



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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
Sean Brophy	Treasurer

#### **Others in Attendance**

Mike Wilson	Wingham Advance Times
Denny Scott	Blyth Citizen

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mayor Heffer noted that Mike Wilson of the Wingham Advance Times disclosed the use of recording equipment for the purpose of writing articles to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

#### **2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Motion 96-2021*

*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 April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as circulated.*

*Carried.*

#### **3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**4.0 MINUTES**

*Motion 97-2021*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as written.*

*Carried.*

**5.0 ACCOUNTS**

*Motion 98-2021*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the April 20<sup>th</sup> accounts in the amount of \$110,631.76.*

*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.

Mayor Heffer informed Council that he participated in a meeting called by MPP Lisa Thompson on the weekend to share information on the changes to the regulations with all heads of Council in Huron-Bruce.

**7.2 PLANNING****7.2.1 Planning Activities Q1 2021**

A planning activity report for January through March 2021 was presented by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston for the information of Council.

Councillor Freiburger commented that he appreciated seeing the list, and that he liked the idea of getting the quarterly update. Mayor Heffer agreed.

**7.3 PUBLIC WORKS****7.3.1 2021 Surface Treatment Contract**

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

Mr. Alcock noted that the tenders were very close, with a difference of only approximately .1% of the total bid.

Councillor Nelemans asked if Norjohn Contracting and Paving had completed the work on the rest of Salem Road. Mr. Alcock confirmed that Norjohn had been awarded the surfacing contracts in 2018, 2019 and 2020, and that the other respondent, Cornell Construction had the contract in 2017.

*Motion 99-2021*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*That the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepts the tender of Norjohn Contracting and Paving Limited for the supply and placement of surface treatment on Municipal roads for the estimated value of \$361,828.80 (based on estimated quantities and excluding HST) and authorizes the Mayor and CAO / Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.*

*Carried.*

## **8.0 BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Budget and Tax Rates 2021**

Mr. Brophy presented the final draft of the 2021 Municipal Budget and Tax Rates to Council.

Mayor Heffer noted that he was pleased to see the tax rate at 1.35% and that he believes it is prudent to be contributing to reserves in the way proposed.

There were no other questions or comments from council.

*Motion 100-2021*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 20-2021 being a by-law to adopt the budget and tax rates for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the year 2021, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.*

*Carried.*

### **8.2 Final Tax Levy By-Law**

Mr. Hallam presented the draft Final Tax Levy By-Law and sought direction to return the by-law to the next meeting of Council for consideration.

*Motion 101-2021*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return the Final Tax Levy By-Law for 2021 to the next meeting of Council for consideration.*

*Carried.*

## **9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jamie McCallum

Attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention meeting last week.

Jim Nelemans

April 19<sup>th</sup>, attended a meeting of the Belmore Community Centre Board.

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

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

- 10.1 Media Release – SWIFT Broadband Contracts – Huron County
- 10.2 Correspondence – Cross Border Relations – Doug Garniss
- 10.3 Correspondence – Transition to OPP Detachment Board model – Ministry of the Solicitor General
- 10.4 Correspondence – Budget Reduction - Wingham and Area Health Professionals Recruitment
- 10.5 Notice – Yard Debris Collection and Large Item Drop Off
- 10.6 Notice of Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment – North Huron
- 10.7 First Quarter Calls for Service – OPP
- 10.8 Report – Belgrave Water – March 2021
- 10.9 Report – MPAC Annual Report 2020
- 10.10 Outstanding Action Items

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked for clarification on item 10.3 regarding the transition to the OPP detachment board model. Mr. Hallam explained that lower tier CAOs had met to discuss the potential for different board sizes and structures and that further meetings would be had soon to determine next steps.

Councillor Nelemans suggested that it would be appropriate to respond to Doug Garniss' correspondence in item 10.2 to say that Morris-Turnberry is committed to keeping negotiations going. Deputy Mayor Zinn and Councillor McCallum agreed. Direction was given to staff to issue a response to Mr. Garniss.

## **11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

- 12.1 21-2021 Delegate Authority to Tax Collector

At their April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law to delegate the powers and duties of the Treasurer with respect to the collection of taxes to the Tax Collector.

*Motion 102-2021*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 21-2021 being a by-law to delegate the powers and duties of the Treasurer with respect to the collection of taxes to the Tax Collector, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.*

*Carried.*

## **13.0 CLOSED SESSION**

- 13.1 Enter closed session.

*Motion 103-2021*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
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 7:55 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 104-2021*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:47 p.m.*

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed four issues related to personal matters about an individual, an issue regarding the disposition of property and an issue regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality. Direction was given to staff accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 105-2021*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 22-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.*

*Carried.*

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 106-2021*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:49 pm.*

*Carried.*

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam