



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on January 13, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk

Others in Attendance

Rachel Hammermueller The Wingham Advance Times
Bob Montgomery The Blyth Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Heffer called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 1-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of January 13, 2026, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 2-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the December 16, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 3-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

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

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – November and December 2025

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for November and December was provided for information.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities – November and December 2025

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for November and December was provided for information.

7.2.2 Building Department Year End Report

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston summarizing building department activities for 2025 was provided for information.

7.3 CLERK

7.3.1 Use of Delegated Authority 2025

A report prepared in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam was provided for information.

7.3.2 Planning Update – Q3/Q4 2025

A report prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston was provided for information.

7.3.3 Wedding Solemnizations 2025

A report prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston was provided for information.

7.3.4 Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Activities 2025

A report prepared in this regard by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston was provided for information.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 2026 ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

The County of Huron Accessibility Advisory Committee provided the Annual Accessibility Plan for review and adoption. It was recommended that the plan be adopted as presented, to maintain compliance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 32 and Ontario Regulation 191/11.

Motion 4-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the 2026 Annual Accessibility Plan prepared by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried.

8.2 BORROWING BY-LAW 2026

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

Motion 5-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 01-2026, being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee on January 7th.

Jamie McCallum

No report

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jodi Snell

No report

Jamie Heffer

No report

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Correspondence - Proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority – MPP Lisa Thompson
- 10.2 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire Department – November 2025
- 10.3 Minutes – Huron OPP Detachment Board – September 29, 2025
- 10.4 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – November 19, 2025
- 10.5 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – November 26, 2025
- 10.6 Minutes – Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – September 10, 2025
- 10.7 Resolution –Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Municipality of South Huron
- 10.8 Resolution –Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Township of Scugog
- 10.9 Resolution –Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Township of Machar
- 10.10 Resolution – OCIF Extension – Town of Smiths Falls
- 10.11 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 6-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolutions of the Municipality of South Huron, and the Townships of Scugog and Machar regarding the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities.

Carried.

Motion 7-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the correspondence sent by MPP Lisa Thompson to the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks regarding the proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority.

Carried.

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**12.1 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

At the December 16th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law adopting Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee. By-Law 02-2026 was presented for consideration.

Motion 8-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 02-2026, being a by-law adopt Terms of Reference for the Emergency Management Program Committee of the Municipality of Morris- Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed. as presented.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW*Motion 9-2025*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 3-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on January 13, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 10-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at 7:45 pm.*

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Special Budget Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2026, **9:00 am**
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam