

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Councillor Zinn noted an error in the minutes that the Clerk corrected.

Motion 199-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the September 15, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 200-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

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 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – July, August, September 2026

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for July, August, and September was provided for information.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities – July, August, September 2026

A report prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for July, August, and September was provided for information.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 SUPPORTING MFOA'S ADVOCACY FOR THE PERMANENT DOUBLING OF THE OCIF GRANT

A report prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard was presented by Mr. Hallam.

Motion 201-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

Carried.

8.2 COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – PIONEER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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

Motion 202-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes staff to submit an application to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund for improvements to Pioneer Park in Bluevale, including replacement and upgrading of ball diamond lighting infrastructure, installation of a well, and replacement of the existing refreshment/concession structure with an expanded pavilion and concession facility;

AND FURTHER THAT staff work with the Bluevale Community Committee to develop the project scope, cost estimates and potential Committee contribution toward the Municipality's required share of project costs;

AND FURTHER THAT any municipal financial commitment to the project be subject to Council approval following notification of the grant application results and confirmation of the final project costs and available community contributions.

Carried.

8.3 REQUEST TO PURCHASE PRINCESS STREET

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

Motion 203-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby gives notice of its intention to permanently stop up, close, and convey portions of Princess Street;

AND FURTHER THAT notice of Council's intention to permanently close said portions of Princess Street be published in accordance with the municipality's notice policy under by-law 89-2019.

AND FURTHER THAT a by-law be returned for consideration at future meeting of Council to stop up, close and convey parts of Princess Street identified as Parts 1 and 2 of 22R-7634.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

None.

Jamie McCallum

None.

Sharen Zinn

None.

Jodi Snell

Attended a meeting of the Listowel Wingham Family Health Team Board.

Jamie Heffer

Attended the opening ceremonies for the Howick-Turnberry Fall Fair.

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – Update and Pledged Fund Request – Belgrave Playground Committee
- 10.2 Correspondence – Buy Ontario Requirements - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 10.3 Correspondence – Standardized Code of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner Processes – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 10.4 Correspondence – Proposed Regulations under the *Municipal Accountability Act* – John Mascarin, Aird and Berlis
- 10.5 Correspondence Lacke Huron Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee Progress Report – Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
- 10.6 Correspondence – MVCA Draft Budget and Work Plan 2027
- 10.7 Monthly Report – Huron East Fire – August 2026
- 10.8 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire – August 2026
- 10.9 Quarterly Report – Bluewater Recycling Association
- 10.10 Minutes – SVCA Board – July 16, 2026
- 10.11 Minutes – MVCA Board – August 26, 2026
- 10.12 Minutes – Huron OPP Detachment Board – July 20, 2026
- 10.13 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB Meeting – September 22, 2026
- 10.14 Information Briefings – Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee
- 10.15 Resolution – Support for local erosion control products – Municipality of South Huron
- 10.16 Resolution – 2027 OPP Policing Costs – Municipality of South Huron
- 10.17 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

12.1 ALTERNATE LOCATE AGREEMENT DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

At the September 15th meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law delegating the authority to enter into Alternate Locate Agreements to the Director of Public Works and CAO. By-law 47-2026 was provided for consideration.

Motion 204-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 47-2026, being a By-law to delegate authority to enter into alternate locate agreements to the Director of Public Works and CAO, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 205-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 7:41 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 of land to correct a road encroachment;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 206-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 7:51p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council considered a negotiating position regarding the acquisition of a parcel of land to correct the encroachment of a municipal road on private property and gave direction to staff accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 207-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 48-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on October 6, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 208-2026

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam