



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on April 22, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

#### **Council in Attendance**

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

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Sean Brophy	Treasurer

#### **Others in Attendance**

Rachel Hammermueller	The Wingham Advance Times
Scott Stephenson	The Citizen

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

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

Mayor Heffer noted that Scott Stephenson and Rachel Hammermueller would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

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

*Motion 88-2025*

*Moved by Jodi Snell  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of April 22, 2025, as circulated.*

*Carried.*

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

None.

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

*Motion 89-2025*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 8, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.*

*Carried.*

## **5.0     ACCOUNTS**

*Motion 90-2025*

*Moved by Jodi Snell  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*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**

### **7.1     FIRE**

#### **7.1.1   Fire Chief's Monthly Report**

A report prepared by Fire Chief Chad Kregar regarding North Huron Fire Department activities for March was provided for the information of Council.

### **7.2     FINANCE**

#### **7.2.1   Tax Sale Results**

A report prepared in this regard by Tax Collector Kelly Tiffin was provided for the information of Council.

#### **7.2.2   Cash In-Lieu of Parkland Annual Report**

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

#### **7.2.3   2022 & 2023 Huron East Reconciliations**

A prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

#### **7.2.4   Annual Municipal Investment Report 2024**

A prepared in this regard by Treasurer Sean Brophy was provided for the information of Council.

## **8.0     BUSINESS**

### **8.1     BUDGET MATTERS – EXPENSES**

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

*Motion 91-2025*

*Moved by Jodi Snell  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby  
accepts the report on O. Reg. 284/09 Budget Matters-Expenses  
for the 2025 budget.*

*Carried.*

## 8.2 CROSS BORDER SERVICING AGREEMENT

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

Council expressed appreciation for staff's efforts in finalizing the agreement. Councillor McCallum highlighted the importance of a mutually beneficial arrangement. Councillor Zinn and Mayor Heffer noted the lengthy six-year process, with Mayor Heffer emphasizing the fairness of the final deal and its potential to foster community unity. Councillor Snell expressed hope that no conflicting agreements had been signed and noted the impact on residents. Councillor Freiburger remarked that the outcome aligned with the council's original goals, despite delays.

*Motion 92-2025*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 20-2025 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Cross-Border Servicing Agreement for Water and Wastewater Services between the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Corporation of the Township of North Huron, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

## 9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

April 9, attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee

Jamie McCallum

April 21, attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board.

Sharen Zinn

April 16, attended a meeting of the MVCA Board of Directors.

Jodi Snell

No report

Jamie Heffer

No report

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – Internet Utility Poles – Township of Howick
- 10.2 Financial Indicator Review – 2024
- 10.3 Municipal Financial Profile - 2024
- 10.4 Senior of the Year Nominations – Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility
- 10.5 Agricultural System Implementation – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- 10.6 Belgrave Water Monthly Report – March 2025

*Motion 93-2025*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the correspondence received from the Township of Howick.*

*Carried.*

## 11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

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

### 12.1 ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

At the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law authorizing the use of telephone and internet voting as alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election. By-law 21-2025 was provided for consideration.

*Motion 94-2025*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 21-2025 being a by-law to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting as alternative voting methods for the 2026 Municipal Election for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.*

*Carried.*

### 12.2 STOP UP, CLOSE, AND SELL GREEN STREET

At the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law to close and sell a portion of Green Street in Lowertown. By-law 22-2025 was provided for consideration.

*Motion 95-2025*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 22-2025 being a by-law stop up and close a portion of the road allowance known as Green Street, and authorize the sale thereof, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

### 12.3 SEASONAL CLOSURE BY-LAW

At the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law updating the seasonal road closure by-law. By-law 23-2025 was provided for consideration.

*Motion 96-2025*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 23-2025 being a by-law to authorize the temporary closure of highways or portions of highways during the period when winter maintenance is performed, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

### 12.4 REPEAL ATV BY-LAW

At the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law repealing the municipality's Off-Road Vehicle By-law. By-law 24-2025 was provided for consideration.

*Motion 97-2025*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 24-2025 being a by-law to repeal By-law No. 84-2017, being a by-law to regulate the operation of Off-Road Vehicles (ATVs and ORVs) on municipal highways within the limits of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a third time and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

13.0    **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

14.0    **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 98-2025*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 25-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on April 22, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.*

*Carried.*

15.0    **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 99-2025*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 7:42 pm.*

*Carried.*

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam