



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 6th day of February 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Ross McCall
Calvin Semple
Jeff Cardiff
Betty Cardiff
Blake Cardiff
Stephen Brickman Headway Engineering
Adam Hall Headway Engineering (Attended Virtually)
Scott Stephenson The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Heffer noted that Scott Stephenson would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 16-2024

*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 February 6th, 2024, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 **MINUTES**

Motion 17-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the January 16th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 18-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the February 6th accounts in the amount of \$ 411,950.36.

Carried.

6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 MEETING TO CONSIDER ENGINEER'S REPORT – GRANT MUNICIPAL DRAIN

6.1.1 Engineer's Report

A Notice of Request for Drain Construction was received January 10, 2023, for a new branch of the Grant Municipal Drain at the South Half of Lot 30, Concession 4, former Morris Ward.

Notice of the meeting to consider the engineer's report was issued to landowners on January 23rd, 2024.

Project Engineer Stephen Brickman presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

6.1.2 Questions and Comments

- Council

Mayor Heffer noted that the lack of concerns indicated that any issues must have been dealt with throughout the process up to this point.

- Landowners

Blake Cardiff asked for clarification on how far into Elizabeth Cardiff's property the work would extend. Mr. Brickman clarified that there will be a catch basin at the property line but there will be no work further onto the property.

6.1.3 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

Motion 19-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 9-2024, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for Branch 'B' of the Grant Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read a first and second time this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

6.1.4 Date of Court of Revision and instruction to Tender.

Motion 20-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Court of Revision for Branch 'B' of the Grant Municipal Drain 2024 be set for March 5th, 2024 at 7:30 pm and the project be tendered with results to be presented on April 2nd, 2024, pending no appeals.

Carried.

6.1.5 Appointment of Members to the Court of Revision

Motion 21-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the members of the Court of Revision for Branch 'B' of the Grant Municipal Drain 2024 shall be:

- 1 – Alvin McLellan, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Huron East*
- 2 – Deputy Mayor Kevin Freiburger*
- 3 – Councillor Jamie McCallum*

Carried.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

None.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 TENDER RESULTS – 24-111 MAINTENANCE GRAVEL

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

Motion 22-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the quotation of Joe Kerr Ltd. for RFQ MT 24-111 – Granular “M” Supply and Place in the South Half of the Geographic Township of Turnberry and the North Half of the Geographic Township Morris, in the amount of \$ 469,300.00 (excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

8.2 TENDER RESULTS – 24-113 DUST CONTROL 2024

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

Motion 23-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the tender of Pollard Distribution Inc. for a 1 Year Dust Control Contract for \$189,472.50 (excluding HST) based on estimated quantities and unit prices and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

8.3 GIBBONS LINE CORRECTION

A report was presented in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Motion 24-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 6-2024, being a by-law to establish certain lands as a public highway, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

8.4 INTERIM LEVY 2024

A report prepared in this regard by Tax Collector Kelly Tiffin was presented by Mr. Hallam.

Motion 25-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 8-2024, being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2024 for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

8.5 Correspondence to Minister of Long-Term Care

A report was presented in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Council discussed the draft and was supportive of sending it to the Minister as presented.

Motion 26-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to issue correspondence to the Minister of Long-Term Care regarding the Braemar Retirement Centre's license, as presented.

Carried.

8.6 Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repairs

A report was presented in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Council discussed the request and was supportive of contributing towards the repairs in some way, and also agreed there should be some level of community involvement. There was a consensus that the entrance gate is an important landmark and something should be in place to ensure it is not removed in the future.

Staff were directed to work with the landowner, the MVCA, to determine a path forwards.

Motion 27-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to solicit quotes for repairs to the Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate, and to discuss the repairs further with MVCA.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a Huron East Recreation Advisory Committee on January 25th.
Attended a Huron County Council Orientation Session on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on January 18th.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

Attended a meeting of the MVCA Board on January 24th.

Jodi Snell

No report, but noted that Karl Elis is retiring in September.

Jamie Heffer

Attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference January 21st to 23rd.

Councillor McCallum requested to attend MVCA AGM as a representative of Council. Council supported his request.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Economic Development Department Update – December 2023
- 10.2 Request for Support – AORS – Fanshawe College Municipal Operators Course
- 10.3 Minutes – SVCA Meeting – November 30, 2024
- 10.4 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – January 30, 2024
- 10.5 Resolution – Review Conservation Fee Changes – Municipality of South Bruce
- 10.6 Resolution – License Plate Renewal Revenue – Municipality of Tweed
- 10.7 Spring Tax Mailing Newsletter
- 10.8 Yard Waste Collection Notice
- 10.9 Draft Budget and Work Plan – MVCA - 2024
- 10.10 Outstanding Action Items

Deputy Mayor Freiburger recommended that Council support the request of AORS.

Motion 28-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Morris-Turnberry supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to

develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, Morris-Turnberry calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccinni, Morris-Turnberry's Member of Provincial Parliament the Honourable Lisa Thompson and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

Carried.

Councillor McCallum recommended that Council support the resolution from the Municipality of South Bruce.

Motion 29-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports the correspondence from the Municipality of South Bruce calling on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to reconsider the directive mandating conservation authorities to not alter fees related to planning, development and permitting for the 2023 calendar year.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 BIVAL MUNICIPAL DRAIN FINAL BY-LAW

Work has been completed on the BiVal Municipal Drain, and all associated costs have been accounted for. By-Law 7-2024 provides for the levying of assessments as provided by the engineer.

Motion 30-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 7-2024, being a by-law to amend by-law 22-2023 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry based on actual costs incurred for constructing the BiVal Municipal Drain 2023, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 31-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:17 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- a) Section 239 (2) (c) regarding a proposed disposition of land.
- b) Section 239 (2) (e) regarding litigation or proposed litigation.
- c) Section 239 (2) (K) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the Municipality.

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 32-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:08 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed a request to purchase unopened road allowances in Brussels and provided direction, received a report regarding ongoing and potential litigation for information, and received an update on negotiations for cross border water and sewer servicing.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 33-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 10-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on February 6th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 6th day of February 2024.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 34-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:08 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam