



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on June 2, 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

Willy Van Klooster	Huron Hospice
Lynne Harris	Huron Hospice
Michel Terzian	Headway Engineering
Donald Ross	Landowner, Latronica Municipal Drain
Alan Willits	Landowner, Latronica Municipal Drain
Rachel Hammermueller	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 103-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby
adopts the agenda for the meeting of June 2, 2026, as
presented.*

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 **MINUTES**

Motion 104-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the May 19, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 105-2026

*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 DEPUTATIONS

6.1.1 Huron Hospice

Willy Van Klooster and Lynne Harris addressed Council regarding advocacy to secure funding for already constructed new beds at Huron Hospice through an appeal to the Minister of Health and being with Ministry of Health officials at the AMO conference.

Mayor Heffer thanked Mr. Van Klooster for his work and noted that the Town of Goderich had put forward a request for delegation at AMO, which will be supported by other Huron County Municipalities.

Motion 106-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs that a letter signed by the mayor be sent to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, asking her to fund and open two beds at Huron Hospice which have been closed for 18 months.

AND FURTHER THAT any councilors attending the AMO conference support a delegation to the Ministry of Health regarding the request for funding.

Carried.

6.2 PUBLIC MEETINGS

6.2.1 Meeting To Consider Engineer's Report – Latronica Municipal Drain

6.2.1.1 Extension of time for filing report

Motion 107-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

WHEREAS Section 39 of the Drainage Act requires that the engineer shall file a report within one year after the appointment of the engineer,

AND WHEREAS Headway Engineering was appointed to prepare a report for the Latronica Municipal Drain on August 13, 2024, and filed said report on May 20, 2026, exceeding the prescribed time for filing;

AND WHEREAS the time for filing may be extended before or after the expiry of the one-year period by resolution of the council of the municipality,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby extends the one-year period and accepts the submission of the engineer's report for the Latronica Municipal Drain.

Carried.

6.2.1.2 Engineer's Report

Project Coordinator Michel Terzian presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

6.2.1.3 Questions and Comments

- Landowners in attendance

Mr. Ross asked for confirmation that the work will not negatively impact drainage of his lands to the east of the project. Mr. Terzian confirmed that there will be no negative impacts, as the overland flow route remains unchanged.

- Council

There were no questions or comments from Council.

6.2.1.4 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

Motion 108-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 30-2026, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for the Latronica Drain 2026, and that it now be read a first and second time this 2nd day of June 2026.

Carried.

6.2.1.5 Date of Court of Revision and instruction to Tender.

Motion 109-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Court of Revision for the Latronica Municipal Drain 2026 be set for July 7th, 2026 at 7:30 pm and the project be tendered with results to be presented on August 11th, 2026, pending no appeals.

Carried.

7.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 GRASBY MUNICIPAL DRAIN REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT

A report by Drainage Superintendent Kirk Livingston in this regard was provided for the consideration of Council.

Motion 110-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby receives the Notice of Request for Drain Improvement for the Grasby Municipal Drain, as described in the request submitted by Paul Fear of Morris Acres Incorporated under Section 78(1) of the Drainage Act;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council supports proceeding with the drainage works and instructs the Clerk to send the notice required under Section 78(2) of the Drainage Act to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Agri-business, and parties who requested the improvement under Section 78(1).

AND FURTHER THAT the request submitted for Drain Improvement to the Grasby Municipal Drain for 40318 Cranbrook Road, being Concession 6, South Part Lot 3, be accepted under Section 78 of the Drainage Act and that Headway Engineering be appointed to prepare a Minor Improvement report.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

None.

Jamie McCallum

May 25th attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board

Sharen Zinn

None.

Jodi Snell

Attended a meeting of the Listowel and Wingham Family Health Team Board

Jamie Heffer

May 30th attended the 40th annual Cadet Review in Wingham.
June 1st met with Heads of Council and staff from South Bruce and Howick, and members of the Belmore Arena Board about the draft Terms of Reference for the Board.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Newsletter - Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Region May 2026
- 10.2 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire – April 2026
- 10.3 Minutes – Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Members Meeting – April 15, 2026
- 10.4 Minutes – Huron OPP Detachment Board – March 23, 2026
- 10.5 Minutes – Belmore Arena Board Meeting – March 16, 2026
- 10.6 Minutes – Belmore Arena Board Meeting – April 20, 2026
- 10.7 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – May 26, 2026
- 10.8 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 ENCROACHMENT BY-LAW

At the April 21st meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law to regulate the use and occupation of Municipal Lands and Highways, following a legal review. By-law 31-2026 was provided for consideration.

Motion 111-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 31-2026, being a by-law to return a by-law to regulate the use and occupation of Municipal Lands and Highways, 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 112-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:00 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) (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 113-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:09 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council considered and approved a request for a farm tax class exemption.

Motion 114-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves a farm tax incentive rebate in the amount of \$9,843.95 for 2025 for the property owned by Tammy and David Wade at 42105 St. Michaels Rd.

Carried.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 115-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 32-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on June 2, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 116-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam