



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 20th 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 Attended Virtually

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk
Denise Van Amersfoort Huron County Manager of Planning

Others in Attendance

Frank Sanders
John Sanders
Chris Michie
Scott Stephenson The Citizen
Kelsey Bent Wingham Advance Times

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 35-2024

*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 20th, 2024, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 36-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the February 6th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 37-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the February 20th accounts in the amount of \$ 313,392.49.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Application MV01/24 - Sanders
Concession 7, North 1/2 Lot 6, Morris

Motion 38-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their Council Meeting and the Committee of Adjustment hereby opens a meeting to review application for Minor Variance MV01-2024, submitted by Frank and Doris Sanders.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

6.2.1 Call to Order

Mayor Heffer called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

6.2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

6.2.3 Purpose

The purpose of this application is to reduce the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) setback to allow for the construction of a new house.

The application proposes to reduce the MDS setback of 724 m to 435 m to the neighbouring barn to the east of the subject property.

6.2.4 Application Process

An application for a Minor Variance was submitted by Frank Sanders and considered complete on September 2nd, 2022.

The required MDS distance of 724m was previously reduced to 530 metres in application MV04-2022. The building location remains the same as the original application; an error in measurement occurred in the original file which is why a revised application has been submitted.

Notice of a Public Meeting was mailed by the municipality to all property owners within 60m of the property on February 9th, 2024, and notice was posted on the subject property.

A report has been prepared by Huron County Manager of Planning Denise Van Amersfoort regarding this application.

6.2.5 Comments

1. Planner's Report

Ms. Van Amersfoort presented the report to Council.

2. Council's Questions and/or Comments

No questions or comments from Council.

3. Applicant and/or Agent

Frank Sanders clarified that a mistake was made, and that the house location hasn't moved measurement from the original application. He noted that the prevailing winds typically carry the odor from the neighbouring barn along the low lying areas.

Chris Michie spoke in favour of the application. He noted that he owns the farm directly to the north, and has built a house on a similar elevation and rarely notices odor from the neighbouring barn..

4. Others

None.

6.2.6 Recommendation

It is recommended that application MV01-2024 be approved with the following conditions:

1. The dwelling be located within the footprint shown on the sketch that accompanied the application;
2. The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of Council's decision.

6.2.7 Committee of Adjustment Decision

Motion 39-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, considering the variance to be minor, to maintain the appropriate development of the lands, and to maintain the general intent of the Morris-Turnberry Zoning By-law 45-2014 and the Morris-Turnberry Official Plan, hereby approves application for minor variance MV01-2024, submitted by submitted by Frank and Doris Sanders, subject to the following conditions:

1. *The dwelling be located within the footprint contained on the sketch that accompanied the application;*
2. *The variance approval is valid for a period of 18 months from the date of Council's decision.*

Carried.

6.2.8 Close Committee of Adjustment

Motion 40-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT The Committee of Adjustment hereby adjourns their meeting.

Carried.

Denise Van Amersfoort, Frank Sanders, John Sanders and Chris Michie left the meeting.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 Municipal Drain Maintenance 2023

A report was presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam detailing maintenance completed on municipal drains under the maintenance provisions of their respective reports for 2023.

7.2 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.2.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – November and December 2023

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

7.3 BUILDING

7.3.1 Building Department Activities – November and December 2023

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

7.3.2 Building Department Year End Report 2023

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for 2023 was provided for information.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 CHARITABLE TAX REBATE – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

Motion 41-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the 2023 application for a tax rebate for eligible charities submitted by Habitat for Humanity Huron County for the property located at 680 Josephine St N and directs staff to issue the rebate in the amount of \$3,600.32.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

February 7th attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.
February 15th attended a virtual training session hosted by Huron County on Accessibility.

Jamie McCallum

Noted that the Belmore Arena Board meeting has been moved to February 26th, and that he was unable to attend the MVCA AGM due to work commitments.

Sharen Zinn

February 14th attended the MVCA AGM.
Had difficulties connecting to the County Accessibility training on February 15th and was unable to attend.

Jodi Snell

No report

Jamie Heffer

February 14th attended the MVCA AGM.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Media Release – Coldest Night of the Year – United Way Perth-Huron
- 10.2 Listowel Wingham Health Alliance Board of Directors Highlights – January 2024
- 10.3 Minutes – Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority – September 20, 2023
- 10.4 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – December 20, 2023
- 10.5 Minutes - MVCA Membership Meeting – November 15, 2023
- 10.6 Minutes – SVCA Meeting – January 19, 2024
- 10.7 Resolution – Town of Petrolia – Combined ROMA and OGRA Conference
- 10.8 Resolution – County of Renfrew – Water and Wastewater System Affordability
- 10.9 Resolution – Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus – Social and Economic Prosperity Review
- 10.10 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – January 2024
- 10.11 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 42-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Petrolia calling on the ROMA and OGRA boards to re-establish a combined ROMA and OGRA annual conference.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

Scott Stephenson and Kelsey Bent left the meeting.

13.1 Enter closed session.

Councillor McCallum left the meeting.

Motion 43-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 7:54 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) (i) technical information, supplied in confidence to the municipality, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 44-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received information and gave direction regarding the disposition of road allowances and received technical information regarding municipal servicing.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 45-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 11-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on February 20th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 20th day of February 2024.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 46-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:52 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam