

#### **MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

# Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on July 8, 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

#### Others in Attendance

Bill Haines Dave Golley

Chris Palmer Councillor, Township of North Huron

Stephen Brickman Headway Engineering Adam Hall Headway Engineering

Nancy Bridge Seebach and Company Chartered Professional

Accountants

Rachel Hammermueller The Wingham Advance Times

# 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

An addendum was issued at 12:30 pm on July  $8^{th}$ , adding a closed session to the agenda.

Motion 148-2025

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 July 8, 2025, as amended.

Carried.

# 3.0 <u>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

None.

#### 4.0 MINUTES

Motion 149-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the June 17, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

# 5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 150-2025

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 MEETING TO CONSIDER ENGINEER'S REPORT ARBUCKLE AND CONGRAM MUNICIPAL DRAINS
- 6.1.1 Extension of time for filing report

Motion 151-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Jodi Snell

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 Arbuckle Municipal Drain on April 2, 2024, and filed said report on June 18, 2025, exceeding the prescribed time by three months;

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 Arbuckle and Congram Municipal Drains.

Carried.

Councillor McCallum joined the meeting.

#### 6.1.2 Presentation of Engineer's Report

A Notice of Request for Drain Construction was received March 22, 2024, for improvements to the Arbuckle Municipal Drain at South Part Lots 2 and 3, Concession 2, former Morris Ward.

Notice of the meeting to consider the engineer's report was issued to landowners on June  $18^{th}$  2025.

Stephen Brickman and Adam Hall presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

#### 6.1.3 Questions and Comments

Council

None.

• Landowners in attendance

Neither Mr. Haines nor Mr. Golley had comments regarding the design of the drainage works. Both expressed the opinion that the property owned by th COutny of Huron should be assessed higher. Mr. Brickman explained that the issue could be taken up with the Court of Revision, and noted he would discuss this with both landowners privately following this meeting.

Mr. Haines noted that he had planted wheat with the expectation of work happening this year. Mr. Brickman noted that it may be possible to have the work completed in the fall, depending on the response to the tender process, as this is all open ditch work and so less involved than a closed system.

### 6.1.4 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

Motion 152-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 33-2025, being a bylaw to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for the Arbuckle and Congram Municipal Drains 2025, and that it now be read a first and second time this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

Carried.

#### 6.1.5 Date of Court of Revision and instruction to Tender.

Motion 153-2025

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Court of Revision for the Arbuckle and Congram Municipal Drains 2025 be set for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 pm and the project be tendered with results to be presented on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, pending no appeals.

Carried.

# 6.2 MUNICIPAL AUDIT REPORT 2024

Nancy Bridge of Seebach and Company Chartered Professional Accountants presented the 2024 Financial Statements and Audit Report.

Motion 154-2025

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry accept the 2024 Audit Report and Financial Statements as submitted by Nancy Bridge, Auditor, Seebach and Company Chartered Professional Accountants.

Carried.

# 7.0 STAFF REPORTS

#### 7.1 FINANCE

### 7.1.1 Huron East Prior Year Reconciliations

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

#### 7.2 FIRE

### 7.2.1 North Huron Fire Report

A report prepared by North Huron Fire Chief Chad Kregar regarding the department's activities for May was provided for the information of Council.

# 8.0 BUSINESS

None.

### 9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

July 2<sup>nd</sup> attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Jamie McCallum

None.

Sharen Zinn

Attended a meeting of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board.

Jodi Snell

Attended the Annual General Meeting for the Listowel Wingham Family Health Team Board

Attended the graduation ceremony at FE Madill Secondary School and presented two awards on behalf of the Municipality

Jamie Heffer

None.

# 10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Minutes Belmore Arena Board 20 May, 2025
- 10.2 Board Meeting Highlights AMDSB June 24, 2025
- 10.3 Minutes CHIP March 12, 2025
- 10.4 Outstanding Action Items

### 11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

# 12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

### 13.0 CLOSED SESSION

### 13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 155-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:08 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 proposed disposition of land:
- b) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality;

Carried.

#### 13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 156-2025

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:30 p.m.

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# 13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received a report regarding the value of property that may be sold by the Municipality and considered the terms of a proposed rental agreement for farmland owned by the Municipality.

Motion 157-2025

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the CAO to execute a rental agreement for the cultivation of hay on a portion of the property at 41440 Brandon Road.

Carried.

#### 14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 158-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 34-2025, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on July 8, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

### 15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 159-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Carried.

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam