



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9:00 am

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in a special meeting for the purpose of budget deliberations on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, at 9:00 am.

#### **Council in Attendance**

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

#### **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

#### **Others in Attendance**

Scott Stevenson	The Blyth Citizen
Mike Wilson	Wingham Advance Times

#### **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 and Scott Stevenson of the Blyth Citizen 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 13-2023*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as circulated.*

*Carried.*

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

None.

#### **4.0 BUSINESS**

##### BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The purpose of the meeting was to allow Council to provide direction to staff on the draft 2023 municipal budget.

Treasurer Sean Brophy presented the draft budget for the consideration of Council.

4.1 Overall

Mr. Brophy introduced the budget document and provided an overview.

4.2 Municipal Drains

Mr. Livingston presented the Municipal Drain budget.

4.3 Building Department

Mr. Livingston presented the Building Department budget.

4.4 Property Standards

Mr. Livingston presented the Property Standards budget.

4.5 Parks and Cemeteries

Mr. Alcock presented the Parks and Cemeteries budget.

4.6 Belgrave Water System

Mr. Alcock presented the Belgrave Water System budget.

4.6.1 Belgrave Water Rate 2023

*Motion 14-2023*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby establishes the water rate for the Belgrave Water System at \$1,183.97 per user for 2023.*

Carried.

4.7 Landfill & Waste Disposal

Mr. Alcock presented the Landfill & Waste Disposal budget.

4.8 Roads

Mr. Alcock presented the Roads budget.

Councilor Zinn suggested not purchasing crew cab pickup trucks to find additional savings, Mr. Alcock explained how the trucks are used through their useful life and will consider single cabs if there is a savings as government vehicle pricing changes.

Mayor Heffer suggested using funds from the Belgrave Development to pay for the stormwater master plan.

4.9 Administration

Mr. Brophy presented the Administration budget.

4.10 Policing

Mr. Brophy presented the Policing budget.

4.11 Fire

Mr. Brophy presented the Fire budget.

4.12 Animal Control

Mr. Brophy presented the Animal Control budget.

4.13 Cross Border Utilities

Mr. Brophy presented the Cross Border Utility budget.

Mayor Heffer called a brief recess from 10:18 am to 10:25 am.

#### 4.14 Grants and Donations

Mr. Brophy presented the Grant and Donation budget containing the contributions that are made annually. Mr. Hallam presented the requests received for the 2023 budget year through the grant and donation application program.

Council voiced support and appreciation for the work of the United Way and the North Huron Community Food Share, but there was a consensus that since individuals have the opportunity to financially support those organizations privately, public funds should not be used.

Council considered the North Huron Recreation request. Discussion followed as to whether the amount should be adjusted in the event of any recreation programming cuts or reductions. The consensus was to grant the full request and reassess for the 2024 budget.

*Motion 15-2023*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the requests for financial support received from the Township of North Huron Recreation Department and the Wingham Golf and Country Club.*

*Carried.*

#### 4.15 Recreation

Mr. Brophy presented the Recreation budget.

#### 4.16 Belgrave Development

Following a discussion regarding the use of the surplus funds from the sale of various lots in Belgrave, Council directed staff to:

1. Include the cost of conducting a community-level monitoring-based sewage impact assessment in Lowertown in the next draft of the budget;
2. Discuss the potential of paying the municipality's share of the Brussels, Morris and Grey Community Center renovation project in a lump sum rather than financing it through the Municipality of Huron East over 5 years as previously arranged;
3. Include the funding of the stormwater master plan for Belgrave from the surplus funds rather than from the asset management reserve in the next draft of the budget;
4. Repay general revenues for the up-front costs of the project over a term of up to 5 years;
5. Return a report regarding the cost finishing the surfacing of Jamestown Road to Clyde Line with hot mix asphalt paving.
6. Return a report with options and recommendations for investing the remaining funds.

#### 4.17 Assessment

Mr. Brophy reviewed the changes to assessments with Council.

#### 4.18 Tax Rates

Following a discussion on the final tax levy, Council directed staff to attempt to reduce the increase to 5% in the next draft of the budget.

#### 4.19 Streetlights

Mr. Brophy presented the Streetlight budget.

#### 4.20 Reserves

Mr. Brophy presented the Reserve budget.

**5.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 16-2023*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 05-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.*

Carried.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 17-2023*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 11:39 am.*

Carried.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam