



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 7th day of May 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works
Jenn Burns	Huron County Planner

Others in Attendance

Scott Stephenson	The Citizen
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 99-2024

*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 7th, 2024, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 100-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the April 16th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 101-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the May 7th accounts in the amount of \$ 361,848.99.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 MCARTHUR MUNICIPAL DRAIN COURT OF REVISION

The meeting to consider the engineer's report for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 was held on April 2nd, 2024. Notice of the sitting of the Court of Revision was sent on April 9th, 2024. No appeals were received by the deadline of April 27th. At the time of the publication of the agenda, no late appeals had been received.

On April 2nd Council appointed Deputy Mayor Freiburger, Councillor Zinn and Councillor Snell to sit on the Court of Revision.

6.1.1 Open Court of Revision

Motion 102-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adjourns their regular meeting of Council and opens the Court of Revision for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024.

Carried.

McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 Court of Revision

6.1.2 Call to order by the Clerk.

Clerk Hallam called the Court of Revision to order at 7:31pm.

6.1.3 Appointment of Chair

Clerk Hallam called for nominations for Chairperson.

Motion 103-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT Kevin Freiburger be appointed as Chairperson for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 Court of Revision.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Freiburger assumed the chair.

6.1.4 Appeals

No appeals were received by the deadline of April 27th.

6.1.5 Late or Verbal Appeals

No late appeals were received. There were no assessed landowners in attendance and no appeals from the floor.

6.1.6 Adjournment

Motion 104-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT, there being no appeals to the assessment schedule as prepared by the engineer, the Court of Revision for the McArthur Municipal Drain 2024 be adjourned.

Carried.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

7.1.1 Bill 185 Changes to Provincial Planning Statement

A report was presented by Huron County Planner Jenn Burns in this regard for the information of Council.

Councillor McCallum asked about the status of the timelines that the province had outlined for municipalities to have development underway, and about the refunding of fees. Ms. Burns noted she was not familiar with the timelines for development but explained that the refunding of fees for missed timelines has been removed through this update.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING FEE STRUCTURE

A report prepared by Huron County Planning Director Sandra Weber and Planning Manager Denise Van Amersfoort in consultation with the Planning Fees Working Group was presented by Ms. Burns.

Councillor Snell requested additional information on the fees for Bruce County, Grey County, and Lambton Shores for comparison. She inquired as to how the new legislation is resulting in more complex applications and work for the planning department. She also inquired about when the last official plan review was done as well as the last zoning update to align with the official plan, noting that if the two documents were aligned it would streamline the system and not put undue costs on ratepayers.

Ms. Burns Jenn will report back with the additional information requested. She noted that the new policies from the province, and the frequency with which changes have been made, create a considerable amount of work for planning staff to implement. In addition to this, shifting responsibilities between Conservation Authorities and the planning department require staff to review current policies and procedures and work with Conservation Authority staff during the transition. She went on to note that the applications and development proposals that are coming forward are for properties that are more complex and have more requirements for development than have been seen previously, as most of the properties with few or no barriers to development have been developed.

A lot of the easy applications have been done, easy to develop, easy to carve lots off of are done. They're developed. Now the more challenging properties are left. More constraints on properties and those are the ones that are left to develop.

Councillor McCallum asked for clarification on the shortfall between the fees and cost recovery for the services. He also noted reluctance to approve such a large increase at one time, suggesting incremental increases of 10%-25% would be more acceptable.

Councilor Zinn asked if the fee schedule presented is the final draft or if it is still under revision. Ms. Burns explained that her understanding is there are no further revisions underway, and that the Councils of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, North Huron, Central Huron and South Huron have approved the schedule.

Mayor Heffer summarized the discussion by stating that Morris-Turnberry Council did not appear to be prepared to approve the schedule as presented.

A report with further information addressing the questions of Council will be returned to a future meeting.

Jenn Burns left the meeting.

8.2 TENDER RESULTS – SHOULDER SPREADER

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

Motion 106-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby accepts the tender of CUBEX LTD. For a Shoulder Spreader Attachment to fit the CAT® Backhoe, in the amount of \$102,876.76 excluding HST, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

8.3 WINTER GRADER

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

There was a consensus of Council that the most prudent option is the purchase of the grader that has been in use under a rental contract for the last 3 years.

Motion 107-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby authorizes the use of a single source purchase under 20(a)(vi) of the municipality's procurement policy for the purchase of the Volvo G940 grader from Elvaan Equipment Solutions and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the tender and all other required documents.

Carried.

8.4 DOCUMENT COMMISSIONING POLICY

A report prepared by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston in this regard was provided to Council.

Motion 108-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby approves the draft Document Commissioning Policy as presented and directs staff to return a by-law to adopt the policy to the next meeting of Council.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

April 21st to 24th attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference in Toronto.

April 18th attended a Cyber Awareness training session hosted virtually by Huron County.

April 29th attended the Municipality's annual emergency exercise.

May 1st attended a meeting of the Huron East Recreation Advisory Committee.

Jamie McCallum

April 21st to 24th attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference in Toronto.

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jodi Snell

No report

Jamie Heffer

Apr 27th attended a meeting regarding the Drainage Act hosted by MPP Thompson Teeswater.

April 29th attended the Municipality's annual emergency exercise.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Media Release – Funding from Ministry for Training - AORS
- 10.2 Media Release – Environmental Action Plan - AMDSB
- 10.3 Correspondence – Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding – Western Ontario Warden's Caucus
- 10.4 Correspondence – Leadership Change – Nuclear Innovation Institute
- 10.5 Correspondence – Pride Month and Pride Flag – Huron County Pride
- 10.6 Correspondence – Pride Month and Pride Flag – Huron Perth Public Health
- 10.7 Correspondence – Summary of Proposed Hosting Agreement – Municipality of South Bruce
- 10.8 Notice of Meeting – Open House – South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project
- 10.9 Notice of Meeting – Official Plan Review – Municipality of Central Huron
- 10.10 Resolution – Resume Assessment Cycle – Huron Shores
- 10.11 Resolution – Basic Income Guarantee – Town of Smith Falls
- 10.12 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – April 24, 2024
- 10.13 Minutes – Maitland Source Protection Authority – March 20, 2024
- 10.14 Minutes – MVCA Board Meeting – March 20, 2024
- 10.15 Outstanding Action Items

Deputy Mayor Freiburger made note of the successful campaign by AORS to get funding for a training program for municipal employees that was supported by Council at a previous meeting. Mayor Heffer thanked Mr. Alcock for his work on the initiative during his time as President of AORS.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 CRUIKSHANK MUNIICPAL DRAIN BY-LAW – FINAL READING

At the March 19th meeting of Council, first and second reading were given to the Cruikshank Municipal Drain By-Law. As the period for submitting appeals has passed with none being received, Council proceeded to give 3rd reading to the By-law.

Motion 109-2024

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 14-2024, being a by-law to adopt the engineer's report and authorize construction for the Cruikshank Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read a third time, and finally passed this 7th day of May 2024.

Carried.

Scott Stephenson left the meeting.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 110-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:40 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) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 111-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:38 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed negotiations regarding a proposed agreement for water system operator services and gave direction to staff; discussed negotiations regarding an expiring cross border servicing agreement; and discussed negotiations regarding fire services.

There was a consensus of Council in closed session to consider the following motion upon returning to open session.

Motion 112-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with Veolia Water Canada to a future meeting of Council for consideration.

Carried.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 113-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 24-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on May 7th, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 7th day of May 2024.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 114-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at 9:40 pm.*

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam