



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 24, 2025, 7:00 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met for a special session in the Auditorium at the Brussels, Morris, and Grey Community Centre on January 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of holding a meeting to consider the engineer's report for the Nichol Municipal Drain.

#### **Council in Attendance**

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

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Kirk Livingston	CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer/ Drainage Superintendent

#### **Others in Attendance**

Ben Gowing	Project Engineer, GEI Consultants
Alvin McLellan	Deputy Mayor, Huron East
Peter Fehr	
Frank Fehr	
Carl McLellan	
Brian VanVeen	
Becky Jamieson	
Tom Cronin	
Lynne Cronin	
Greg Nicholls	
Abram Peters	
Henry Zacharias	
Dwayne Morrow	
Bill VanNess	
Lois Lee	
Jim Lee	

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Heffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### **2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Motion 13-2025*

*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 January 24, 2025, as circulated.*

Carried.

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

None.

## 4.0 **BUSINESS**

### 4.1 MEETING TO CONSIDER ENGINEER'S REPORT – NICHOL MUNICIPAL DRAIN

#### 4.1.1 Engineer's Report

In May of 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry appointed GEI Consultants to prepare a report varying the assessments for the Nichol Municipal Drain under Section 76 of the *Drainage Act*. In October of 2024, the appointment was amended to include the Rintoul, McDonald, Robb and Pipe Municipal Drains, in as far as they are tributary drains to the Nichol Municipal drain.

Notice of the meeting to consider the engineer's report was issued to landowners on January 7, 2025.

Project Engineer Ben Gowing presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

#### 4.1.2 Questions and Comments

- Council
  - No questions from Council.
- Landowners in attendance
  - Greg Nicholls asked for clarification regarding whether Morris-Turnberry Council had the jurisdictional ability to establish an assessment schedule for properties in Huron East. Mr. Gowing provided clarification from the relevant sections of the *Drainage Act*.
  - Jim Lee asked what prompted the project. Mr. Gowing explained the deficiencies in the assessment schedules available, and the connections to the drain since the last schedule was established.
  - Bill vanness asked for clarification on next steps, and if any work was being proposed under this report. Mr. Gowing clarified that this report is to establish schedules for maintenance only with no associated capital work, but that the Municipality would be using these schedules to assess landowner for maintenance work. Mr. Livingston provided an overview of the ongoing maintenance that prompted the need for an updated maintenance schedule.
  - Becky Jameson asked for further clarification regarding the relationship between this report and the maintenance work that is ongoing. Mr. Hallam provided further explanation of the parallel nature of the timing of both this report and the maintenance work.

#### 4.1.3 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

*Motion 14-2025*

*Moved by Jodi Snell*

*Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 04-2025, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for the Nichol Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read a first and second time this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.*

*Carried.*

#### 4.1.4 Date of Court of Revision and appointment of members.

*Motion 15-2025*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn*

*Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Court of Revision for the Nichol Municipal Drain 2024 be set for February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 pm;*

*AND FUTHER THAT the members of the Court of Revision for the Masson Municipal Drain 2024 shall be:*

*1 – Alvin McLellan, Deputy Mayor, Huron East*

*2 – Jamie Heffer, Mayor, Morris-Turnberry*

*3 – Kevin Freiburger, Deputy Mayor, Morris-Turnberry*

*Carried.*

**5.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 16-2025*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 05-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on January 24, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 17-2025*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 7:24 pm.*

*Carried.*

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Special Meeting of Council – Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 9:00 am  
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam