



GALBRAITH MEMORIAL GATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, August 31, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee will meet in Council Chambers on August 31, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Disclosure of recording equipment.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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THAT the Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of August 31, 2026, as presented.

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3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4.0 MINUTES

None

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Included with this agenda is background information to provide context for future discussions. Included are:

1. Report to Council – Gate Repairs – February 6, 2024
2. Report to Council – Gate Repair update – June 18, 2024
3. Report to Council – Gate Repair update – December 17, 2024
4. Photos – Damage to Gates
5. Press Release – Gates Dismantled
6. Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

5.2 COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A report has been prepared by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard for the information for the Committee.

5.3 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

It is recommended that the Committee establish a schedule for upcoming meetings.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

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THAT the Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee does now adjourn at ____ pm.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: February 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repairs

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the request received from Ron Tervit for repairs to the Turnberry Conservation Area (Turnberry Agricultural Park) memorial entrance gates;

And further that if Council wishes to consider proceeding the repairs, staff be directed to get quotes for the work in accordance with the Morris-Turnberry Procurement Policy, and secure permission from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority to perform the required work.

COMMENTS

On February 2nd Mayor Heffer received an email from Ron Tervit requesting that Council consider making repairs to the Turnberry Conservation Authority gates, erected in the memory of veterans from Turnberry who have served in the Canadian Forces. (email attached)

The Turnberry Conservation Area, formerly the Turnberry Agricultural Park, was home to the Turnberry Agricultural society, and was later purchased by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. According to the Turnberry history book, "In 1928 two Turnberry Councillors, JJ Wright and R Grain, along with the Agricultural Society and the WI formed the committee to see memorial gates built at the park..... The gates were built for \$500 and later an additional \$100 added lights to the plans" The history book also states that the gates were refurbished when the MVCA purchased the property in 1976.

On February 2nd I spoke with Phil Beard, General Manager of the MVCA, who agreed to discuss the potential of conducting repairs internally and provide a response when available.

Staff request direction from Council on whether or not to initiate the process of getting quotes for the repairs for consideration at a future meeting.



**Photo from A Harvest of Memories Volume II: A History of Turnberry, pg 600*

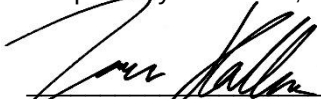
ATTACHMENTS

1. Email Correspondence – Ron Tervit

OTHERS CONSULTED

Phil Beard, General Manager, MVCA

Respectfully submitted,


Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: June 18th, 2024

SUBJECT: Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repairs

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

COMMENTS

On February 2nd Mayor Heffer received an email from a resident requesting that Council consider making repairs to the Turnberry Conservation Authority gates, erected in the memory of veterans from Turnberry who have served in the Canadian Forces.

The Turnberry Conservation Area, also known as Galbraith Field and formerly the Turnberry Agricultural Park, was home to the Turnberry Agricultural society, and was later purchased by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. According to the Turnberry history book, "In 1928 two Turnberry Councillors, JJ Wright and R Grain, along with the Agricultural Society and the WI formed the committee to see memorial gates built at the park..... The gates were built for \$500 and later an additional \$100 added lights to the plans" The history book also states that the gates were refurbished when the MVCA purchased the property in 1976.



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On February 6th, Council gave direction to staff solicit quotes for the repairs and to discuss the matter further with the MVCA. Council also expressed concerns for the future of the memorial gates and a desire to ensure that they are not removed in the future, and the need for community involvement if a repair or restoration project is to be undertaken.

The project can be divided along these lines into two separate focuses, the first being the repair or restoration of the gates, and the second being finding a solution to the future preservation of the gates.

Repair and Restoration

Four stone masonry companies have been contacted for quotes. At the time of publishing this report, two have been received, and one is pending after the contractors met on site with CAO/Clerk Hallam.

A report will follow with the results once all quotes have been received, but staff believe an interim report has merit in order to provide an update on the process, and to make Council aware of the potential scope of the project at hand.

Two separate contractors, one who visited the site in person, and one who did an assessment through detailed photos provided by staff, have indicated that the condition of the stonework and foundations at the gates have deteriorated to the point where it is not advisable to simply repair the existing structures. The mortar used internally has deteriorated and is no longer effectively bonding the stones, and there is excessive moisture infiltration and corresponding deterioration. The condition of the foundations for the pillars is very poor, and the concrete used has similarly

deteriorated. Both contractors recommend complete demolition and reconstruction. One contractor has indicated a willingness to work with the original stone to reconstruct the gates as faithfully as possible, and another has expressed a preference to work with all new materials to construct a new, but sympathetic monument.

One quote has been received for re-pointing and basic repair, and another for the same scope of work is expected.

In advance of the presentation of the quotes, staff recommend that Council consider the scope of the project they wish to undertake. Specifically, whether the preservation or replication of the gates as they stand today is the primary goal, or if the presence of a monument that may contain all new material and a different design is acceptable.

Other options may be considered as well if the cost of the repair or replacement is thought to be prohibitive, such as the removal of the gates and the construction of a smaller memorial cairn using stone recovered from the gates and the installation of a suitable dedication plaque.

Further options can be discussed at a future meeting once all anticipated quotes have been received.

Future Preservation

The gates are believed to be on or very near the property line between the municipal road allowance for Helena Street and the property currently owned by the MVCA. In the absence of a legal survey showing the location of the pillars relative to the lot line, whether they are on municipal property is unknown.

If they are located on private (MVCA) property, the matter of their preservation becomes one that requires the cooperation of the current owner, as well as any subsequent owners of the property. To this end, if Council wanted to ensure that the care, maintenance and preservation of the gates there are at least two options that could be considered.

An agreement could be entered into with the landowner and registered on title, stipulating that the Municipality shall be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the gates and that the landowner may not alter or remove them. This option may expose both parties to increased liability and other potential issues and so may not be the best way forward.

Another option is to commission a legal survey to identify the location of the pillars relative to the lot line, and if they are found to be on private property, to add a part to that survey that encompasses the entire gate structure with a buffer of three meters, and for the municipality to offer to purchase that part from the owner. The newly created part could then be owned by the municipality and maintained as a separate parcel.

The best option will depend on whether the gates are repaired or reconstructed as they stand, or removed and an alternative monument is constructed.

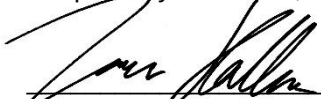
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1. Selected photos of the condition of the gates and foundations.

OTHERS CONSULTED

Stewart Lockie, Conservation Authorities Coordinator, MVCA

Respectfully submitted,


Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk















MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: December 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repair Update

RECOMMENDATION

That Council take no action to repair or replace the memorial gates at the Turnberry Conservation Area.

COMMENTS

The June 18th report to Council on this subject is included with this report for reference and context.

As the Municipality embarks on its 2025 budget process, staff recommend revisiting the potential repair or replacement of the memorial gates at the Turnberry Conservation Area.

As outlined in the June report, there are multiple options available to Council regarding the repairs needed and their future preservation.

While the exact location of the gates in relation to property lines is uncertain, it should be made clear that they are constructed for and associated with the property owned by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, and if any part of the structure is located on the municipal right of way, it should be regarded as an encroachment, not an implication of ownership or responsibility for their care and maintenance. That being said, the current owner, the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, is willing to allow the municipality to conduct work on the gates but are not in a position to contribute financially.

In summary, the options available include but are not necessarily limited to:

1 – Do nothing.

While the location of the gates is uncertain, they are not considered a municipal asset and are not the responsibility of the Municipality. Any action taken to remediate the condition of the gates should be done by the landowner.

2 – Undertake a Request for Quotations for the repair of the gates.

The scope of the work could be from the minimum amount of remediation (repointing etc) to slow the deterioration of the gates, to the refurbishment of all stone and metal work. However, the condition of the foundations is unknown but expected to be poor, and a repair that does not address the foundations is inadvisable.

3 – Undertake a Request for Quotations for the restoration or replacement of the gates.

The scope of work could include the deconstruction of the gates, repair or replacement of foundations, and reconstruction and restoration that is sympathetic to or maintains the original design. This option could also include the removal of the gates and their replacement with gates constructed of new materials.

4 – Remove the gates.

The gates could be removed, and the site reverted to natural landscaping.

5 – Remove the gates and construct an alternate memorial.

The gates could be removed, and a plaque, memorial cairn, or other similar structure could be erected to provide a replacement that maintains the memorial function of the original gates.

At the direction of Council, staff conducted an informal request for quotation process to develop a potential price range for the project. Two quotes were received, with the scope of work ranging from repointing and basic masonry repair in for approximately \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00, to the restoration of the gates, including dismantling, cataloging the stones and reconstructing using the original stones in their original locations, for approximately \$20,000.00. If Council chooses to move forward, new quotes would have to be requested, and some increase due to inflation should be expected. It should be noted that neither quote included work on the foundations, which would add additional cost to the project.

Following the initial discussion at the Council table, correspondence was received from the Huron County Historical Society, strongly encouraging the restoration of the gates (attached). Two members of Council have also noted to staff that community members have expressed their support for the restoration of the gates.

Given the apparent community support, Council may wish to explore the opportunity for the community to contribute financially to the preservation or restoration of the gates through fundraising efforts.

While staff is sympathetic to and understand the historical importance of the gates, it is the prudence of the financial outlay required to repair or place something that is not in the care of the municipality that is cause for pause. For this reason, staff recommend option 1 – do nothing.

If pressed to provide a recommendation to undertake some kind of action, staff would recommend option 5, the removal of the gates and replacement with an alternative monument, pending financial support from the community, as this has the potential to be the next best option financially for the Municipality.

ATTACHMENTS

1. June 18th report to Council
2. Correspondence – Huron County Historical Society

OTHERS CONSULTED

Respectfully submitted,



Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk









FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: June 17, 2026

Memorial Gates at Galbraith Field Dismantled Following Structural Damage

MORRIS-TURNBERRY, ON – The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, in cooperation with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, undertook the careful dismantling of the memorial entrance gates at Galbraith Field in Lowertown, Wingham, on June 16th, 2026.

On May 25, 2026, the Municipality became aware that a vehicle had struck the upper portion of the entrance gates, causing extensive damage to both the metal sign and the fieldstone pillars supporting the structure. Following inspections and assessments by municipal staff and the Municipality's engineer, it was determined that the structure had become unsafe and posed a risk to public safety.

Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the memorial, every effort was made to preserve the structure. Prior to dismantling, each stone was carefully marked and catalogued to document its original location. The stones were then removed by hand and prepared for storage by the Municipality to facilitate potential reconstruction or reuse in the future.

This work was not undertaken lightly and was carried out with great care and respect. Council and staff recognize the importance of this memorial to veterans, their families, and the broader community, and appreciate the understanding of residents as these difficult but necessary actions were taken to safeguard both the public and the monument's legacy.

All stone and metal components will be stored by the Municipality until such time as a plan can be made regarding the future of the memorial.

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Galbraith Field Memorial Gates Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Galbraith Field Memorial Gates Advisory Committee is established by Council to review options for the future commemoration, restoration, reconstruction, relocation, or replacement of the Galbraith Field Memorial Gates and to provide recommendations to Council.

2. Mandate

- 2.1. The Committee shall:

- 2.1.1. Review available historical information regarding the Galbraith Field Memorial Gates and their commemorative significance.

- 2.1.2. Consider the condition of the remaining gate components and any technical, financial, heritage, accessibility, and operational factors.

- 2.1.3. Seek input from interested residents, community organizations, veterans' groups, and other stakeholders as appropriate.

- 2.1.4. Evaluate potential options for preserving or commemorating the legacy of the Memorial Gates.

- 2.1.5. Investigate potential options for fundraising initiatives, grant funding, and other project enabling resources.

- 2.1.6. Prepare and submit a final report and recommendation to Council.

- 2.2. The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity only and shall have no authority to direct staff, commit municipal funds, or make decisions on behalf of Council.

3. Membership

- 3.1. The Committee shall consist of:

- 3.1.1. One (1) member of Council, appointed by Council, to sit as Chair.

- 3.1.2. Four (4) members of the public, appointed by Council.

- 3.2. The Clerk of the Municipality shall act as secretary to the committee and provide administrative and technical support as required.

4. Term

- 4.1. The Committee is established as an ad hoc advisory committee and shall continue until its final report has been submitted to Council or the Committee has been dissolved by Council resolution.

5. Meetings

5.1. The Committee shall meet as required to fulfill its mandate.

6. Reporting

6.1. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to Council no later than six months from the date of its first meeting.

7. Conduct of Members

7.1. Members of the Committee shall comply with all applicable municipal by-laws, policies, and procedures governing the conduct of Council and Committee business.

8. Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

8.1. Members shall disclose any pecuniary or other conflicts of interest in accordance with applicable legislation and municipal policies and shall maintain the confidentiality of any information received in confidence through their participation on the Committee.

9. Dissolution

9.1. The Committee shall be dissolved upon completion of its mandate unless otherwise directed by Council.

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: July 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Galbraith Field Memorial Gates Advisory Committee initial discussion

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

At the July 21st, 2026 meeting, Council established the Galbraith Field Memorial Gates Advisory Committee and approved the Terms of Reference. The Committee has been tasked with reviewing historical information, assessing restoration, reconstruction, replacement, and relocation options, gathering public input, investigating sources of funding and other enabling resources, and ultimately recommending a preferred course of action to Council based on their findings.

COMMENTS

In order to facilitate discussion, municipal staff have identified three key questions that the Committee should address over the course of its meetings. Sequencing the questions is difficult as the most favourable answer to each may change based on the decision made with regard to another. The questions are generally, however, as follows:

1. Where will the gates or the recommended monument be constructed?
2. Will the gates be reconstructed as they were to the best of the municipality's ability to today's standards, or will an alternative form of monument be recommended?
3. How will the efforts be funded or resourced?

As the municipality does not own Galbraith Field, Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority has been invited to participate in the discussion with the Committee regarding the location of the gates.

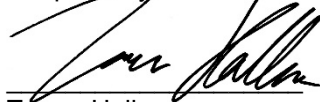
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OTHERS CONSULTED

None.

Respectfully submitted,



Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk