



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16th 2021, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet electronically in regular session on the 16th 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
Kim Johnston	Deputy Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works
Kirk Livingston	Chief Building Official

Others in Attendance

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

Motion 75-2021

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of March 16th, 2021 as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 76-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the March 2nd and March 10th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 77-2021

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the March 16th accounts in the amount of \$1,398,086.41.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 COVID-19 Update

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

There were no questions or comments from Council.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities - January and February 2020

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

Councillor Nelemans commented on the increase in the costs of construction. Mr. Livingston noted that there has been an increase of about \$60,000.00 to \$75,000.00 to construction costs for new homes.

7.3 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.3.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities - January and February 2020

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

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked who bears the financial responsibility if the municipality has to go in and clean up a property after the time an owner has been given to do it has lapsed. Mr. Livingston explained that the landowner would be responsible for all costs, but every effort is made to work with the landowners to avoid those circumstances. He went on to explain that contractors with the equipment capable of cleaning up properties in the way needed do not generally want to do this kind of work locally, so contractors have to be sourced from out of the municipality which can cause delays and increased costs. The municipality would pay for the work initially but has the means to invoice landowners for actual costs. If those invoices go unpaid, they can be applied to taxes.

Councillor Nelemans noted a case where a Fire Inspector had inspected a dwelling with a stovepipe installed through plywood over a window and asked if that was the same property. Mr. Livingston said that to his knowledge it is not the same property, but that he had also brought in the Electrical Safety Authority, Fire Inspector, and Police to various properties in the past when needed.

7.4 PUBLIC WORKS

7.4.1 Tender Results – 21-114 Hot Mix Paving

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

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if the contingency amount had always been included in tenders of this type. Mr. Alcock confirmed that the contingency amount is its normally included the paving contracts as well as bridge contracts and is often why those projects finish below budget.

Councillor Nelemans declared a Pecuniary Interest as son works for Lavis Contracting Company Ltd. He noted that he had not realized there was a need to declare earlier.

Motion 78-2021

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accepts the tender of Lavis Contracting Company Ltd. for Contract MT 21-114 Hot Mix Paving for the estimated value of \$565,502.50 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO / Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

Councillor Nelemans abstained from the vote due to the previously declared pecuniary interest.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2022 – USE OF ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

A report was presented by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston in this regard.

Councillor Nelemans noted that the use of telephone and internet voting had worked well in 2018.

Motion 79-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry direct staff to bring forward a by-law authorizing Internet and Telephone voting as the alternative voting methods for the 2022 municipal election.

Carried.

8.2 BELGRAVE WATER ANNUAL REPORT AND SUMMARY

The Belgrave Well Supply 2020 Operation and Maintenance Annual Report prepared by Veolia Water was presented by Mr. Hallam for the information of Council.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Motion 80-2021

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry adopts the Belgrave Well Supply 2020 Operation and Maintenance Annual Report, as prepared by Veolia Water.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jamie McCallum

No report

Jim Nelemans

March 10th attended a Brussels Fire Board meeting.

March 15th attended a Belmore Community Centre Board meeting

Kevin Freiburger

No Report

Jamie Heffer

No report

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Notice of Public Hearing – Minor Variance – Howick
- 10.2 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – January 2021
- 10.3 Media Release – Measuring Experiences of Discrimination – Huron County
- 10.4 Resolution – Delivering Community Power – Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- 10.5 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 81-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk and Deputy Clerk remaining in attendance at 7:54 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- 1. Section 239 (2) (b) regarding the personal matters about an identifiable individual.*
- 2. Section 239 (2) (c) regarding the disposition of land by the municipality.*
- 3. Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality.*

Carried.

- 13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 82-2021

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:23 p.m.

Carried.

- 13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed one item regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, one item regarding the disposition of land by the municipality and one item regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality. Direction was given to staff accordingly.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 83-2021

*Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 16-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on March 16th, 2021, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 16th day of March 2021.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 84-2021

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, April 20th, 2021, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam