



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 2nd 2021, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on the 2nd day of March 2021, 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	

Others in Attendance

Steve Jackson	Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Kelsey Bent	Wingham Advance Times
Denny Scott	Blyth Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked for an amendment to the agenda to include a discussion of facts regarding cross border servicing in open session.

Motion 56-2021

*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 March 2nd, 2021 as amended.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 57-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the February 16th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 58-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the March 2nd accounts for 2020 payables in the amount of \$11,435.34 and for 2021 payables in the amount of \$104,616.77.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Wingham and Area Floodplain Mapping Update

Steve Jackson, Flood and Erosion Safety Services Coordinator with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, provided Council with an update on the Wingham and area floodplain mapping project, including next steps.

Mayor Heffer commented that he was glad to hear there were no new development restrictions in the Lowertown area.

Councillor Nelemans asked if all landowner issues the meetings are resolved. Mr. Jackson explained that there was one outstanding issue relating to a landowner's questions about the modeling itself. All other issues have been resolved as best they can be, though there may still be some outstanding items in the minds of people who were skeptical of the possibility of this level of flooding. However, since the province sets the flood standards so there is no adjustment to be made.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked for clarification that if the Howson Dam is not replaced, the flood zone in Morris-Turnberry would be more extensive. Mr. Jackson explained that if the Dam is removed there will be less of a flood zone in Morris-Turnberry. The removal would also have no impact on the severity of flooding downstream, as it is not a flood control dam.

Mayor Heffer thanked Mr. Jackson for the presentation and information.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 PLANNING

7.1.1 Housing Friendly Review

A report prepared by Huron County Planner Jenn Burns was presented by Mr. Hallam for the information of Council. A request was made to set a date for a review meeting in person. Mr. Hallam suggested that an in-person meeting date for the review be set in April or May, and that staff will return with possible dates.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

7.2 CLERK

7.2.1 COVID-19 Update

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

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if there is someone at the office during business hours answering the phones. Mr. Hallam explained that staff schedules are such that there is always someone in the office, and for those who are not voicemails are received by email immediately and staff are able to act on those remotely.

7.3 PUBLIC WORKS

7.3.1 Tender Results – 21-111 Maintenance Gravel

A report was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard. Mr. Alcock will be in attendance.

Nelemans noted that Donegan's usually picked up a tender form and asked if they did so this year. Mr. Alcock explained that there were more tender packages picked up than were submitted, and Donegan's was one of those. He noted that they have not submitted a tender for several years.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if there was any way we can cut back on the gravel to reduce costs. Mr. Alcock explained that the amount of gravel proposed this year was reduced by approximately 15%.

Mayor Heffer noted that by adding the packers to the graders the thought was that the municipality could cut back on the amount of gravel required, and it seems that is what we are seeing. Mr. Alcock agreed, and noted that reductions will be considered in future years, but an incremental approach is preferable to cutting back too much at once.

Councillor Nelemans asked about the price increase for the gravel. Mr. Alcock noted that there was indeed an increase, but the per tonne rate we are receiving is still well below the provincial average.

Motion 59-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the quotation of Joe Kerr Ltd. for RFQ MT 21-111 – Granular "M" Supply and Place, in the amount of \$78,840.00 (excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

7.3.2 Tender Results – 21-112 Maintenance Gravel

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

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Motion 60-2021

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the quotation of Joe Kerr Ltd. for RFQ MT 21-112 – Granular "M" Load, Haul and Spread, in the amount of \$167,438.79 (excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

7.3.3 Tender Results – 21-113 Maintenance Gravel

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

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Motion 61-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the quotation of Ryan Construction Ltd. for RFQ MT 21-113 – Granular “M” Supply and Place, in the amount of \$53,970.80 (excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

7.3.4 McCrea Well Tender

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

Councillor Nelemans asked how big the casing will be on this well. Mr. Alcock explained that it is a six-inch casing with a ten-inch hole, then concrete is poured to fill the gap between the hole and casing. Nelemans noted that that would explain the increased price, and that he was interested to know as some ratepayers might ask why it is so expensive to drill this well compared to a private well.

Motion 62-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the quotation of W.D. Hopper & Sons Ltd. for the McCrea Street Well Replacement on the Belgrave Water System for the estimated value of \$64,234.77 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

7.3.5 Bridge Replacement Tender – M230 Smuck Bridge

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

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Motion 63-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie Heffer*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the tender of Looby Construction Ltd. for Contract No. BR1397 replacement of structure M230 on Abraham Line estimated value of \$2,549,521.06 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 Municipal Modernization Program Funding – Use of remaining 2019 funds.

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

Councillor Nelemans noted that he had read the report would like to move the prepared motion.

Motion 64-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to proceed with the purchase and implementation of MESH by Go Evo and the required hardware to operate the system using the remaining funds from the March 2019 MMP allocation currently held in reserves,

And Further That staff are hereby directed to allocate any remaining portion of the March 2019 MMP allocation currently

held in reserves to equipment purchases already accounted for in the 2021 budget.

Carried.

8.2 Spring Newsletter

The newsletter that will be included with the interim tax levy mailing was provided for the information of Council. There were no comments or questions from Council.

8.3 Request for Letter of Support

Rob Van Aaken, Tuckersmith Communications Co-operative General Manager, requested a letter of support for an application to the Federal Universal Broadband Fund to extend fiber optic internet infrastructure to areas within the municipality. Staff recommended supporting the application.

Mayor Heffer noted that Council is always looking for ways to increase access to high-speed internet, and that he is supportive of this application.

Motion 65-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry fully supports the efforts of Tuckersmith Communications Co-operative to extend fiber into underserved areas of the municipality through an application to the Universal Broadband Fund.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jamie McCallum

Attended a Sustainable Huron Committee meeting last week.

Jim Nelemans

No report

Kevin Freiburger

February 17th, attended the Annual General Meeting for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority electronically.

Jamie Heffer

February 17th, met electronically with the Mayor and CAO of South Bruce mayor and a representative from the NWMO who provided an update on the site selection process for the deep geological reserve.

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

- 10.1 Avon Maitland School Board Meeting Highlights – February 23, 2021
- 10.2 Minutes – Sauguen Valley Conservation Authority – January 22, 2021
- 10.3 Media Release – Immigration Partnership Panel – Huron County
- 10.4 Resolution – Save the Ontario Fire College
- 10.5 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 66-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discussion regarding cross border servicing

Deputy Mayor Zinn requested that there be some discussion and clarification regarding facts in the cross-border servicing meetings to date.

She noted that there had been numerous offers and counter offers made by Morris-Turnberry through the negotiation process, and that Morris-Turnberry had still not received a response to its last offer. She stated that this dispute must be resolved and suggested that mediation be proposed one more time.

Councillor Nelemans, strongly agreed stating that the two sides need to get together and get this resolved for the ratepayers.

Mayor Heffer informed Council that there was a meeting scheduled for Thursday March 4th including himself and Mr. Hallam, County CAO Meighan Wark, County Warden Glenn McNeil, Reeve Bailey, and North Huron CAO Dwayne Evans. He noted that if Council's direction is to propose mediation again that can be taken forward.

Councillor McCallum agreed.

Councillor Freiburger reiterated that it is a user pay system and agreed that progress needed to be made.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 13-2021 Grasby Municipal Drain Final Assessment

Work has been completed on the Branch 'C' of the Grasby Municipal Drain, and all associated costs have been accounted for. By-law 13-2021 provides for the levying of assessments as provided by the engineer.

Motion 67-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 13-2021, being a by-law to amend by-law 40-2018 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry based on actual costs incurred for constructing Branch 'C' of the Grasby Municipal Drain, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 2nd day of March 2021.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 68-2021

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
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) (c) regarding the disposition of land by the municipality.*
- 2. Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality.*

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 69-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:30 p.m.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session

Council discussed an issue regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality and an issue regarding the disposition of property. Direction was given to staff accordingly.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 70-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 14-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on March 2nd, 2021, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 2nd day of March 2021.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 71-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at 9:32 pm.*

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Special Meeting of Council – Wednesday, March 10th, 2021, 9:00 am
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, March 16th, 2021, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam