

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 1st 2020, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on the 1st day of September, 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 Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts

191-2020 the agenda for the meeting of September 1st 2020 as circulated.

Carried.

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

None declared.

4.0 MINUTES

Moved by Jim Nelemans Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the August 18th, 2020 Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes as

written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

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Deputy Mayor Zinn asked about the expenses related to the John Street Retaining wall. Mr. Alcock reported that the retaining wall at the corner of John Street and Brandon Road failed last year. The work was completed by a contractor as the total cost of the project was equal to what the was estimated for materials only by the Municipality.

Regarding the bridge washing done by AJN Builders, Councillor McCallum asked how many bridges were done for the amount listed and whether the work was pressure washing only. Mr. Alcock explained that all bridges were washed under the contract, and some repairs were completed at the same time. He also explained that the washing is done on the tops, sides and seats of the bridge with a higher than standard pressure washer.

Regarding the expense for the electrical repair at the Bluevale Hall, Councillor Nelemans asked if it was related to storm damage. Mr. Alcock explained that the underground service had failed, and this was the expense for installing a new above ground service.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 193-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the September 1st accounts in the amount of \$151,072.42.

Carried

5.2 PAY REPORTS

Copies of the August 19th Pay Reports were provided for information purposes.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 TREASURER

Safe Restart Agreement Funding

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

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if cleaning should be increased if the office reopens. MR. Hallam explained that the cleaners are currently coming in bi-weekly still for a basic clean with no special disinfecting measures. Staff are regularly disinfecting touch points and workstations. If the office were to reopen the professional cleaning should be increased and staff time spent cleaning and disinfecting would be increased as well. Deputy Mayor Zinn then asked about the costs for closed captioning, as it hasn't been working. Mr. Hallam explained that there was a \$10.00 charge for the meeting at which closed captioning was tested, but no charges have been incurred since. He explained that investment in better quality equipment such as microphones and headphones has resolved many of the issues that closed captioning was meant to address and so it may no longer be needed.

Councillor McCallum asked if losses on the Pletch development project could be considered in the same way as the losses for the Bluevale Hall. Mr. Hallam stated that staff are looking into whether interest costs associated with carrying the costs of the project for the extended timeframe due to COVID delays could be considered an eligible expense.

Councillor Nelemans stated that the Belmore Arena may be claiming losses in the same way. He also explained that he had experience with the portable plexiglass barriers and thought it would be a good idea for the office.

Mr. Hallam confirmed that staff will continue with discretionary spending such as those items listed and will report on further expenses in the future.

7.2 CLERK

7.2.1 Strategic Plan Action Item Update

CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented a report in this regard for the information of Council.

Deputy Mayor Zinn suggested that during budget deliberations Council consider donating to the community group responsible for purchasing the candy that is given out at the Santa Clause Parade.

7.2.2 SLED Program Application

CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented a report in this regard. Council was asked to consider giving their approval to the application.

Councilor Nelemans asked for clarification regarding how the program will be advertised, and whether there may be problems due to the limited funding. With some benefiting more than others. Mr. Hallam explained that the program would only be available for businesses adjacent to North Huron services in Wingham, not to residences, and that staff intend to make the same SLED application annually so the program can be offered in future years as well.

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 194-2020

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves an application for the 2020 SLED grant program, administered by the Huron County Economic Development Department for the purpose of providing grants to reduce barriers to development and attract new development to Morris-Turnberry by partially offsetting the fees for connecting to North Huron services.

Carried.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 Chestnut Lane - Permanent Closure and Disposition

CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam presented a report in this regard. Mr. Hallam explained that since the publication of the agenda, Huron East staff have come forward with new concerns that had not been expressed previously when they were consulted, and comments were sought. Mr. Hallam suggested deferring the consideration of the by-law to allow staff time to work with Huron East to address their concerns. He explained that under the policy in section 4 of the Notice By-Law notice of the next meeting to consider this by-law need not be published if the date and time at which it will be considered is given at this meeting.

Councillor Nelemans asked if it would be more practical to retain Chestnut Lane and enter into an agreement with Huron East for snow removal. Mr. Alcock explained that an agreement had been in place previously, but that snow removal was only done after all other roads in Huron East were done, resulting in delays and times for snow removal that were later in the day than would be expected by any other resident of Morris-Turnberry.

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 195-2020 THAT consideration of By-Law # 39-2020, being a by-law to stop up and close a portion of the road allowance known as Chestnut Street and authorize the sale thereof, be deferred to the November 3rd meeting of Council at 7:30 pm.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Jim Nelemans

No report.

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

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

- 10.1 Notice of Passing - Zoning By-Law Amendment - Huron East
- 10.2 Notice of Passing - Zoning By-Law Housekeeping Amendment - Huron East
- Media Release Continuing to Follow COVID Measures Huron County Media Release Orders Extended Province of Ontario 10.3
- 10.4
- 10.5 Resolution - Carbon Tax Exemption for Farmers - Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh
- **Outstanding Action Items** 10.6

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 196-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh regarding a carbon tax exemption for farm use of propane and natural gas, and asks that the federal government of Canada support the broad based call to exempt farmers from paying the carbon tax on farm use propane and natural gas.

Carried.

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

None.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

ENTER CLOSED SESSION 13.1

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 197-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk and Director of Public works remaining in attendance at 8:29 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

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

Carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 13.2

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by McCallum

MOTION 198-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed

session at 8:55 p.m.

Carried.

REPORT AND ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION 13.3

Council discussed the negotiations regarding the purchase of land for the construction of the Blind Line Bridge, and one other matter regarding negotiations to be carried on by the Municipality.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION C36-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the expense of \$15,000 plus costs for the purchase of land to

accommodate the proposed placement of the Blind Line Bridge;

AND authorizes staff to engage a legal surveyor to prepare a reference plan for the required property, and the Municipal Solicitor to prepare the agreement of purchase and sale and represent the Municipality on the transaction

AND that the Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized to execute all required documents.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Jim Nelemans Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 199-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 40-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on September 1st, 2020, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 1st day of September 2020.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

MOTION 200-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn

at 8:56 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, September 15th 2020, 7:30 pm 2. Regular Meeting of Council 6th 2020, 7:30 pm Tuesday, October

> 'Original Signed By' Mayor, Jamie Heffer

'Original Signed By' Clerk, Trevor Hallam