



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on February 17, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

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

Others in Attendance

Rachel Hammermueller The Wingham Advance Times
Bob Montgomery The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Heffer noted that the members of the press in attendance would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 27-2026

*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 February 17, 2026, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 28-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the February 3, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 29-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves payment of the list of accounts as presented.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

None.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 RESTRICTED ACTS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT

A report has been prepared by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston in this regard.

Motion 30-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry directs staff to return a by-law to delegate certain authorities to the CAO/Clerk under the Municipal Elections Act to the next meeting of Council for consideration.

Carried.

8.2 SMOKING BY-LAW UPDATE

A report has been prepared in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

Councillor Zinn asked for clarification regarding the differences between what is in the County by-law and what was introduced by the Province in 2017. Mr. Hallam was unable to provide an answer.

Motion 31-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby consents, pursuant to Section 115 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to the enactment of an updated Smoking By-law by the Council of the County of Huron, including the repeal of County of Huron By-law No. 2003-021, respecting the regulation of smoking and vaping in public places and workplaces within the County of Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of the County of Huron for the purpose of satisfying the consent requirements under the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried.

8.3 BELGRAVE WATER ANNUAL REPORT AND SUMMARY

The Belgrave Well Supply 2025 Operation and Maintenance Annual Report, and Compliance Summary were prepared by Veolia Water and presented for the information of Council.

Motion 32-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry adopts the Belgrave Well Supply 2025 Operation and Maintenance Annual Report, as prepared by Veolia Water.

Carried.

8.4 NORTH HURON FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT

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

Motion 33-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry directs staff to return a by-law to authorize an agreement with the Township of North Huron for the provision of Fire Protection Services to the next meeting of Council for consideration.

Carried.

8.5 MAITLAND GRANITE REQUEST

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

McCallum spoke in favour of supporting the request.

Mayor Heffer informed Council that he had previously been made aware that only applicants in Wingham are eligible for the Vance Fund, which is possibly why this application was unsuccessful last year. He wanted to ensure Council was aware of this, and spoke to the application to the Trillium Fund being an appropriate one for the municipality to support.

Motion 34-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves partnering with Maitland Granite for the purpose of an application to the Leland and Thora Vance fund, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant stream for replacement ice making equipment.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

February 4, attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jodi Snell

No report.

Jamie Heffer

No report

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Statement of Remuneration – SVCA Board Member 2025
- 10.2 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – February 4, 2026
- 10.3 Minutes – Belmore Arena Board – October 20, 2025
- 10.4 Minutes – Belmore Arena Board – November 17, 2025
- 10.5 Minutes – MVCA Board – December 2025
- 10.6 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water System – January 2026
- 10.7 Monthly Report – Huron East Fire Department – January 2026
- 10.8 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 MASSON MUNICIPAL DRAIN – FINAL ASSESSMENTS

Work has been completed on the Masson Municipal Drain, and all associated costs have been accounted for. By-Law 8-2026 provides for the levying of assessments as provided by the engineer.

Motion 35-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 8-2026, being a by-law to amend by-law 54-2024 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry based on actual costs incurred for constructing the Masson Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 36-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 9-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on February 17, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 37-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at 7:43 pm.*

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam