



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 3rd day of September 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works
Sean Brophy	Treasurer
Jenn Burns	Huron County Planner

Others in Attendance

Nancy Michie	Applicant, C37-2024
Stan Kikkert	Owner, C37-2024
Jane Kikkert	Owner, C37-2024
Scott Stephenson	The Citizen
Rachel Hammermueller	Wingham Advance Times

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 200-2024

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of September 3rd, 2024, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 201-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the August 13th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 202-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the September 3rd accounts in the amount of \$ 701,887.22.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**6.1 CONSENT C37-2024 MICHIE/KIKKERT**

A report was presented by Huron County Planner Jenn Burns in this regard.

Discussion followed regarding the timelines for a record of site condition, official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment applications.

Mayor Heffer acknowledged the applicant and owner. Ms. Michie provided Council with a document to accompany her presentation to Council. Ms. Michie provided background information on the application process and argued against the issues raised in Ms. Burns' report

Mr. Kikkert addressed Council. He noted disappointment that his application fee was not refundable if his application was not supportable, he reiterated that his intention is to create two lots.

Council questioned the impact of a residence on the surrounding industrial uses, as well as the reason for the discrepancy between the applicant's planning justification report and the report authored by Ms. Burns. Ms. Burns noted that it is possible that at the time of writing, the author of the planning justification report may not have had the technical information that informed Ms. Burns' report, such as the hydrogeological and nitrate study. Ms. Burns noted that the owners could proceed with their proposed building, less severance, and comply.

Motion 203-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby defers further consideration of application C37-2024 to allow time for the applicant and planner to discuss what's currently allowable under the property's zoning and possible alternatives to the application, and for Council to have the opportunity to review the planning justification report provided by the applicant.

Carried.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

None.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT BY-LAW UPDATE

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

Motion 204-2024

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 40-2024, being a by-law appoint a Fire Chief and Community Fire Safety Officer for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 3rd day of September 2024.

Carried.

8.2 GRANT AND DONATION POLICY REVIEW

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

Discussion followed regarding the eligibility of municipalities to apply through the program, and whether Council needs to be notified of all applications, eligible or not. There was a consensus of Council that only eligible applications be brought forward to Council, and that the word "Municipalities" be omitted from a) of the eligibility criteria, to allow municipalities to continue to apply under the policy for funding.

Motion 205-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law for consideration at the next meeting of council to amend the Municipality's grant and donation policy to include eligibility criteria and other changes as recommended.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

August 18 to 21 attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa.

Jodi Snell

August 18 to 21 attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa.

Jamie Heffer

August 18 to 21 attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Media Release – Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus – Solve the Crisis Campaign
- 10.2 Media Release – Accessibility Awards Nominations Open – Huron County
- 10.3 Correspondence – Huron County Federation of Agriculture – Severance Approval Concerns
- 10.4 Correspondence – Bruce C Project – Bruce Power
- 10.5 Correspondence – Memorial Gates, Galbraith Field – Huron Historical Society
- 10.6 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – July 2024
- 10.7 Resolution – Public Sector Salary Disclosure – Township of Stirling-Rawdon
- 10.8 Outstanding Action Items

Councillor McCallum spoke in support of the correspondence from the Huron County Federation of Agriculture.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Councillor McCallum requested that there be an item on an upcoming agenda regarding the submission of documents for Council review in advance of the meeting. Mr. Hallam explained there are provisions to prevent this for delegations in the procedure by-law, and that it may be appropriate to review the procedure by-law to extend those provisions to all opportunities that the public has to address Council

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 EMERGENCY PLAN BY-LAW

At the August 13th meeting of Council, staff were directed to return a by-law adopting an updated emergency plan as presented. By-Law 41-2024 was provided for consideration.

Motion 206-2024

Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 41-2024, being a by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and to meet other Requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 3rd day of September 2024.

Carried.

12.2 THOMPSON LAMONT DEYELL MUNICIPAL DRAIN

At the July 2nd meeting of Council, first and second reading were given to the Thompson Lamont Deyell Municipal Drain By-Law. The period for submitting appeals has now passed. By-Law 33-2024 was provided for third reading.

Motion 207-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 33-2024, being a by-law to adopt the engineer’s report and authorize construction for the Thompson Lamont Deyell Municipal Drain 2024, and that it now be read a third time, and finally passed this 3rd day of September 2024.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 208-2024

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:42 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 acquisition or disposition of land;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 209-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:47 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received information regarding a request to dispose of a road allowance in Lowertown and information regarding an offer to sell a parcel of land to the municipality.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 210-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 42-2024, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on September 3rd, 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 3rd day of September 2024.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 211-2024

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:48 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, October 1st, 2024, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam