



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on May 5, 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

Others in Attendance

Phil Beard	General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, MVCA
Randy Greenaway	Chair, Bluevale Community Committee
Wayne Whalen	Bluevale Community Committee
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 88-2026

*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 May 5, 2026, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 89-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 21, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 90-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

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 PLANNING

7.1.1 Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026 - Proposed Planning Changes

A report prepared by Victor Kloeze, Senior Planner & Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning in this regard was provided for the information of Council.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 MAITLAND VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AGREEMENT RENEWAL

MVCA General Manager and Secretary Treasurer Phil Beard presented a request to renew the program and service agreement between the Municipality and the MVCA to Council.

Mayor heffer thanked Mr. Beard for his presentation.

Councillor Zinn commented on the extent of the costal erosion in the presentation slides, and asked if Mr. Beard had any information regarding the upcoming amalgamations. Mr. Beard noted that there are temporary restrictions in place on certain actions of the board for all conservation authorities, and certain provincial appointments have taken place to the board of directors for the Provincial Conservation Agency.

Councillor Freiburger asked for confirmation that the province's financial contribution to the MVCA budget was about 2% of its total, and that if development is away from hazards or sensitive lands the MVCA isn't involved. Mr. Beard confirmed both things are true.

Motion 91-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law authorizing the execution of the draft program and service agreement between the municipality and the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority to the next meeting for consideration.

Carried.

8.2 BLUEVALE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Members of the Committee addressed Council and sought support for permanent liquor licensing of the hall, as well as a drinking water well and new pavilion at Pioneer Park.

Councillor Zinn asked if the Committee planned to fund the improvemenst to the park through fundraising. Mr. Greenaway confirmed that they are prepared to fundraise to cover the costs, but if Council wished to contribute it would be welcome.

Councillors Zinn and McCallum spoke in favour of supporting the Committee in their work to improve the park to the benefit of the community.

Motion 92-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a report on the feasibility and implications of permanent liquor licensing at the Bluevale Community Hall, and the installation of a well and a new pavilion at Pioneer Park.

Carried.

8.3 BELGRAVE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST.

A request for a letter of support to accompany an application to the Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone grant program was provided for consideration.

Motion 93-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to send a letter in support of the Belgrave Playground Committee’s application to the Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone grant program.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

None.

Jamie McCallum

None.

Sharen Zinn

None.

Jodi Snell

None.

Jamie Heffer

None.

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – Pride Month Flag Request – Huron Perth Public Health
- 10.2 Correspondence – Pride Month Flag Request – Huron County Pride
- 10.3 Minutes – MVCA Board – March 18, 2026
- 10.4 Board meeting highlights – AMDSB – April 28, 2026
- 10.5 Press release – MVCA Concerns re amalgamation – April 23, 2026
- 10.6 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 94-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the press release issued by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority calling on the Province to halt the amalgamation plan for Ontario Conservation Authorities and commit to improving the unique watershed-based conservation system we all benefit from in this province.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Freiburger asked for a discussion regarding whether there may be further action Council can take to oppose the amalgamation of the Conservation Authorities. He suggested a resolution to gather support from other municipalities, including language regarding the funding model for Conservation Authorities and potentially refusing to pay into the consolidated Conservation Region. Councillors Zinn and McCallum were supportive.

Motion 95-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to draft a resolution calling on the provincial government to reconsider the consolidation of Conservation Authorities, to be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Carried.

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 94-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
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 May 5, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 95-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:08 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam