



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met in Council Chambers in regular session on the 21st 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
Kirk Livingston	Chief Building Official / Drainage Superintendent / Property Standards Officer / Zoning Administrator

Others in Attendance

Mike Wilson	Wingham Advance Times
Scott Stephenson	The Citizen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 269-2023

*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 November 21st, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 270-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the November 7th, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 271-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves for payment the November 21st accounts in the amount of \$228,386.85.

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

7.1 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – September and October 2023

A report was presented by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for September and October.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities – September and October 2023

A report was presented by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for September and October.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 MCARTHUR MUNICIPAL DRAIN REQUEST

A report was presented by CBO/Drainage Superintendent Kirk Livingston in this regard.

Motion 272-2023

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris Turnberry hereby receives the Notice of Request for Drain Improvement for the McArthur Municipal Drain, as described in the request submitted by John Huether under Section 78(1) of the Drainage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports proceeding with the drainage works and instructs the Clerk to send the notice required under Section 78(2) of the Drainage Act to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, and parties who requested the improvement under Section 78(1);

AND FURTHER THAT Headway Engineering Limited be appointed to prepare a report for the improvement of the McArthur Municipal Drain effective 30 days after the issuance of the notice to the prescribed parties.

Carried.

8.2 FIRE SUPPRESION SERVICES AGREEMENT EXTENSION

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

Motion 273-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the extension of the Fire Suppression Agreement signed under the authority of by-law 92-2018 with the Township of North Huron for the period of one year.

Carried.

8.3 MEETING DATES 2024

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

Motion 274-2023

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the proposed meeting date schedule for 2024 as presented.

Carried.

8.4 CONFERENCES 2024

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

Motion 275-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the attendance of the following members of Council at the Conferences and events indicated:

- *Mayor Heffer – ROMA, AMO, Rural talks to Rural*
- *Deputy Mayor Freiburger – OGRA*
- *Councillor McCallum – OGRA*
- *Councillor Zinn – AMO, Rural Talks to Rural*
- *Councillor Snell – AMO*

Carried.

8.5 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT PROPOSAL

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

Motion 276-2023

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to submit an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant program as presented.

Carried.

8.6 FEES AND CHARGES 2024

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

Councillor McCallum suggested that the connection fee for the Belgrave Water System be increased. Mr. Hallam recommended considering an increase in the 2025 fees and charges by-law, if appropriate, after more information was gathered.

Motion 277-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves the proposed fees and charges schedule for 2024, and directs staff to issue a notice of public meeting for their consideration at the December 19th meeting of Council.

Carried.

8.7 ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AND HYBRID MEETINGS

A report was presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard. There was a consensus of Council to make no change to the nature of in person meetings, including methods of participation.

8.8 COUNCIL REMUNERATION 2024

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

Motion 278-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 60-2023, being a by-law to establish remuneration rates for members of the Council of the Municipality for 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 21st day of November 2023.

Carried.

8.9 USE OF FACILITIES

Councillor Zinn requested a discussion of Council regarding the use of facilities in Morris-Turnberry. She noted that there are many facilities in the Municipality that need support, and many in neighbouring municipalities that are supported by Morris-Turnberry. She proposed that it was appropriate to prioritize holding municipal events at these facilities over others.

Councillor Zinn introduced the motion below. There was a consensus of Council that the motion could be considered at this meeting in accordance with 18.5 of the Municipality's by-law.

Motion 279-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT all our municipal events be held in our municipality or in neighbouring municipal facilities that we support going forward when available.

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

November 11th attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Brussels to lay the wreath on behalf of the Municipality.

Jamie McCallum

November 20th attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board.

Sharen Zinn

November 13th attended the Trillium Foundation cheque presentation at the Belmore Community Centre.
November 15th attended a meeting of the MVCA Management Board.

Jodi Snell

No report.

Jamie Heffer

November 11th attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Wingham to lay the wreath on behalf of the Municipality.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 BMG Renovation Update – Huron East CAO
- 10.2 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – September 2023
- 10.3 Minutes – MVCA Membership Meeting – October 2023
- 10.4 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB - October
- 10.5 Organizational Meeting Highlights – AMDSB - November
- 10.6 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 SOURCEWATER PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY DELEGATION

At the November 7th meeting Council directed staff to return a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Municipality and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority for the delegation of responsibilities under certain provisions of the *Clean Water Act*.

Motion 280-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 59-2023, 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, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 21st day of November 2023.

Carried.

12.2 PAY GRID 2024

At the October 17th meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law to establish the employee pay grid for 2024. By-law 61-2023 is presented here for consideration.

Motion 281-2023

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 61-2023, being a by-law to establish the pay grid for employees of the Municipality for 2024, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 21st day of November 2023.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

None.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 282-2023

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 62-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on November 21st, 2023, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 21st day of November 2023.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 283-2023

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 8:56 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, December 19th, 2023, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam