



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in regular session on the 14th day of January, 2020, at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

Council in Attendance

Mayor Jamie Heffer
Deputy Mayor Sharen Zinn
Jamie McCallum
Jim Nelemans
Kevin Freiburger

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk
Kirk Livingston CBO

Others in Attendance

Heather Boa HASAR Public Relations Officer
Bruce Brocklebank By-Law Enforcement Officer
John Schwartzentruber
Ranko Markeljevic
Ron Cook
Denny Scott The Citizen
Pauline Kerr Wingham Advance Times

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Heffer requested an addition to the closed agenda regarding negotiations to be carried on by the Municipality.

Deputy Mayor Zinn requested an addition to the closed agenda regarding an identifiable individual.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts
01-2020 the agenda for the meeting of January 14th 2020 as amended. Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4.0 MINUTES

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts
02-2020 the December 17th, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

5.1 ACCOUNTS

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 03-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the 2019 accounts dated January 14th 2020, in the amount of \$272,121.52, and the 2020 accounts dated January 14th 2020 in the amount of \$80,920.75.

Carried.

5.2 PAY REPORTS

Copies of the December 24th and January 7th Pay Reports were presented for information purposes.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 DEPUTATIONS

6.1.1 Huron and area Search and Rescue

Heather Boa, HASAR Public Relations Office addressed Council regarding the creation growth and success of the organization, and to requested support for future growth and sustainability.

Councillor Nelemans asked about how the teams are deployed. Ms. Boa explained that the OPP makes the decision to deploy HASAR volunteer teams.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked whether the volunteer teams have a mix of expertise. Ms. Boa explained that training is provided for all volunteers, but within the teams there are specialized roles including general searchers, a team captain who is also trained in communications, a paramedic, and a scribe.

Mayor Heffer thanked Ms. Boa for her presentation and asked that thanks be given also to the volunteers within the organization for their work. He explained that the request for financial support of the organization will be considered in upcoming budget deliberations.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

By-law and Property Standards Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston has prepared a report addressing some of the public's concerns regarding the draft Property Standards and Clean Yards by-laws. Mr. Livingston will be in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if the regulations regarding firewood are provincially mandated. Mr. Livingston confirmed that they are not, but that they are consistent with provisions in neighboring municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if there was a prescribed amount of time that a property owner would have to bring firewood into compliance if it was delivered in bulk to their driveway. Mr. Livingston stated that the by-law does not prescribe any such timeframe.

Mayor Heffer offered some clarification, pointing out that there are two potential issues regarding the firewood provisions, one of a commercial nature and one related to private use.

Councillor Nelemans asked if there would be an enforcement issue regarding firewood if the provisions were removed from this by-law. Mr. Livingston confirmed that there would not be.

Deputy Mayor Zinn suggested the removal of the firewood provisions from the property standards by-law.

Councillor McCallum suggested that the motor vehicle provisions be applied to urban areas only.

Councillor Freiburger asked if the provisions regarding trailers in the clean yards by-law could be worded in a way that makes it clearer that those provisions are already in the zoning by-law.

Deputy Mayor Zinn stated that in her opinion the existing property standards by-law is sufficient, and that she would prefer if there were no additions made to it.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if it was feasible to require that a fee be paid by a complainant at the time of making a complaint. Mr. Livingston informed council that of 70 complaints received this year, only one was deemed to be vexatious, with the rest being founded. It was his recommendation that imposing a fee to discourage vexatious complaints is not required.

Mayor Heffer summarized Council's suggestions up to this point and suggested that the current property standards by-law is satisfactory.

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 04-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry directs staff that the existing property standards by-law is to remain in effect, and to return a report outlining any deficiencies in the current property standards by-law with regard to provincial statutes and requirements.

Mayor Jamie Heffer	YEA
Deputy Mayor Sharen Zinn	YEA
Jamie McCallum	YEA
Jim Nelemans	NAE
Kevin Freiburger	NAE

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Zinn requested a recorded vote on motion 04-2020.

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 05-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry directs staff to return the clean yards by-law for consideration, following the removal of provisions regarding firewood.

Defeated.

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 06-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry directs staff to return a report detailing any inconsistencies between the proposed clean yards by-law and the current property standards by-law for consideration.

Carried.

7.2 BUILDING

CBO Kirk Livingston will presented the building report for the months of November and December.

7.3 TRESURER

7.3.1 Borrowing By-law 2020

A report was prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard. CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented the report.

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 07-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 1-2020, being a by-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditure of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 14th day of January 2020.

Carried.

7.3.2 Credit Card Fees

A report was prepared by Tax Collector Kelly Tiffin in this regard. CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented the report.

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 08-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry approves the use of simplepay.ca for the processing of credit card payments, and that ratepayers are to be directed simplepay.ca if they wish to make any payments with a credit card.

Carried.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 Insurance renewal 2020

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada, the insurance broker for the Municipality, has provided the insurance renewal proposal for 2020. It was accepted by staff and was presented for ratification by Council. The cost of \$42,660.00 plus tax represents only a 5% increase over the 2019 proposal of \$40,363.00. The proposal was accepted by Staff on December 18th 2019 to ensure continuity of coverage, and due to the fact that the increase was deemed to be reasonable.

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 09-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the Municipal Insurance Program proposal for 2020 received from Jardine Lloyd Thompson in the amount of \$42,660 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Jim Nelemans

No report.

Kevin Freiburger

January 8th 2020, attended a meeting of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board MVCA Board of Directors.

Jamie Heffer

January 10th 2020, attended the Brussels Agricultural Society Annual Meeting.

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

- 10.1 Minister's Response – Building Code Transformation
- 10.2 Resolution – Town of Deep River – Nuclear Reactor Technology
- 10.3 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

Richmond Municipal Drain

Construction is complete and final costs have been received for the Richmond Municipal Drain. By-Law 2-2020 amends 14-2019 and provides for the levying of assessments.

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 10-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 2-2020, being a by-law to amend by-law 14-2019 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry based on actual cost incurred for constructing the Richmond Municipal Drain 2019, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 14th day of January 2020.

Carried.

***** Mayor Heffer called a brief recess at 9:20pm *****

13.0 CLOSED SESSION**13.1 ENTER CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 11-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk and CBO remaining in attendance at 9:30 pm for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- 1) Section 239 (2) (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual;
- 2) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality.

Carried.

13.2 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 12-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 11:25 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 REPORT AND ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council discussed three items regarding identifiable individuals and two items regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality. The following motion was passed in closed session:

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION C04-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby extends its meeting beyond 10:30 pm.

Carried.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 13-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 3-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on January 14th, 2020, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 14th day of January 2020.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 14-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 11:26 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, February 4th 2019, 7:30 pm
2. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, February 18th 2019, 7:30 pm

Original Signed By
Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Original Signed By
Clerk, Trevor Hallam