



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18th 2020, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet electronically in regular session on the 18th day of August, 2020, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

Mayor Jamie Heffer
Deputy Mayor Sharen Zinn
Jamie McCallum
Jim Nelemans
Kevin Freiburger

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Denny Scott The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts
180-2020 the agenda for the meeting of August 18th 2020 as circulated. Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts
181-2020 the July 21st, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

5.1 ACCOUNTS

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 182-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the August 18th accounts in the amount of \$707,271.44.
Carried.

5.2 PAY REPORTS

Copies of the July 22nd and August 5th Pay Reports were provided for information purposes.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS

7.1.1 Public Works Operations Report

A report was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard for the information of Council.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked about a depression in the road and a puddle at the intersection of Queen Street and Amberley Road and if there have been any complaints or if any issues were noticed when staff were working there.

Mr. Alcock explained that the Culvert is on the County's road allowance. Morris-Turnberry paved up to it, but there are likely issues with the culvert itself. During compaction water was rising to the surface. The County was notified when the paving was being done with the hope that it could be repaired before the paving was complete, but no repair was made.

7.1.2 Morris Landfill Scale House Replacement

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

Councillor Nelemans asked if the new structure would be more resistant to wind damage than the existing trailer. Mr. Alcock explained that it will be ordered with anchors that can be set in the concrete to ensure it is more stable.

Councillor McCallum thanked Mr. Alcock for completing another project under budget.

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 183-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepts the quotation from RM Products Ltd in the amount of \$17,987.00 excluding HST for a prefabricated modular building to be used as the scale house at the Morris Landfill and authorizes the Director of Public Works to proceed with its ordering and installation.
Carried.

7.1.3 Blind Line Bridge Replacement – Property Acquisition

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

Zinn proposed that the landowners who benefit from the installation of the new wider bridge could be asked to donate the land required rather than have the municipality purchase it.

Mayor Heffer clarified that the bridge is being offset from the current alignment, and property is required for that, not just for widening.

Councillor Nelemans noted that a purchase is required, even if its for \$1, but staff need to be able to have those discussion first, and the price not be the next stage.

Mr. Alcock clarified that staff would first enter into preliminary negotiations, and that standard practice is to offer the going rate for agricultural land plus a fence allowance, all with the goal of avoiding expropriation as the legal costs associated with that process would far exceed the costs of a mutually agreed upon purchase.

Councilor Nelemans stated that he agrees with Deputy Mayor Zinn that donated land would be preferable, but the project will have to go ahead either way.

Councilor Freiburger stated that Council have to remember that the iron bridge that is there is part of the Municipality's infrastructure and needs to be replaced.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if Councilor Freiburger's family would be one of those approached to purchase land. Councilor Freiburger confirmed that they are not.

Mayor Heffer stated that this motion provides staff with the ability to enter into these discussions and that all landowners should be treated equally, and in a way that Council would expect to be treated as well.

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION
183-2020

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk and Director of Public Works to enter into negotiations to acquire property for the purpose of constructing the new bridge to replace the existing Blind Line Bridge.

Carried.

Following the vote, Councilor Nelemans asked what the plan was for the existing bridge once the new bridge is complete. Mr. Alcock explained that it would be removed at the time of construction.

7.1.4 Blind Line Bridge Replacement – Naming

A report was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard. Council will consider options for names and convey them to staff.

Mayor Heffer left the meeting due to connectivity issues.
Deputy Mayor Zinn assumed the chair.

7.2 TREASURER

Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report

CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented a report prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard for the information of Council.

7.3 COVID-19 UPDATE

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

Mayor Heffer resumed the chair.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if there has been plexiglass installed at service counters in the office. Mr. Hallam explained no such purchases have been made to date. Deputy Mayor Zinn suggested that such measures will likely be needed for some time, and if the funding is available it would be a good time to do it.

Mr. Hallam stated that the eligibility criteria are being reviewed by staff and will be reported on at a future meeting of Council. Quotes for items such as plexiglass for service counters can be included with that report.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

None.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jamie McCallum

August 12 participated electronically in a meeting of the Committee for Huron Injury Prevention

Councillor McCallum stated that there was a Brussels Morris Grey Arena Committee happening concurrently with the Council meeting

Jim Nelemans

Attended an emergency meeting of the Belmore Hall Committee regarding the rental of space to a firearms safety training course. The operators have taken a course from the Health Unit and will assume the responsibility for following all precautionary measures related to COVID-19.

Funding for the Hall may come from the province to offset losses due to the COVID-19 related closure.

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Activity Report – January to June 2020 – North Huron Fire Department
- 10.2 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – July 2020
- 10.3 Media Release – Basic Income – United Way/Social Planning and Research Council
- 10.4 Media Release – Rural Broadband – Western Ontario Wardens Caucus
- 10.5 Media Release – Business Entryway Signage – Huron County Economic Development
- 10.6 Media Release – Huron Recovery Grant for Businesses – Huron County Economic Development
- 10.7 Media Release – Huron County Clean Water Project Funding – Huron County Clean Water Project
- 10.8 Notice – Enbridge Gas Rate Increase – Ontario Energy Board
- 10.9 Notice of Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment – Huron East
- 10.10 Notice of Public Meeting – Minor Variance – North Huron
- 10.11 Resolution – Emancipation Day – Chatham-Kent
- 10.12 Resolution – Emancipation Day – Owen Sound
- 10.13 Correspondence – Barn Preservation – Ontario Barn Preservation
- 10.14 Correspondence – school Bus Stop Arm Camera Programs – Ministry of Transportation
- 10.15 Correspondence – Green's Service Connection - Huron County Federation of Agriculture
- 10.16 Outstanding Action Items

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION
184-2020

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the School Bust Stop Arm Camera Program and the letter received from the Huron County Federation of Agriculture regarding the Green's Meat Market service connection.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**12.1 PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW**

At the July 21st meeting of Council, staff were directed to return the draft Property Standards By-Law to a future meeting. 36-2020 was provided here for the consideration of Council.

Deputy Mayor Zinn stated that she hoped that all of council has read the by-law, particularly sections 11.1 to 11.73 thoroughly and understand that they are giving municipal enforcement officers more power than the OPP. She said she is concerned about the legal costs that will ensue, and the addition of another committee of Council in the form of the property standards committee.

Councillors Freiburger confirmed that the authority in the cited sections comes from the Building Code Act, and isn't arbitrarily being granted by Council.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 185-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 36-2020, being a by-law to prescribe standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property in the municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 18th day of August 2020.
Carried.

12.2 FINAL TAX LEVY

On March 3rd, Council passed by-law 9-2020, providing for the collection of interim tax levies for 2020 based on 45% of the taxes collected in 2019. On April 7th, Council passed by-law 16-2020, adopting a budget and tax rates for the year 2020. By-Law 37-2020, providing for the levying and collection of the balance of the tax amounts required to meet the needs of the 2020 budget, was presented for the consideration of Council.

Councillor McCallum asked if there were many properties in arrears or that have asked for more time to pay their taxes. Mr. Hallam informed Council that there had been very few, and only approximately \$900.00 in interest had been written off due to COVID related requests to date.

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 186-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 37-2020, being a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of sums required by the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and to provide for the mailing of notices demanding payment of taxes for 2020, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 18th day of August 2020.
Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 187-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- 1) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality.
- 2) Section 239 (2) (c) regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

Carried.

13.2 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 188-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:18 p.m.
Carried.

13.3 REPORT AND ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council discussed two issues regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality, and one matter regarding the disposition of property. Direction was given to staff accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 189-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 38-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on August 18th, 2020, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 18th day of August 2020.
Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 190-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:20 pm.
Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- 1. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, September 1st 2020, 7:30 pm
- 2. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, September 15th 2020, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam