



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 7th day of November 2023, 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
Sean Brophy	Treasurer
Mike Alcock	Director of Public Works

Others in Attendance

Chris Vanderheyden	PSD Citywide (attended electronically)
Sarah Craig	PSD Citywide (attended electronically)
Scott Stephenson	The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 256-2023

*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 November 7th, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 257-2023

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the October 17th, 2023, Regular and Special Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 258-2023

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the November 7th accounts in the amount of \$505,828.41

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

Through grant funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, staff have been working with PSD Citywide to create an updated Asset Management Plan for the Municipality to meet the July 2024 deadline set out in O. Reg. 588/17. Chris Vanderheyden, Director of Asset Management Advisory at PSD Citywide attended virtually to present the final plan to Council for consideration.

Motion 259-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the 2024 Asset Management Plan prepared by PSD Citywide.

Carried.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 CLERK

7.1.1 Municipal Social Media

A report was presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard for the information of Council.

7.2 PUBLIC WORKS

7.2.1 Operations Report

A report has been prepared by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock to providing an update on Public Works activities for the information of Council. Mr. Alcock will be in attendance.

Councillor McCallum and Mayor Heffer commended staff for taking on the construction of road crossings resulting in considerable savings for the Municipality and ratepayers.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE FOR BLUEVALE HOMECOMING

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

Discussion followed and there was a consensus of Council that formal direction given to staff once a more detailed plan was in place, but that Council was generally supportive of the proposed road closures.

8.2 ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

A report was presented by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard for the information of Council. Mr. Brophy will be in attendance.

Motion 260-2023

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the quote submitted by T.Harris Environmental Management for the immediate testing of the Municipality's buildings for designated substances and that staff report back on the finding of the findings once complete.

Carried.

8.3 CLEAN WATER ACT RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL SERVICING AGREEMENT

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

Motion 261-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby accepts the proposal of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for the provision of risk management services for the years 2024 through 2026, and directs staff to return a by-law to authorize the execution of the draft delegation agreement as presented.

Carried.

8.4 ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

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

Motion 262-2023

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 57-2023, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement between the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the administration and remittance of the Municipal Asset Management Program grant.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

October 31st attended the Municipality's annual emergency exercise.
November 1st attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jodi Snell

No report.

Jamie Heffer

October 27th attended the Huron County Federation of Agriculture annual meeting.

October 31st attended the Municipality's annual emergency exercise.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Minutes – SVCA Meeting September 21
- 10.2 Minutes – SVCA Special Meeting September 21
- 10.3 Correspondence p Bill C-15 – Rienk Wiegersma
- 10.4 OMPF Allocation Notice – Ministry of Finance.
- 10.5 Resolution – Strong Mayor Powers – Western Ontario Warden's Caucus
- 10.6 Resolution – Leave to construct threshold – Western Ontario Warden's Caucus
- 10.7 Draft Budget – Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
- 10.8 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 263-2023

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolution of the Western Wardens' Caucus calling on the provincial government to work with municipalities in Ontario to focus all efforts on tackling the housing and affordability crisis in Ontario by revoking existing 'strong mayor powers', respecting spheres of jurisdiction, recognizing rural and small urban municipalities are critical to overcoming the housing and affordability crisis in Ontario, not allocating the majority of scarce provincial housing supportive funding to a limited subset of large urban municipalities in Ontario, and providing all municipalities with the financial resources to tackle the housing and affordability crisis.

Carried.

Motion 264-2023

Moved by Jamie McCallum

Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the correspondence of the Western Wardens' Caucus expressing support for an increase in the Leave to Construct threshold to \$20M.

Carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 265-2023

Moved by Jodi Snell

Seconded by Sharen Zinn

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 8:34 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) (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual*
- b) *Section 239 (2) (c) regarding a potential disposition of land by the Municipality*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 266-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 9:04 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council discussed a proposal for the purchase of an unopened road allowance and received a report regarding the performance of staff.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 267-2023

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 58-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on November 7th, 2023, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 7th day of November 2023.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 268-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam