



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on the 1st day of February 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works
Kirk Livingston	Chief Building Official / Drainage Superintendent / Property Standards Officer / Zoning Administrator

Others in Attendance

Vicky Lass	Director, Huron County Economic Development
Cole Nicholson	Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator, Huron County Economic Development
Alex Ripley	Economic Development Officer, Huron County Economic Development
Mike Wilson	Wingham Advance Times
Denny Scott	Blyth Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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 20-2022

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby
adopts the agenda for the meeting of February 1st, 2022 as
circulated.*

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 21-2022

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the January 11th and 17th, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 22-2022

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the February 1st accounts in the amount of \$259,495.39.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Huron County Economic Development Department - BR & E Results

Vicki Lass, Director, Cole Nicholson, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator, and Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer from the Huron County Economic Development Department presented the results of the business retention and expansion survey completed in 2021 to Council.

Discussion followed regarding the type of support being provided, tracking of the success of those business that have received support, the issues surrounding succession planning and ageing out, apprenticeships, and the barriers caused by transportation in the area.

Mayor Heffer thanked Ms. Lass for her presentation and the work the department has done on the Business Retention and Expansion survey.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 COVID-19 Update

A report was presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam regarding the impacts of COVID related regulations on the operations of the municipality for the information of Council.

7.2 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.2.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – November and December 2021

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

Mr. Livingston noted that complaint volumes are down as they often are this time of year, and dealing with ongoing issues is difficult due to the weather and the backlog in the Courts.

There were no questions or comments from Council

7.3 BUILDING

7.3.1 Building Department Activities – November and December 2021

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

Councillor Nelemans asked about the availability of building supplies and how much time generally passes between the issuance of a permit and a final inspection. Mr. Livingston explained that there are still delays in receiving products and materials and that the length of construction varies but is typically 8 months to a year.

7.3.2 Year End Report – 2021

A report was presented by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston summarizing building activities in the municipality for 2021 for the information of Council.

Councillor Nelemans asked if the cost of septic systems has gone up. Mr. Livingston explained that costs vary depending on what's required and depending on the soils on site.

7.3.3 Building Code Update

A report was presented by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston summarizing changes to the building code effective January 1, 2022, for the information of Council.

Councillor Nelemans asked if there were any requirements for electric vehicle charging capacity introduced with the changes. Mr. Livingston, explained that there used to be provisions in the code but they were removed in 2018.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 TAX NEWSLETTER

The newsletter and election information insert that will be included with the interim tax levy mailing was provided for the information of Council.

8.2 BMG FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN AGREEMENT

A report presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard for the information of Council.

Councillor Nelemans asked if the consultants would receive their \$90,000.00 fee regardless of how much is raised. Mr. Hallam explained he had not seen the wording of the contract, but was not aware of any benchmarks or prorating.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jamie McCallum

Attended a Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention meeting on January 12th.

Jim Nelemans

Attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board. He noted that there is ice in the curling rink but not the arena, and discussions with Howick regarding COVID funding are ongoing.

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a MVCA Board meeting on January 26th.

Jamie Heffer

No report

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

10.1 Media Release – Out of the Cold Extended Hours – Huron County

10.2 Media Release – Huron County Library New Website – Huron County

10.3 Media Release – Coldest Night of the Year Wingham – Perth Huron United Way

10.4 Media Release – Redeployed Staff – Huron County

10.5 Notice – North Huron Official Plan 5 Year Review – North Huron

- 10.6 Correspondence – Regulations for Bills 276 and 13 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 10.7 Correspondence – Huron County Plowing Match 2022 – Huron Plowmen’s Association
- 10.8 Newsletter – Review of 2021 - Huron Manufacturing Association
- 10.9 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – December 2021
- 10.10 Minutes – SVCA – December 16, 2021
- 10.11 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB - January 25
- 10.12 Resolution – Support for Rural Bridges and Culverts – Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
- 10.13 Outstanding Action Items

Regarding item 10.3, Deputy Mayor Zinn noted that has entered a team in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser and encouraged those with an interest to contribute.

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolution of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio asking the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 Interim Billing 2022

Motion 23-2022

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 05-2022, being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2022 for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 1st day of February 2022.

Carried.

12.2 Snow Removal Agreement

A report was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard.

Motion 24-2022

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 06-2022, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and Steve Robinson regarding the removal of snow on municipal property, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 1st day of February 2022.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 25-2022

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance at 8:45 p.m. 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 and identifiable individual.*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 26-2022

*Moved by
Seconded by*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:09 p.m.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed employee matters regarding identifiable individuals.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 27-2022

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 07-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on February 1st, 2022, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 1st day of February 2022.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 28-2022

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, February 15th, 2022, 9:00 am
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam