



## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, 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**

Ryan Erb	Perth-Huron United Way
Lisa Harper	Perth-Huron United Way
Mike Wilson	Wingham Advance Times
Denny Scott	Blyth Citizen

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Heffer called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Mayor Heffer noted that Mike Wilson of the Wingham Advance Times disclosed the use of recording equipment for the purpose of writing articles to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

#### **2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Motion 189-2021*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as amended.*

*Carried.*

#### **3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

*Motion 190-2021*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the August 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as written.*

*Carried.*

#### **5.0 ACCOUNTS**

A copy of the September 7<sup>th</sup> accounts listing is attached.

*Motion 191-2021*

*Moved by Sharen Zinn  
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the September 7<sup>th</sup> accounts in the amount of \$397,359.18.*

*Carried.*

#### **6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

##### **6.1 United Way Perth-Huron**

Lisa Harper, Community Development Manager, and Ryan Erb, Executive Director, provided an update to Council on the work of the Perth-Huron United Way and the Northern Huron Community Committee.

Ms. Harper explained that the Northern Huron Community Committee is made up of volunteers from North Huron, HOwick and Morris-Turnberry and its purpose is to address social issues in those communities. The committee has been formed and the next step is to decide on a priority issue to address, followed by the creation of a work plan, and then a plan to fundraise for the efforts involved.

Ms. Harper and Mr. Erb described some of the activities already being done by the United Way in the area, and noted that the committee is meant to continue and expand those activities.

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if the living wage was still 17 dollars an hour as it was when Council last received a presentation on it, or if it had gone up. Mr. Erb explained that the living wage for Perth-Huron is currently at \$17.50, but that the information that went into arriving at that was from 2019, and it wasn't reassessed in 2020 due to COVID-19. HE went on to explain that an updated figure would be given later this year. Deputy Mayor Zinn asked, if seniors living on old age benefits alone would be within that range. Mr. Erb explained that those on only Old Age Security and other modest incomes may be below the living wage, but it does depend on many factors.

Mayor Heffer thanked Ms. Harper and Mr. Erb for their presentation, noting that it was clear that the organization is very active in this part of the County.

#### **7.0 STAFF REPORTS**

##### **7.1 CLERK**

##### **7.1.1 COVID-19 Update**

A report has been prepared by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard for the information of Council.

Deputy Mayor Zinn and Councillor Nelemans agreed with staff's recommendation to only provide a COVID-19 Update report in the future if there are substantial changes or developments that effect the operations of the Municipality.

There was no opposition from other members of Council, and staff were given direction to only return an update report as needed.

## 7.2 PUBLIC WORKS

### 7.2.1 Operations Report

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

Councillor Nelemans asked if the roadside mowing was going to go right to the fence line. Mr. Alcock confirmed that it will go as close to the fences as is safe, and that it will be done in the fall.

Mayor Heffer asked if phragmites control was a yearly activity now, noting that there are spots of it appearing throughout the municipality. Mr. Alcock explained that phragmites locations are mapped and treated every year, and while it would be ideal to be able to eliminate it, keeping it under control is what is achievable now.

## 8.0 **BUSINESS**

### 8.1 STANDARDIZATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

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

Councillor Nelemans asked if the hours changes whether everyone's wages would be the same. Mr. Hallam explained that the office hours proposed do not necessarily reflect staff working hours, only the hours the doors are unlocked and the public is able to come into the office. Councillor Nelemans noted that he had no objection if hours and wages wouldn't change as a result.

Deputy Mayor Zinn stated that it would be difficult for working people to get to the office during the proposed working hours. Mr. Hallam explained that to access any other kind of service, people have to take time out of their day, and that the municipal office is not different. He also noted that staff have accommodated after hours appointments in the past for those who have business that requires a visit to the office but aren't able to make it during office hours.

Councillor Freiburger commented that it made sense to keep consistency throughout the year.

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Jamie Heffer*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the change to standard hours for the Municipal Office of 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, year-round.*

*Defeated*

### 8.2 MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT TO NORTH PERTH-NORTH HURON FAMILY HEALTH TEAM BOARD.

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

Councilor McCallum declared a pecuniary interest and abstained from the vote.

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT Morris-Turnberry Council hereby supports the nomination of Jamie McCallum from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry to the North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team Board.*

*Carried.*

### 8.3 BELGRAVE DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL UPDATE

A report outlining the financial position of the Belgrave development project was prepared at the request of Council by Treasurer Sean Brophy and presented by Mr. Hallam

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked why the price of renting the farm land was reduced. Mr. Hallam explained it was in recognition of what was expected to be a shorter season due to the sale of the land, and the limiting of the type of crop that could be grown on the land.

Councillor McCallum commented that he'd like the process to move along and to get the property sold.

Mayor Heffer ask that Council's thanks be passed on to Mr. Brophy for the report.

## **9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Jim Nelemans

No report.

Kevin Freiburger

August 24, attended a meeting of the Brussels Morris and Grey Recreation Board.

Jamie Heffer

August 31, last day for summer students, attended an appreciation luncheon for the public works summer students. Mayor Heffer thanked to Vicky and MacKenzie, and said that they did a great job and that the municipality wishes them the best.

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

- 10.1 Media Release – Starter Company Plus program grant awarded – Huron County
- 10.2 Media Release – New Physician in Wingham - Wingham & Area Health Professionals Recruitment Committee, North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team, Wingham & District Hospital
- 10.3 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water - July
- 10.4 Outstanding Action Items

Councillor McCallum asked when the report on the Belmore Community Centre Request would be returned. Mr. Hallam explained that he had been in discussions with Howick regarding the board's plans and their financial needs. A report will come to a future meeting of Council. Councillor Nelemans noted that he wanted to make sure that it doesn't get forgotten.

## **11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Items to be placed on the agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

## **12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

None.

## **13.0 CLOSED SESSION**

- 13.1 Enter closed session.

*Motion 192-2021*

*Moved by Jim Nelemans  
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance at 8:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:*

1. *Section 239 (2) (i) regarding financial information supplied in confidence to the municipality, which, if disclosed, could prejudice significantly the competitive position of a person, group of persons, or organization*

2. Section 239 (2) (c) regarding the potential acquisition or disposition of land.
3. Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality.

*Carried.*

13.2 Return to open session.

*Motion 193-2021*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Jim Nelemans*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:44 p.m.*

*Carried.*

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed one matter regarding financial information supplied in confidence, two matters regarding the potential acquisition or disposition of land and one matter regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality. Direction to staff was given accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

*Motion 194-2021*

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 43-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.*

*Carried.*

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion 195-2021*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum  
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:45 pm.*

*Carried.*

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 7:30 pm  
Regular Meeting of Council - Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam