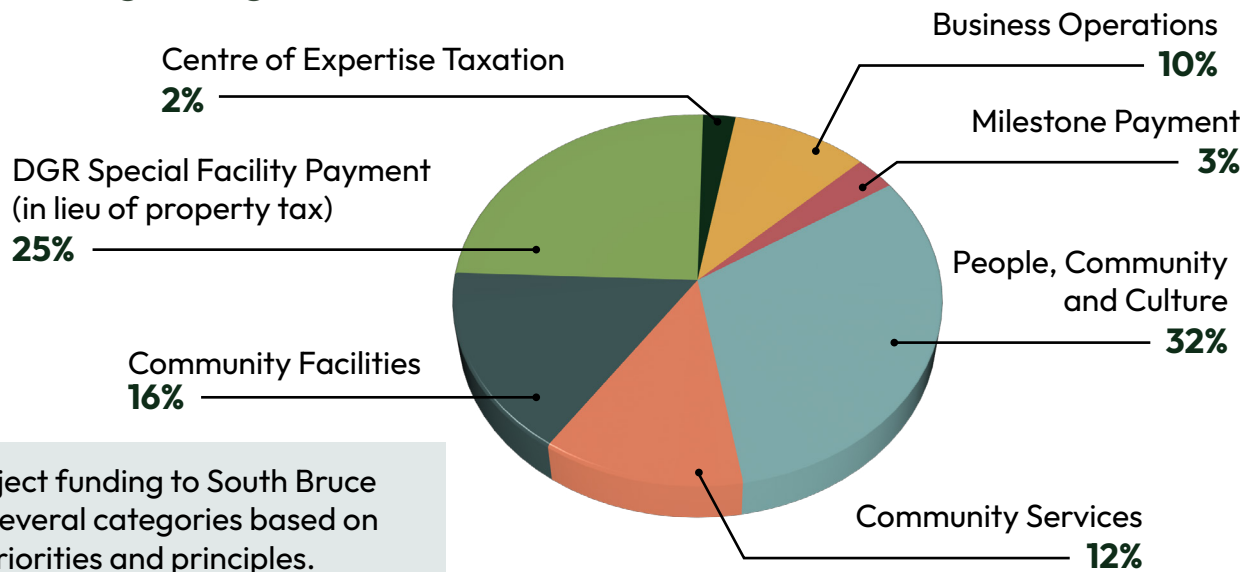
Infrastructure & Services

- NWMO will pay costs for any infrastructure upgrades needed to serve the Project. A road-use agreement will be negotiated to cover the related costs as outlined in the Hosting Agreement.
- Based on site design, NWMO will decide if it will supply their own water and wastewater services, or if they will enter into a servicing agreement to pay for municipal services required by the Project.
- Similarly, NWMO will pay for any additional municipal emergency services, that may be required for the Project.

Other community benefits

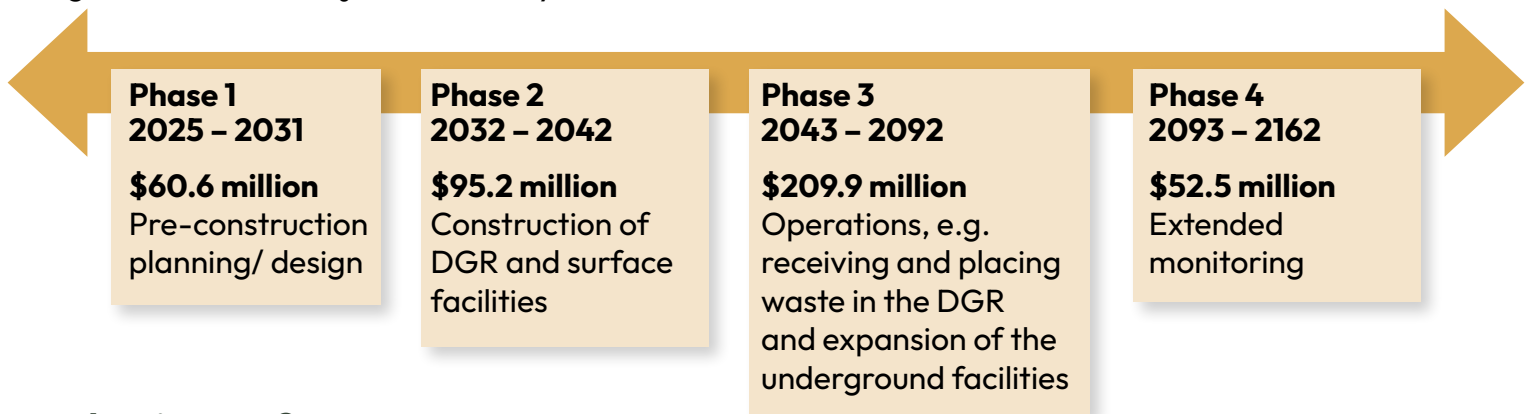
- The Centre of Expertise will feature: local history, culture and tourism displays; a multi-purpose community space; scientific information on the DGR; and agricultural science. It will also include space for education and skills training.
- The NWMO and South Bruce will explore recreational opportunities on the lands that NWMO will own if the Project goes ahead, like canoe and kayak launch sites.
- The NWMO and South Bruce will form joint working groups on training and employment, and business opportunities to seek to improve local opportunities.
- The NWMO has created a Property Value Protection Program at the request of the Municipality.

NWMO Funding Categories and Timeline



NWMO Project funding to South Bruce falls into a several categories based on municipal priorities and principles.

The \$418 million will be spread out over the 138-year life of the project. All payments in the Hosting Agreement will be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.



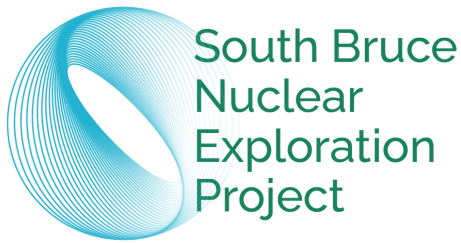
What's next?

After South Bruce and the other potential hosts express if they are willing to host the site and the NWMO chooses a preferred location, it will begin the advanced engineering and site-specific design.

The Project will only proceed if approved by the federal regulatory authorities. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will work together to review the Project. The CNSC will use the Impact Assessment, existing and site-specific work to issue separate licences for site preparation and construction, operations, and decommissioning.

Potential for multi-generational prosperity

- 700 long-term NWMO operational jobs in South Bruce
- 1,100 additional indirect and induced jobs (suppliers and local businesses)
- Increase in South Bruce's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to \$680 million in 2046, almost doubling the community's economic productivity.



Nuclear Exploration Forum: *Safety & Opportunities*

May 15th, 2024 from 3-9pm

Join us for a free community event for all ages to learn about the NWMO Project

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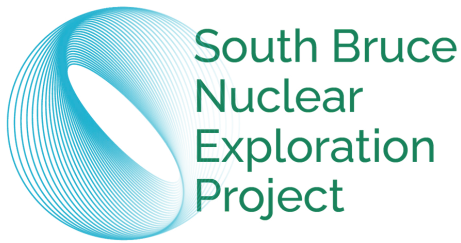
Mildmay Carrick Complex
24 Vincent St, Mildmay
Ontario

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call: 519-392-6623 ext. 239
Or visit the website:
www.southbruce.ca/Forum

The Forum will feature panel presentations and an exhibition area where residents can talk to subject matter experts about topics related to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) Project, with a focus on deep geological repository safety and potential opportunities.

All are welcome to attend! Registration is strongly encouraged and can be completed by phone or online.



Nuclear Exploration Forum: *Safety & Opportunities*

May 15th, 2024 from 3-9pm

Kids Program

In an effort to make the event accessible, there will be a kids program provided for youth aged 4-12. This program will help parents and guardians fully participate in the Forum. Registration is **required** for the kids program as spaces are limited

Youth Zone

Interactive activities for young adults aged 12 and up will also take place in the exhibitor area, including the popular OYAP Skills Opportunities Showcase Trailer, VR Headsets and other STEM based activities.

Exhibitors

- Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)
- Ontario Power Generation (OPG)
- GHD Limited
- Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)
- Impact Assessment Agency (IAAC)

and more!

A variety of refreshments will be provided throughout the event at food stations. Additional information will continue to be shared on www.southbruce.ca/Forum, by mail, on social media and more.



Municipality of Central Huron

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April 26, 2024

RE: Notice of Update to the Central Huron Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act

Dear Partner in Planning,

Please be advised that the Municipality of Central Huron intends to undertake a review of the Central Huron Official Plan.

The Official Plan is a land use planning document that is a statement of where and how building and development should take place in the Municipality. The Plan includes the vision, goals and policy directions for development in Central Huron.

The Central Huron Official Plan was adopted in 2003, and was further reviewed in 2014. Under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Council of the Municipality who adopted the Official Plan shall revise the Official Plan to ensure that it conforms with provincial plans, has regard to matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with policy statements issued by the Province. The Central Huron Official Plan will also be updated to conform with the Huron County Official Plan.

In accordance with Section 26 (3)(a) of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, as amended, the purpose of this letter is to advise your organization that Municipality of Central Huron Council intends to update the Official Plan and will be consulting with you throughout the Official Plan Review process.

Please find attached a notice detailing a Special Meeting of Council to consider revisions that may be required to the Central Huron Official Plan. Verbal or written comments are welcomed from your organization at, or prior to this meeting.

Sincerely,

Rachel Anstett, Clerk

clerk@centralhuron.com

519-482-3997 ext. 1246

Municipality of Central Huron

Encl. *Notice of Sec. 26 Meeting*



**SPECIAL MEETING OF CENTRAL HURON COUNCIL
TO DISCUSS REVISIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO
THE CENTRAL HURON OFFICIAL PLAN**

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Municipality of Central Huron will hold a Special Meeting of Council to discuss revisions that may be required to the Central Huron Official Plan. This meeting is a legislated meeting under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, RSO, 1990.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL will be held:

Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00am
Municipality of Central Huron Town Hall
23 Albert Street
Clinton, Ontario

The community is invited to share ideas about their vision for the Municipality and the policy direction to manage future land use and growth.

BE ADVISED that the Central Huron Official Plan was adopted in 2003 and that under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Council of the municipality who adopted the Official Plan shall revise the Official Plan to ensure that it conforms with provincial plans, has regard to matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with policy statements issued by the Province.

ANY PERSON may attend the Special Meeting of Council and/or make written or verbal representation about what revisions may be required.

A virtual option is available for those who are unable to attend the meeting in person. To access the virtual zoom link, please refer to the Special Meeting Agenda for May 27th, 2024 that will be published to our website. Once published, the agenda can be found via the following link: www.centralhuron.ca/agendasandminutes.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to provide comments, please either email planning@centralhuron.com or mail to: Central Huron Municipal Office, 23 Albert Street, PO Box 400, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0. Attention: Rachel Anstett, Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Central Huron
This 26th day of April, 2024

Rachel Anstett, Clerk
Municipality of Central Huron,
23 Albert Street, PO Box 400
Clinton, ON N0M 1L0
519-482-3997



Municipality of Huron Shores
7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460
Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0
Tel: (705) 843-2033 Fax: (705) 843-2035

April 12, 2024

Resolution #24-12-02 – Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #24-12-02 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, as follows:

“WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario’s municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Natasha Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Natasha" being more prominent than the last name "Roberts".

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk
NR/KN

Cc: Premier of Ontario, the relevant provincial authorities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution Number 2024-04-074

Title: Basic Income Guarantee

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

Moved by J Miller

Seconded by P McKenna

WHEREAS, per Statistics Canada data, in 2020 the median after-tax household income in Smiths Falls was \$56,400, the lowest of any lower or single-tier municipality in Lanark County (Beckwith the highest, at \$107,000), and compared to \$77,000 for Lanark County as a whole;

WHEREAS, per the 2021 Census of Canada 1490 out of 9085 residents of Smiths Falls (16.4% of the total) lived in low income, based on the Low Income After Tax (LIM-AT) measure;

WHEREAS, of the 1490 Smiths Falls citizens living in low income in 2021, 120 of them were children five years old or younger, 215 of them were children between the ages of six and 17, and 365 of them were seniors aged 65 or over;

WHEREAS, the level of income is one of the most important social determinants of health, and relates to many other determinants including education and literacy, healthy behaviours, one's social environment, and employment and work conditions;

WHEREAS, low income is strongly correlated with a wide range of negative health outcomes, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and poor mental health, and with shorter life expectancies compared to higher income persons;

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in Ontario and the maximum amounts of financial support available through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are deeply insufficient to meet the basic needs of full-time minimum wage workers, or of individuals or families drawing OW or ODSP support;

WHEREAS, ongoing, widespread, and rapid changes in labour markets, including due to outsourcing, artificial intelligence, automation, and advance of the "gig" economy, are causing more and more people to be exposed to labour changes beyond their control, adding to their vulnerability to low income;

WHEREAS, basic income is a means by which individuals, families, and whole communities can be less vulnerable to negative changes in health, relationship or family status, and labour markets, and better able to navigate transitions and challenging circumstances;

WHEREAS, basic Income is money distributed to eligible people, regularly, reliably, and without work requirement, and which, absent other income, should meet basic human needs;

WHEREAS, basic income exists in Canada in the form of longstanding programs like the Canada Child Benefit and the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, programs with demonstrated positive impacts on basic income recipients, economies, and our greater society;

WHEREAS, there is need to establish basic income security for working-age adults in Canada who, at present and in general, lack sufficient social protection against low income;

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that basic income is not a disincentive on the pursuit or retention of employment and that, further, basic income is more likely to support such pursuit or retention given its stabilizing effect in the lives of people;

WHEREAS, the gross cost of a basic income program is reduced to a net cost once various funding options are exercised and the fiscal benefits of basic income are realized (e.g., basic income as a local economic stimulus);

WHEREAS, Canada, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, has the fiscal capacity to support a

basic income guarantee for working-age adults;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by public health authorities, including the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit per its November 2023 report on food insecurity within the health region;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by many other interests, including a growing number of municipalities in Ontario and beyond, and by a range of provincial and federal parliamentarians;

WHEREAS, a 2022 national public opinion poll suggests that six in 10 adults in Canada support the concept of basic income;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Smiths Falls wishes to add its municipal voice to the call for a basic income guarantee for working-age adults in Canada.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town of Smiths Falls supports the concept of a basic income guarantee for working-age adults to help combat low income and economic vulnerability within our community;
- 2) That the Town of Smiths Falls calls upon the federal and the provincial and territorial governments to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 3) That the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls directs the Mayor to write (a) a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, copy to relevant federal ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MP Scott Reid; and (b) a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford; copy to relevant provincial ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MPP John Jordan, calling on these orders of government to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 4) That the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls directs the Mayor to write a letter to each of the Mayor's counterparts in the lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County, encouraging each municipality to also pass a resolution similar to that adopted by the Town of Smiths Falls;
- 5) That a copy of this resolution be shared with all other municipalities in Ontario, and with the presidents of the Eastern Ontario Mayors Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried



Mayor

Good News

AMDSB Schools Organize Activities to Acknowledge Earth Week

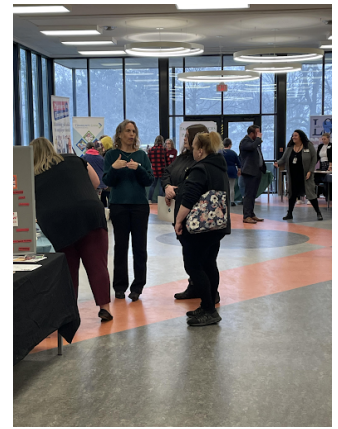
Superintendent April Smith highlighted a variety of activities taking place across the district to recognize and commemorate Earth Week. From schoolyard clean-ups to guest speakers, and even community-wide initiatives, AMDSB students were actively promoting our shared responsibility to preserve the cleanliness of our planet! A slideshow featuring school activities is available for viewing online: [AMDSB Earth Day Activities](#).



In addition, a new Environmental Action Plan is being released and highlights the board's commitment to three calls to action. Full details are on the board website: [Environmental Action Plan](#).

The First Transition Fair a Huge Success!

Superintendent Kathy Boyd shared that the first of two Transition Fairs was a huge success. Families of children with special education needs were provided the opportunity to connect with and learn more about, the supports and services within Huron and Perth counties that can support their child's journey as they transition out of high school. Representatives from 22 community supports and services agencies attended to connect with families. About 30 families as well as Resource Teachers from all four Perth County secondary schools attended. A second event will be hosted at Central Huron SS on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 9 am to 12 pm to focus on Huron County organizations.



SDSS Music Program Wins a Number of Awards

Trustee Michael Bannerman was pleased to share that the Stratford District SS "Golden Bears Music" received a number of gold medal wins at a variety of music festivals from across the province. Way to go!

Scholarship donation from Seaforth Masonic Fraternity, Britannia No. 170 will help CHSS students

As part of their disbandment, the Masonic Fraternity, Britannia No. 170, Seaforth has contributed \$30,000 to AMDSB for the formation of a scholarship at Central Huron Secondary School. This scholarship aims to annually support two graduating students who have made notable contributions to both the school and the broader community. Recipients will be selected based on their embodiment of several character attributes through their words and deeds, their willingness to assist others, and their commitment to achieving their personal best, regardless of academic standing. Thank you for your generous donation!

Athletics Update

Superintendent Paul Langis explained that this time period is between seasons for athletics but he did highlight that participation numbers for the board for fall and winter athletics with all our AMDSB schools were:

- Fall - 785 students in 10 sports
- Winter - 1035 in 12 sports

New Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Released

Superintendent Cheri Carter was pleased to share that after an extensive consultation process, a new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan has been released. A huge thank you to the committee members for all of their work in the development of this plan. The plan can be reviewed on the board website: [Multi-Year Accessibility Plan \(2024-2029\)](#)

Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Nathan Bean reported their e-waste collection initiative was a huge success! All four sites across the district collected a huge number of e-waste (approximately 200 to 250 cubic feet). A review, including photos of the initiative, can be viewed in [the presentation](#) that Nathan shared with trustees. He also shared that student senate elections are occurring at all secondary schools and the student trustee election will be completed next week. Finally, a new student trustee orientation session is being planned for May.

Senior Staff Updates

Five Contracts with Union Partners Ratified

Superintendent Laura Marotta shared with great pride that five collective agreements have been ratified by both the board and the respective bargaining unit members. ETFO, ETFO-OT, OSSTF teacher bargaining unit, OSSTF professional student services personnel or PSSP, and OSSTF education service support personnel or ESSP have held votes with their members and all have ratified our agreements. She extended her heartfelt thanks to all the bargaining team members, federation presidents, and lead negotiators for their unwavering professionalism and collaborative efforts throughout the process. Their dedication has resulted in forward-looking collective agreements that provide flexibility to ensure staff have optimal working conditions, allowing the board to prioritize improved outcomes in student achievement and well-being.

Update on the Director's Work Plan

An update was provided on the [Director's Work Plan](#). Superintendent Paul Langis outlined the strategies that are being implemented to grow the international education program. He explained that the program is working hard to recruit additional students to come to AMDSB as well as homestay families.

Superintendent Jane Morris outlined plans to broaden the scope of adult education offerings through the Centre for Employment & Learning, particularly targeting areas that have historically been underserved, such as Listowel. Superintendent Cheri Carter presented the details about the board's school building Energy Conservation Plan to reduce energy consumption and Superintendent April Smith reviewed the AMDSB Environmental Action Plan (details above).

Stratford and Area Boundary Review Update

Three community members recently presented their delegations to the trustees regarding the proposed options under consideration. The trustees will be hosting a special board meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Stratford Intermediate School in the Pathways Innovation Centre (3rd floor) to hear additional delegations (presentations). Anyone interested in presenting a delegation at this meeting is asked to contact Barb Crawford (barb.crawford@ed.amdsb.ca). Details about board delegations can be found in [Board Policy 9](#) (see section 5). Full details about the project are on the board website: [Stratford Boundary Review page](#).

Future Board Meetings

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

- Tuesday, May 14, 2024: Committee of the Whole, Open Session
- Tuesday, May 28, 2024: Regular Board Meeting at 4:45 p.m. and Committee of the Whole, Closed Session immediately afterwards.

Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- Recognition Committee – Friday, May 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Seaforth Education Centre with the option to join online
- Transportation Steering Committee Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. (online)
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Workgroup (AODA) – Wednesday, June 5, 2024; 3:00 p.m. (online)
- Audit Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (online)
- Finance Committee – Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.(online)

March 20, 2024

**Maitland Source Protection Authority (MSPA) Meeting #2-24
Minutes**

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

Members Absent: Ed Podniewicz

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Midwestern Newspapers

a) Approval of the Minutes from MSPA Meeting #1-2024 held on January 24, 2024.

Motion MSPA #4-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb **Seconded by:** Evan Hickey

THAT the minutes from the MSPA meeting #1-24 of January 24, 2024 be approved.
(carried)

b) Approval of Agreement between MSPA and ABSPA: Report #3-2024

Report #3-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion MSPA #5-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson **Seconded by:** Sharen Zinn

THAT the Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority enter into the attached partnership
agreement with the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority.
(carried)



c) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm pm with this motion:

Motion MSPA #6-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the MSPA meeting be adjourned.

(carried)



Ed McGugan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



Membership Minutes

Membership Meeting #3-2024

March 20, 2024

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

Members Absent: Ed Podniewicz

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Reporter, Midwestern News
Paul Seebach, Seebach & Company

1. Call to Order

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

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #1-2024 held on January 24, 2024 and Meeting #2-2024 held on February 14, 2024.

Motion FA #20-24

Moved by: Alvin McLellan **Seconded by:** Andrew Fournier
THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #1-2024 held on January 24, 2024, be approved.
(carried)

Motion FA #21-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #2-2024 held on February 14, 2024, be approved.
(carried)

4. Business Out of the Minutes

- a) Grass Cutting/Naturalization Options: Gorrie Conservation Area: Report #11-2024

Report #11-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #22-24

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the map accompanying Report #11-2024 be distributed to the Howick council for their consideration, advancing the implementation of Option 1 for additional naturalization efforts; AND THAT in the event the Howick council opts to maintain the current grass cutting regimen, they assume full responsibility for the associated costs.
(carried)

5. Presentation: 2023 Draft Audit: Paul Seebach, Seebach and Company: Report #12-2024

Paul Seebach from Seebach and Company, Chartered Professional Accountants made a presentation and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #23-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Vanessa Kelly

THAT the Auditor's report for 2023 be approved as presented.
(carried)

6. Business Requiring Decision and or Direction:

- a) 2024 Work Plan Priorities and Budget: Report #13-2024

Report #13-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #24-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the cost apportionment be approved at \$172,525 for 2024;

AND THAT the cost be apportioned to each municipality in accordance with the 2024 schedule.
(carried)

Chair McGugan called for the Member's to vote on behalf of their respective Municipality on the levy apportionment as outlined in Report #13. The approval of the work plan and budget requires a motion and a majority of the Members to be approved.

Municipality	Member	Assessment Value (%)	In Favour	Not In Favour	No Comment	Absent
ACW	Evan Hickey	12.51	√			
Central Huron	Alison Lobb	9.63	√			
Goderich	Vanessa Kelly	10.75	√			
Howick	Megan Gibson	4.48	√			
Huron East	Alvin McLellan	10.53	√			
Huron Kinloss	Ed McGugan	6.04	√			
Mapleton	Ed Podniewicz	0.90				√
Minto	Ed Podniewicz	6.99				√
Morris-Turnberry	Sharron Zin	5.25	√			
North Huron	Anita van Hittersum	5.64	√			
North Perth	Matt Duncan	22.17	√			
Perth East	Andrew Fournier	1.79	√			
South Bruce	Ed McGugan	0.07	√			
Wellington North	Ed Podniewicz	2.76				√
West Perth	Andrew Fournier	0.47	√			

The results of the recorded vote were 89% in favour therefore the following motions were carried:

Motion FA #25-24

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum **Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan
THAT the 2024 Work Plan and Budget be approved as outlined in Report #13-2024.
(carried)

b) 2024 Draft Work Plan – Members: Report #14-2024

Report #14-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #26-24

Moved by: Evan Hickey **Seconded by:** Matt Duncan
THAT the work plan for 2024 be adopted as outlined in Report #14-2024.
(carried)

c) Changes to Conservation Authority Regulations: Report #15a &15b-2024

Report #15a-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #27-24

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

To approve the delegations laid out in Report 15a to allow staff to continue issuing permissions within regulated areas as described by the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 41/24 after April 1, 2024.

(carried)

Motion FA #28-24

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

That staff develop a communications strategy for our municipal partners, including building departments, around the changes to permitting policies and procedures required by Conservation Authorities, including Maitland Valley as of April 1, 2024.

(carried)

Report #15b-2024 was presented to the members for their information.

d) Coastal Ecosystem Project Application to Environment Canada: Report #16-2024

Report #16-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #29-24

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT MVCA include the next phase of the Coastal Resilience Projects in the 2024 and three-year budgets if funding is approved by Environment and Climate Change Canada

(carried)

e) Vehicle Purchasing: Report #17-2024

Report #17-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #30-24

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa Kelly

THAT Goderich Toyota, be advised that their quote in the amount of \$49,463.17 (plus HST) to supply a 2024 Toyota Sienna LE as per quotation specifications, has been approved as presented;

AND THAT the 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan be advertised and sold after the acquisition of the Toyota Sienna, when it is no longer required;

(carried)

Motion FA #31-24

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa Kelly

THAT staff contact and tender appropriate dealerships in the fall of 2024 to get in the queue for a 2025 EV work truck.

(carried)

f) Carbon Footprint Report 2023: Report #18-2024

Report #18-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #32-24

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Matt Duncan

THAT MVCA's carbon footprint progress report and 2024 strategic actions be approved as outlined in Report # 18-24.

(carried)

g) Proposed Addition to Personnel Policy: Staff Time & Mileage expenses for use of personal vehicle for attending authority business/meetings: Report #19-2024

Report #19-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #33-24

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the Personnel Policy be amended to allow staff to claim the time spent attending authority meetings outside of normal working hours and that staff may claim mileage expenses

when using their personal vehicle to attend authority meetings and authority related events and meetings as outlined in Report #19-2024.

(carried)

h) Proposed Large Stock Planting Fees: Report #20-2024

Report #20-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #34-24

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum **Seconded by:** Evan Hickey

THAT the proposed additional stewardship fees for 2024 be circulated for comment and that any comments received be reviewed at the April 17th, 2024 meeting.

(carried)

i) Appointment to Committees for 2024: Report #21-2024

Report #21-2024 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #35-24

Moved by: Matt Duncan **Seconded by:** Vanessa Kelly

THAT Ed McGugan be appointed as the MVCA's delegate to Conservation Ontario;

AND THAT Matt Duncan and Evan Hickey be appointed as alternates.

AND THAT Vanessa Kelly be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Maitland Conservation Foundation for 2024.

AND THAT Alison Lobb be appointed to the John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund Board for 2024.

AND THAT Andrew Fournier be appointed to the Personnel Committee for 2024.

AND THAT Alison Lobb be appointed as the MVCA's representative to the Huron County Water Protection Steering Committee for 2024.

AND THAT Sharon Zinn be appointed to the Carbon Footprint Initiative Leadership Team for 2024.

(carried)

j) Appointment of Auditor, Solicitor and Bank: Report #22-2024

Report #22-2024 was presented to the members and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #36-24**Moved by:** Alison Lobb**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT the MVCA's banking transactions be handled by the Wingham and Goderich Branches of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

AND THAT investments be made at the financial institutions offering the most favourable rate of interest to the maximum of the guaranteed limits set by the Canadian Depository Act.

AND THAT the Members approve a bank borrowing by-law of \$200,000 for 2024 on revolving credit, at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Wingham Branch.

AND THAT the following solicitors be appointed to handle legal matters of the Conservation Authority for 2024: Darrell N. Hawreliak Professional Corporation, Kitchener and Greg Stewart, Donnelly & Murphy, Goderich.

AND THAT Seebach and Company be appointed as MVCA's auditor for 2024.

(carried)

7. Chair and Member Reports

No Chair or Member Reports were presented.

8. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) Agreements Signed: Report #23-2024
- b) Revenue-Expenditure Report for January and February: Report #24-2024

Motion FA #37-24**Moved by:** Megan Gibson**Seconded by:** Evan Hickey

THAT the Members support the signing of the funding agreement with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and support the signing of the agreement with Conservation Ontario for the increased funding received from the Nature Based Climate Solutions program.

AND THAT Report #24 as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.

(carried)

9. **Adjournment:** Next meeting: April 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Administrative Centre, Wroxeter.

Motion FA #38-24

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Vanessa Kelly

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 9:09 pm.
(carried)

Ed McGugan
Chair

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

Outstanding Action Items
Open Session

May 7

Meeting Date	Action Item	Action By	Current Status	Next Step
October 17, 2023	Tender for Site Plan Conformity Work	CAO	Tender issued, closing May 16	Tender results will be presented to Council for award May 21.
January 9, 2024	Grant and Donation Policy Review	CAO	Policy under review by staff	Report to Council with recommended updates to Policy
February 6, 2024	Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repairs	CAO	Staff procuring quotes and working with MVCA to determine best plan of action	Report to Council with quotes and proposed plan of action.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 14-2024

Being a by-law to adopt an engineer's report to vary original assessments for drainage works in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry in the County of Huron.

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, in the County of Huron has procured a report under section 76 of the *Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990* for the varying of the original assessments for maintenance for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain;

AND WHEREAS the report dated February 20th, 2024, has been authored by GM BluePlan Engineering Limited, 975 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel, Ontario, and said report is attached hereto and forms part of this by-law.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is of the opinion that the varying of assessments for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain is desirable;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality pursuant to the Drainage Act enacts as follows:

1. Authorization

The attached report is adopted. The assessment schedules contained therein shall be in effect as of the date of the passing of this by-law.

2. Debentures

This project shall not be debentured.

3. Payment

- a. All assessments of \$1,000.00 or less are payable in the first year in which the assessment is imposed.
- b. All assessments under \$30.00 shall be added to the municipal tax roll to be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes collected.

4. Citation

This By-law comes into force on the final passing thereof and may be cited as the "Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024 By-law."

Read a FIRST and SECOND time and PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED this 19th day of March 2024.

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7th day of May, 2024.

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 24-2024

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, for its meeting held on May 7, 2024.

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

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

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the May 7th, 2024, meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

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

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at its meeting held the 7th day of May 2024, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Minutes and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at the meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law; and
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorize and direct all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council to the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry referred to in the preceding section thereof;
3. The Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 7th day of May 2024

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 7th day of May 2024

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam