MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on November 3, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

Council in Attendance

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

Staff in Attendance

Trevor Hallam	CAO/Clerk
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Steve Bachert	
John Heuther	
Chuck Terpstra	
Jim Blake	
Matt Shortreed	
Paul Craig	
John Sanders	
Stephen Brickman	Headway Engineering
Rachel Hammermeuller	The Wingham Advance Times
Bob Montgomery	The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Heffer noted that the members of the press in attendance would be recording the meeting for the purpose of writing articles.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 220-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of November 3, 2026, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 221-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the October 6, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 222-2026

Moved by Sharen Zinn
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

6.1 MEETING TO CONSIDER ENGINEER'S REPORT – MCCALL MUNICIPAL DRAIN

6.1.1 Extension of time for filing report

Motion 223-2026

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell

WHEREAS Section 39 of the Drainage Act *requires that the engineer shall file a report within one year after the appointment of the engineer,*

AND WHEREAS Headway Engineering was appointed to prepare a report for the McCall Municipal Drain on August 12, 2025, and filed said report on October 16, 2026, exceeding the prescribed time for filing;

AND WHEREAS the time for filing may be extended before or after the expiry of the one-year period by resolution of the council of the municipality,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby extends the one-year period and accepts the submission of the engineer's report for the McCall Municipal Drain.

Carried.

6.1.2 Engineer's Report

Stephen Brickman of Headway Engineering presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

6.1.3 Questions and Comments

- Landowners in attendance

  Several landowners were in attendance and raised questions and concerns.

  Concerns focused primarily on the cost of the project, the requirement for engineering services, and the distribution of costs among assessed landowners.

  Landowners questioned whether individual crossings could be installed privately at a lower cost and why properties receiving no direct benefit from the proposed crossings were required to contribute to their construction.

The Engineer explained the requirements of the *Drainage Act*, including the role of engineering reports in ensuring appropriate design, protecting upstream and downstream properties, and establishing assessments based on benefit and outlet liability. The Engineer also addressed questions regarding privately installed crossings, the review of existing crossings, and the involvement of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Landowners further questioned the estimated construction costs relative to the anticipated cost of privately installing similar crossings. The Engineer outlined the components of the construction estimate and clarified that the final costs would be determined through tendering and completion of the work, with any savings reflected in the final assessments.

- Council

No questions or comments from Council.

6.1.4 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

Motion 224-2026

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 52-2026, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for the McCall Municipal Drain 2026, and that it now be read a first and second time.

Carried.

6.1.5 Date of Court of Revision and instruction to Tender.

Motion 225-2026

Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Court of Revision for the McCall Municipal Drain 2026 be set for December 1st, 2026 at 7:30 pm and the project be tendered with results to be presented on February 2nd, 2027, pending no appeals.

Carried.

6.2 MEETING TO CONSIDER ENGINEER'S REPORT – KELLY MUNICIPAL DRAIN

6.2.1 Extension of time for filing report

Motion 226-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

WHEREAS Section 39 of the Drainage Act *requires that the engineer shall file a report within one year after the appointment of the engineer,*

AND WHEREAS Headway Engineering was appointed to prepare a report for the Kelly Municipal Drain on August 12, 2025, and filed said report on October 16, 2026, exceeding the prescribed time for filing;

AND WHEREAS the time for filing may be extended before or after the expiry of the one-year period by resolution of the council of the municipality,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby extends the one-year period and accepts the submission of the engineer's report for the Kelly Municipal Drain.

Carried.

6.2.2 Engineer's Report

Headway Engineering presented the Engineer's report to Council and those in attendance.

6.2.3 Questions and Comments

- Landowners in attendance

  Landowners asked questions regarding the notification process for the meetings held to date, the cost associated with relocating the crossing and the costs associated with the additional width of the driving surface.

  Mr. Brickman noted that the requestor is paying for the cost associated with the increased driving width and provided responses to the other questions to the satisfaction of those in attendance.

- Council

  No questions or comments from Council.

6.2.4 Consideration of Provisional By-Law

Motion 227-2026

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 53-2026, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for the Kelly Municipal Drain 2026, and that it now be read a first and second time.

Carried.

6.2.5 Date of Court of Revision and instruction to Tender.

Motion 228-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Court of Revision for the Kelly Municipal Drain 2026 be set for December 1st, 2026 at 7:30 pm and the project be tendered with results to be presented on February 2nd, 2027, pending no appeals.

Carried.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 Municipal Election Results

A report prepared by Deputy Clerk Kim Johnston in this regard was provided for the information of Council.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 SUPPORT FOR AORS TRADE SHOW 2029

A report prepared by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard was provided to Council.

Motion 229-2026

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby endorses the Huron County Road Supervisors Association's bid

to host the 2029 Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) Municipal Trade Show in Central Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO/Clerk to provide a letter of support for the bid on behalf of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, with any future requests for municipal financial or in-kind contributions to be considered separately.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie McCallum

Councillor McCallum expressed thanks to staff, Mayor Heffer, fellow members of Council, residents of Morris-Turnberry for their support during his term.

Sharen Zinn

Attended the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority AGM on October 28th. The regular meeting followed the AGM.

Councillor Zinn expressed thanks to everyone who has supported her in the last 12 years. She noted her appreciation for all staff of the municipality. She welcomed the new Council and wished them well.

Jodi Snell

No report,

Councilor Snell thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and collaboration through the term. She noted that what was best for the community was her focus and she felt it was reflected in the work of all of Council.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Correspondence – Municipal Partnership, Governance and Transition Actions – Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority
10.2 OPP Annual Billing Statement – Ontario Provincial Police
10.3 Monthly Report – Huron East Fire Department – September 2026
10.4 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire Department – September 2026
10.5 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – October 7
10.6 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 STOP UP, CLOSE, AND SELL PRINCESS STREET

At the October 20th meeting Council directed staff to publish notice and return a by-law to stop up, close, and sell a portion of Princess Street in Lowertown. By-law 54-2026 was provided for consideration.

Motion 230-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 54-2026, being a by-law to stop up and close a portion of the road allowance known as Princess Street, and authorize the sale thereof, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

12.2 GRASBY MUNICPAL DRAIN 2026

The appeal period for the adoption of the Engineer's Report for the Grasby Municipal Drain 2026 has passed, and the by-law was given third reading to allow the project to proceed.

Motion 231-2026

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to re-introduce By-Law 49-2026, being a by-law to provisionally adopt the engineer's report for the Grasby Municipal Drain 2026, and that it now be read a third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

13.0 COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Mayor Heffer recognized members of Council at the end of the 2022 to 2026 term.

Mayor heffer thanked Councillor Sharen Zinn for her 12 years of service to the municipality, with 8 years as Councillor and 4 years as deputy mayor; Councillor McCallum for his 12 years of service to the municipality as Councillor; and Councillor Snell for her 4 years of service to the municipality as Councillor.

Mayor Heffer thanked the departing members of Council for having left the municipality in a good position for the new Council to come in to.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 232-2026

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 55-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on November 3, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 233-2026

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:22 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Inaugural Meeting of Council 2026-2030 – Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 10:00 am
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 7:30 pm

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Mayor, Jamie Heffer

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Clerk, Trevor Hallam