

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on September 2, 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam CAO/Clerk

Others in Attendance

Rachel Hammermueller The Wingham Advance Times

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 186-2025

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 September 2, 2025, as amended.

Carried.

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

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 187-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the August 12, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

Rachel Hammermueller joined the meeting.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 188-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

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

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 Planning Update

A report prepared by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston detailing planning activities for the first half of 2025 was provided for information.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 ARBUCKLE AND CONGRAM MUNICIPAL DRAIN TENDER RESULTS

A report prepared by Adam Hall of Headway Engineering in this regard was provided.

Motion 189-2025

Moved by Sharen Zinn Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepts the tender of Dozlan Construction for the total amount of \$43,089.00 excluding HST for the improvement of the Arbuckle and Congram Municipal Drains 2025.

Carried.

8.2 REAPPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

A report prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard was provided.

Motion 190-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepts the quotation provided by Seebach and Company for the provision of Municipal Auditing Services,

And that staff are directed to return a by-law to appoint Seebach and Company as Municipal Auditors for the years 2025 and 2026 for consideration at a future meeting of Council.

Carried.

8.3 SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FUNDING APPLICATION

Mr. Hallam presented a report in this regard.

Motion 191-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports the County of Huron's funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for an energy efficiency retrofit feasibility and program design study and directs the CAO to issue a letter of support to be included with the application.

Carried.

8.4 DOWNTOWN DECORATION

As Councillor McCallum had not yet joined the meeting, Mayor Heffer indicated that Council would return to item 8.4 later in the meeting

Councillor McCallum requested a discussion regarding the Municipality placing Canadian flags on light posts during the spring to fall seasons in the hamlets specifically Bluevale and Belgrave. He noted that for an event in Belgrave in 2017, flags had been placed on street light poles along highway 4. He explained that other municipalities have a practice of placing flags on poles in their downtown areas, and that he would like to see the same in the urban areas of Morris-Turnberry. He noted that he believed there would be funding available from the County or the Federal Government for this initiative.

Deputy Mayor Freiburger suggested that the Director of Public Works return a report exploring the options and costing for this. Council was supportive of this approach.

Motion 192-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs the Director of Public Works to return a report to Council detailing the costs and logistics of placing flags on street light poles seasonally in select urban areas of the Municipality.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

No report

Jamie McCallum

No report

Sharen Zinn

No report

Jamie Heffer

No report

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Minutes - Belmore Arena Board - July 21, 2025

10.2 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – July 2025

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 Animal Pound Services Agreement

At the August 12th meeting, staff were directed to return a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Wingham Veterinary Clinic and the Municipality. By-law 39-2025 is provided here for consideration.

Motion 193-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 39-2025, being a bylaw to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an Agreement between the Wingham Veterinary Clinic and the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

Councillor McCallum joined the meeting, following which Council returned to item 8.4 on the agenda.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 194-2025

Moved by Jamie McCallum Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 40-2025, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on September 2, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 195-2025

Moved by Kevin Freiburger Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam