

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

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Deputy Mayor Zinn asked for clarification regarding the payment to the GSP Group for the Belgrave Development. Mr. Hallam explained it was for recent work related to planning and legal preparations for rezoning the property.

Councillor McCallum requested that clarification on the service awards listed be given in closed session.

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 264-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the November 17th accounts in the amount of \$172,764.00.
Carried.

6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

7.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS

7.1.1 Operations Report

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

Deputy Mayor Zinn commented that she had been to the landfill to see the new scalehouse, and asked if the bottom portion will be closed in or left open. Mr. Alcock explained that clear space was required underneath to allow for ventilation and prevent the accumulation of methane gas.

7.1.2 Winter Maintenance Requirements 2020-2021

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

Deputy Mayor Zinn asked if the newly created Roads Operator position had been advertised yet, commenting that there seemed to be a widespread shortage of people to fill such positions. Mr. Alcock explained that the position has been posted and that one application has been received to date.

Councillor Nelemans asked if the company providing the rental would be responsible for repairs and insurance to the rented equipment. Mr. Alcock explained that the Municipality's insurance policy covers rental equipment for 90 days, but it will be extended to 120 days for this case. The rental company will be responsible for major repairs, but fuel and wear parts such as ice blades will be the responsibility of the Municipality.

Deputy Mayor Zinn ask for clarification regarding how many extra days of insurance were required and if there was a cost associated with the extension. Mr. Alcock stated that the coverage would be extended from the standard 90 days for rented equipment to 120 days at no extra cost. The 90 day limit is set by the insurance company to prevent Municipalities from taking advantage of reduced rates on rental equipment as a permanent solution instead of ownership.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 265-2020 THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry authorizes the Director of Public Works to fill the position of Seasonal Rural Road Operator with the joint approval of the CAO/Clerk, recognizing the successful candidate could commence employment prior to there being an opportunity to formally inform Council.

Carried.

7.1.3 Blind Line Bridge Replacement Progress Report

A was presented by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard. Council received a presentation from Kelly Vader, Senior Environmental Planner, and Ryan Munn, Senior Engineer of B.M. Ross and Associates regarding the status of the bridge replacement and the process going forward.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

7.2 CLERK

7.2.1 COVID-19 Update

A report was by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard for the information of Council. Mr. Hallam noted that since the publication of the agenda Huron Perth had moved from Green to Yellow in the provincial framework.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 2021 Budget deliberations

A report prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard was presented by Mr. Hallam. Due to scheduling conflicts, a date in early January will be established for an all day in person budget meeting. Staff will present Council with the first draft of the budget in December to allow them time to prepare for the January meeting.

8.2 Cross-Border Servicing Agreement – Schedule F Amounts

A report was presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard, including correspondence regarding the payment of amounts outlined in the previous cross border servicing agreement with North Huron.

Mayor Heffer stated that the Municipality was anticipating having to pay these amounts under the agreement and budgeted for them. Nobody anticipated the challenges Council has experienced when working toward a new agreement. Mayor Heffer suggested paying the modified amount that takes into account the closures due to COVID. He explained that as Morris-Turnberry residents did use those facilities he believes the Municipality has a responsibility for the time that those were available.

Councillor Nelemans commented that reducing the amounts for recreation facilities by 38% may be too large a reduction, as those facilities still have fixed costs.

Councillor Freiburger questioned whether the intent of the amounts was to offset the non-resident fee that Morris-Turnberry residents might have to pay otherwise. Mayor Heffer confirmed that he believed that was the intention.

Deputy Mayor Zinn expressed concern as a year and a half ago North Huron chose to terminate the agreement that contained Schedule F. She stated that when one party terminates an agreement they shouldn't expect the other side to honour it but only to the benefit of the terminating party. She stated she agreed that an amount should be paid for 2020 but it should be reviewed going forward.

Councillor Nelemans commented that even though North Huron terminated the agreement, they have maintained the water rates and services.

Councillor Freiburger commented that the users are paying for that water still, it doesn't represent an extra cost for North Huron.

Mayor Heffer stated that he didn't disagree with Deputy Mayor Zinn, but that he felt Council needed to have some responsibility for the usage residents have had for the current year. Council agreed at the start of the negotiation process that they'd continue to honour the agreement, so they have some responsibility there. He stated that the argument could be made that that with the previous agreement connections were allowed and they are now being withheld but given the circumstances an adjustment based on closures due to COVID makes sense.

Councillor Nelemans asked if North Huron would be eligible for provincial COVID funding to offset costs of operating the facilities. Mr. Hallam stated that he had not discussed the matter with North Huron staff, but that Morris-Turnberry was able to use some of the COVID relief funding to offset losses experienced by the Bluevale Community Hall, so it is likely North Huron would be able to allocate or apply for funding in a similar way.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 266-2020 THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry directs the treasurer to remit to North Huron the amounts contained in Schedule F of the previous cross border servicing agreement, with adjustments made to account for facility closures due to COVID-19.

Carried.

Regarding Council's intentions for amounts to be provided to North Huron in 2021, Councillor Nelemans, suggested that a decision be deferred until Council can see how the cross border agreement negotiations progress.

Mayor Heffer stated that Schedule F is no longer in effect and so there are no longer budgetary implications unless Council chooses there to be. He reiterated the position previously expressed to North Huron that they can follow the established process of applying for grants and donations and Council can consider their application at budget time.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jamie McCallum

November 13th attended a Water Protection Steering Committee meeting.

Jim Nelemans

November 13th attended a Water Protection Steering Committee meeting.
Attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board where the decision was made to not establish the ice surface for this winter.

Kevin Freiburger

No report.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Correspondence – 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – Minister of Finance
- 10.2 Correspondence – SVCA Administrative Office Opening - Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
- 10.3 Invitation – G2G End of the Season Symposium – Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail Inc.
- 10.4 Media Release – Residential Intensification Guidelines – Huron County
- 10.5 Media Release – Out of the Cold Heart to Home - Huron County
- 10.6 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – October 2020
- 10.7 Report – Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Discount Stakeholder Engagement Overview and Summary – Huron County/MTE Consultants
- 10.8 Resolution – Illicit Cannabis – Norfolk County
- 10.9 Resolution – AODA Compliance Support – City of Belleville
- 10.10 Resolution – Proposed Changes to Municipal Elections Act – County of Prince Edward
- 10.11 Resolution – Bill 218 – Township of Amaranth
- 10.12 Resolution – Bill 218 – City of Belleville
- 10.13 Outstanding Action Items

Mayor Heffer commented that he felt the resolution regarding illicit cannabis, item 10.8 is worth supporting in his opinion.

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 268-2020 THAT The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolution of the County of Norfolk requesting solutions to the current crisis regarding illicit cannabis operations which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and

enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Lisa Thompson, MPP, and the County of Norfolk.

Carried.

11.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

12.0 **BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**

12.1 ABCA Source Water Risk Management Agreement

At the October 20th meeting of Council, staff were directed to return a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for the provision of risk management services related to Source Water Protection for the years 2021 through 2023. By-law 51-20-20 was presented for consideration.

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 269-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 51-2020, being a by-law to enter into an agreement to appoint the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority as an agent of the Municipality to carry out enforcement under Part IV of the Clean Water Act, 2006, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 17th day of November 2020.

Carried.

12.2 Final Debenture – Infrastructure Ontario Loan

Bylaw #52-2020 is the concluding bylaw and debenture document required to finalize the refinancing of the Belgrave Development loan with Infrastructure Ontario. The final interest rate on the loan is 1.82%, with semi-annual payments of \$32,504.52 due June 1st & December 1st beginning 2021 for 15 years. (\$65,009.04/yr)

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 270-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 52-2020, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$850,000.00 towards the cost of the Belgrave Development, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 17th day of November 2020.

Carried.

13.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 271-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session, with the CAO/Clerk Works remaining in attendance at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- 1) Section 239 (2) (b) regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual.
- 2) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations to be carried on by the municipality.

Carried.

13.2 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Jim Nelemans
Seconded by Jamie McCallum

MOTION 272-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 8:43 p.m. Carried.

13.3 REPORT AND ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council discussed matters regarding identifiable individuals and negotiations to be carried on by the Municipality. Direction was given to staff accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger

MOTION 273-2020 THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law # 53-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on November 17th, 2020, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 17th day of November 2020. Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jim Nelemans

MOTION 274-2020 THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:53 pm. Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- 1. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, December 1st 2020, 7:30 pm
- 2. Regular Meeting of Council Tuesday, December 15th 2020, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam