



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 7:30 pm

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

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy	Treasurer
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

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 49-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of March 17, 2026, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 50-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

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

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 51-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
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 2025 YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE

A report was presented in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy.

Motion 52-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the recommended year-end reserve transfer of \$142,432.66 to the General Reserve.

Carried.

8.2 2026 BUDGET UPDATE

A report was presented in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy.

Councillor McCallum joined the meeting.

Council discussed various budget items for which Mr. Brophy had requested direction. There was a consensus of council that the recommended adjustment to fire reserve transfer from \$250,000 to \$150,000 be made, that the hiring of a dog catcher be removed from the 2026 budget and revisited in a future budget, and that \$50,000.00 from the taxpayer benefit reserve be used to provide a pledge for the construction of the playground in Belgrave.

No changes were made in light of the savings realized through favourable paving tender results, and there were no adjustments made to the transfer to the bridge and culvert reserve.

There was a consensus of Council that a municipal tax rate increase of 4.88 per cent was acceptable.

Motion 53-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a final draft of the 2026 budget, containing the recommended changes, to the April 7, 2026 council meeting.

Carried.

8.3 SALE OF A PORTION OF AUGUSTA STREET

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

Motion 54-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 15-2026, being a by-law to authorize the sale of a portion of Augusta Street, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

March 4th attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jodi Snell

March 9th attended a meeting of the Wingham and Area Health Professionals Recruitment Committee

March 11th attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention.

Attended a meeting of the Wingham-Listowel and Area Family Health Team Board.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

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

- 10.1 [Conservation Authority Consolidation Decision](#)
- 10.2 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire Department – February 2026
- 10.3 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – February 2026
- 10.4 Correspondence - Request for Ministerial Consultation – AMDSB
- 10.5 Notice of Public Meeting – MTu Z01-2026 Michie (Kikkert)
- 10.6 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – March 4, 2026
- 10.7 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

None.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 55-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:34 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk and Director of Public Works remaining in attendance, for the purpose of

discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- a) *Section 239 (2) (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 56-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:02 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received correspondence regarding an identifiable individual regarding roadside spraying and weed control activities and gave direction to staff.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 57-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 16-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on March 17, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 58-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:02 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 7:30 pm

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam