



**MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

**COUNCIL MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING**

**Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, 9:00 am**

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry held a special meeting electronically on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, at 9:00 am for the purpose of budget deliberations.

**Council in Attendance**

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

**Staff in Attendance**

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy	Treasurer
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works
Kirk Livingston	Chief Building Official / Drainage Superintendent / Property Standards Officer / Zoning Administrator
Kelly Tiffin	Tax Collector

**Others in Attendance**

Mike Wilson	Wingham Advance Times
Denny Scott	Blyth Citizen

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Heffer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Mayor Heffer noted that Mike Wilson of the Wingham Advance Times disclosed the use of recording equipment for the purpose of writing articles to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Motion 10-2022*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby  
adopts the agenda for the meeting of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 as  
circulated.*

*Carried.*

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

None.

#### 4.0 **BUSINESS**

##### BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Treasurer Sean Brophy reviewed the draft budget with Council and presented priority discussion topics for their consideration.

#### 4.1 Municipal Drains

Mr. Livingston presented the budget for Municipal Drains for 2022.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

#### 4.2 Building Department

Mr. Brophy and Mr. Livingston presented the budget for the Building Department, noting that changes had been made from 2021 to reflect staffing changes and the ending of the shared service agreement with North Huron. Through these changes expenditures for 2022 are budgeted at approximately \$13,000.00 less than 2021.

Councillor Nelemans asked if there were anticipated legal issues that would justify the \$5,000.00 budgeted for that purpose. Mr. Livingston noted that there is one matter that will be dealt with in 2022.

Mayor Heffer noted that he appreciated seeing that money was being put aside into reserves when possible.

#### 4.3 Property Standards

Mr. Livingston presented the budget for Property Standards for 2022.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

#### 4.4 Parks and Cemeteries

Mr. Livingston presented the budget for Property Standards for 2022.

Councillor Nelemans and Deputy Mayor Zinn inquired about the repairs to the walkways and the location of McKinney/Patton Park. No direction was given.

#### 4.5 Belgrave Water System

Mr. Alcock presented the budget for the Belgrave Water System.

##### 4.5.1 Belgrave Water Rate 2022

Councillor Nelemans suggested that the proposed 0.25% increase amounts to so little that the rates should be kept the same. Councillor McCallum agreed.

Deputy Mayor Zinn suggested that the increase should be approved as presented, as a small increase each year is favorable to a larger increase next year. Councillor Freiburger agreed.

*Motion 11-2022*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves a 0.25% increase and establishes the water rate for the Belgrave Water System at \$1,183.13 per user for 2022.*

*Carried.*

#### 4.6 Landfill & Waste Disposal

Mr. Alcock presented the landfill and waste disposal budget. He highlighted that there is a slight increase due to having a full-time professional operator, as well as increases to equipment amounts that have not seen any adjustment in the last seven years.

Mr. Alcock provided an explanation for two other changes to the landfill and waste disposal budget compared to 2021. Hydro costs are down due to the efficiency of the new scale house, and the savings from the reduced hydro use will offset the cost of the new building in approximately 20 years, and that as wheely bin user fees have not increased since the introduction of the program there will be an increase in 2022 that will bring the revenues closer to covering the costs of its operation.

#### 4.7 Roads

Mr. Alcock presented the Roads budget. He highlighted that there is a 10% decrease in the quantity of gravel required for maintenance, but there has been an increase in the unit price.

Discussion followed regarding the condition of the road and maintenance required due to the operations of the gravel pit at St. Michaels Road. Deputy Mayor Zinn inquired about gravel that was to be provided to the Municipality in lieu of payment. Mr. Brophy explained that the amount given was intended to be used to build up St. Michaels Road. During road construction good gravel was found and that was used to build up the road. The agreement with the owner of the gravel pit was renegotiated to reflect those savings. That gravel. All gravel received under that agreement has been used.

Mayor Heffer asked if the 2006 Volvo grader was the one slated for replacement, and if further maintenance costs are expected on it. Mr. Alcock confirmed that it is the 2006 Volvo, and that the hope is to keep it in service to replace the rental grader at a savings of \$50,000.

##### 4.7.1 Maintenance Gravel Tender

*Motion 12-2022*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed to tender for maintenance gravel.*

*Carried.*

##### 4.7.2 Paving Tender

Council discussed the benefits and risks of delaying further treatment of Clyde line. There was a consensus that it would be prudent to proceed with the final layer of paving as scheduled.

*Motion 13-2022*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed to tender for asphalt paving on Clyde Line.*

*Carried.*

##### 4.7.3 Surface Treatment Tender

*Motion 14-2022*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed to tender for surface treatment of Salem Road and Glenannon Road.*

*Carried.*

## 4.7.4 Roller/Packer Purchase

*Motion 15-2022*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed to purchase a used Roller/Packer.*

*Carried.*

## 4.7.5 McCall Line Culvert Construction

*Motion 16-2022*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed to tender for the construction of the McCall Line Culvert immediately upon the completion of the required engineering work.*

*Carried.*

## 4.7.6 2-Way Radio System

*Motion 17-2022*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed to the purchase of 2-Way radio equipment.*

*Carried.*

\*\*\* Mayor Heffer called a 5-minute recess at 10:05 \*\*\*

## 4.8 Administration

Mr. Brophy presented the administration budget.

Councillor Nelemans asked about the amount allocated for the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. Mr. Brophy explained that there could be further costs though its unclear at the moment, but other municipalities are putting aside \$5000.00.

Deputy Mayor Zinn voiced disappointment with the proposed MVCA levy being too high. Discussion followed regarding the efforts the MVCA makes to keep expenditures low, and that they have lost government funding while having to provide more services.

## 4.9 Policing

Mr. Brophy presented the Policing budget.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

## 4.10 Fire

Mr. Brophy presented the fire budget.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

## 4.11 Animal Control

Mr. Brophy presented the animal control budget.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

#### 4.12 Cross Border Utilities

Mr. Brophy presented the cross-border utility budget.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

#### 4.13 Grants and Donations

Mr. Brophy presented the grants and donations budget.

Discussion followed regarding the requests for donations that the Municipality had received. There was a consensus of Council that the agencies that had requested financial support do important work in the municipality, but that tax dollars are to be spent on cores services, and private donations can be made directly if ratepayers wish to do so.

Direction was given to decline the requests of Huron Hospice, The United Way and Community Food Share, and to remove the contingency amount from the budget.

#### 4.14 Recreation

Mr. Brophy presented the recreation budget.

Mr. Brophy noted that there will be an increase to the BMG operational levy in 2023 to being to pay off the accumulated deficit, following which the levy will be reduced and regular reconciliations will take place.

Deputy Mayor Zinn requested that staff follow up with North Huron to get more information on how he amounts were determined and the number of users indicated in the request before Council decides. Council was supportive of receiving additional information.

Council discussed the report provided by Mr. Hallam regarding funding for the Belmore Arena Board. Direction was given for staff to request more information regarding the Board's finances for 2020 and 2021 and report back with recommendations.

#### 4.15 Belgrave Development

Mr. Brophy presented the Belgrave development budget.

Councillor McCallum suggested that the expected revenues from property sales should be updated to reflect current values. No direction was given to staff.

#### 4.16 Assessment

Mr. Brophy presented the anticipated assessments for the municipality.

Discussion followed regarding the rescheduling of the four-year assessment by MPAC. No direction was given.

#### 4.17 Tax Rates

Mr. Brophy presented the tax rates that would be required to meet expenditures as currently detailed in the draft budget. Council discussed and suggested a target for the tax rate increase of 4-5%.

#### 4.18 Streetlights

Mr. Brophy presented the street light budget.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

#### 4.19 Reserves

Mr. Brophy presented the amounts that will be put into reserves.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

**5.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 18-2022*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 04-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.*

*Carried.*

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 19-2022*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 11:18 am.*

*Carried.*

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam