



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on April 21, 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
Sarah Kurtz	Planner, County of Huron
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

#### **Others in Attendance**

Denny Scott	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 74-2026*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of April 21, 2026, as presented.*

*Carried.*

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

None.

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

*Motion 75-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 7, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.*

*Carried.*

**5.0 ACCOUNTS**

*Motion 76-2026*

*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**

**6.1 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING**

Z03-2026 Zoning By-Law Amendment

*Motion 77-2026*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby Adjourns their regular meeting of Council, to be reconvened following a Public Meeting to consider Zoning By-Law Amendment MTu Z03-2026.*

*Carried.*

**PUBLIC MEETING – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**6.1.1 Call to Order**

Mayor Heffer called the public meeting to order at 7:31pm.

**6.1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**6.1.3 Purpose**

The purpose of this zoning by-law amendment (File No. Z03-2026) is to amend the zoning on a portion of the lands at Plan 410 Lot 84 Part Queen St; and RP 22R5477 Part 4 (125 Maitland Street) from the existing VR1 (Village Residential – Low Density) Zone to create a new special VR1 zone to permit an existing accessory structure in the absence of a main use and to request relief from the maximum floor size for accessory structures from 90 square metres to 140 square metres.

**6.1.4 Comments**

**1. Planner’s Report**

Ms. Kurtz presented her report.

**2. Applicant and/or Agent Comments**

The applicant was not in attendance.

**3. Others**

There were no comments from others in attendance.

**4. Council’s Questions and/or Comments**

There were no questions or comments from Council.

**6.1.5 Recommendation of the Huron County Planner**

It was recommended that Zoning By-law Amendment Z03-2026 be approved.

## 6.1.6 Close public meeting

*Motion 78-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby closes the Public Meeting to consider Zoning By-Law Amendment MTu Z03-2026 and reconvenes its regular meeting of Council.*

*Carried.*

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## 6.1.7 Consideration of Zoning By-Law Amendment MTu Z03-2026

*Motion 79-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 23-2026, being a by-law to amend by-law 45-2014 of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

## 6.1.8 Effect of Public and Agency Comments

No public comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision. Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.

Mayor Heffer noted that this was Ms. Kurtz's last meeting and thanked her for her work during her time working with the municipality.

**7.0 STAFF REPORTS**

## 7.1 PUBLIC WORKS

## 7.1.1 Operations Update

Director of Public Works Mike Alcock presented a report for the information of Council in this regard.

## 7.2 TREASURER

## 7.2.1 2025 Cash In-Lieu of Parkland

A report prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

## 7.2.2 2025 Investments

A report prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

## 7.3 CLERK

## 7.3.1 2026 Municipal election Procedures and policies

A report prepared by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston was provided for the information of Council.

**8.0 BUSINESS**

## 8.1 DRAFT ENCROACHMENT BY-LAW

CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented a report to Council in this regard.

Councillor Snell asked for clarification as to whether the by-law covered recreational or other uses as well. Mr. Hallam explained that being written as a general prohibition, that was the intent, and that effect will be confirmed during the legal review.

*Motion 80-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return the draft Encroachment By-Law for consideration following a legal review.*

*Carried.*

**9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie McCallum

April 20<sup>th</sup>, attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board.

Sharen Zinn

Attended a meeting of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board.

Jodi Snell

April 17<sup>th</sup>, attended a funding announcement at the Listowel Wingham Family Health Team.

Jamie Heffer

April 20<sup>th</sup>, attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Pioneer.

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – Buy Ontario Directive – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 10.2 Notice of Information Sessions – Changes to Floodplain Mapping - MVCA
- 10.3 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee - April 1
- 10.4 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – March 2026
- 10.5 Monthly Report – Huron East Fire – March 2026
- 10.6 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire – March 2026
- 10.7 Resolution – OCIF Extension – Municipality of Shuniah
- 10.8 Outstanding Action Items

*Motion 81-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolution of the Municipality of Shuniah calling on the provincial government to extend and improve the OCIF.*

*Carried.*

Councillor McCallum asked for clarification regarding the province's Buy Ontario mandate, which was provided by Mr. Hallam.

**11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

**12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

- 12.1 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT

*Motion 82-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 24-2026, being a by-law to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a transfer agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

12.2 ELECTION SIGN BY-LAW

*Motion 83-2026*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 25-2026, being a by-law to manage and regulate the use and erection of Elections Signs and campaign advertisements including third party advertising within the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Enter closed session.

*Motion 84-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 7:58 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 potential acquisition or disposition of land;*

*Carried.*

13.2 Return to open session.

*Motion 85-2026*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:40 p.m.*

*Carried.*

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received one report regarding an offer to sell land to the municipality and one report regarding a request to purchase land from the municipality and gave staff direction accordingly.

**14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 86-2026*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 26-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 21, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 87-2026*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:41pm.*

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**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam