



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry met electronically in regular session on December 16, 2025, 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

Malcolm Fletcher	
Rachel Hammermueller	The Wingham Advance Times
Bob Montgomery	The Blyth 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 261-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of December 16, 2025, as presented.

Carried.

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4.0 MINUTES

Motion 262-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the December 2, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Carried.

5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

Motion 263-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
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**

None.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 EARLY TENDER APPROVAL

A report has been prepared by Director of Public Works Mike Alcock in this regard.

Councillor Zinn asked why the budget process begins late in the year, resulting in the need to provide pre-budget approval for projects such as this. Mr. Hallam provided an explanation for the timing of the budget process, and committed to include a discussion regarding the process at the first budget meeting in January.

Motion 264-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to commence the tender process for maintenance gravel and hot mix paving prior to final budget approval, and;

FURTHER THAT the contract with Pollard Distribution Inc. be extended for an additional year to provide Dust Control Services for \$189,472.50 (excluding HST) based on estimated quantities and unit prices.

Carried.

8.2 FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

A report prepared by North Huron Director of Fire and Public Safety Chad Kregar in this regard was provided.

Motion 265-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes an extension of the existing Fire Service Agreement with North Huron under the same terms for a three-month period ending March 31, 2026

Carried.

8.3 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

A report has been prepared by CAO Trevor Hallam in this regard.

Motion 266-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to return a by-law to the next meeting of Council to adopt the draft Emergency Management Program Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Carried.

9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

Attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee December 3.

Jamie McCallum

Attended a meeting of the Belmore Arena Board December 15.

Sharen Zinn

None.

Jodi Snell

Attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention on December 10.
Attended a meeting of the Wingham Physician Recruitment Committee.

Jamie Heffer

None.

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

- 10.1 Correspondence – ABCA ERO Submission – Conservation Authority Consolidation
- 10.2 Correspondence – OPP Billing Statements – Solicitor General
- 10.3 Minutes – Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – June 11, 2025
- 10.4 Minutes - Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention – December 10, 2025
- 10.5 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – December 3, 2025
- 10.6 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB – December 9, 2025
- 10.7 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – November 2025
- 10.8 Resolution – Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – Township of North Huron
- 10.9 Outstanding Action Items

Motion 267-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the resolution of the Township of North Huron calling on the Provincial government to maintain local conservation authorities.

Carried.

Motion 268-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby supports and endorses the submission of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities.

Carried.

Motion 269-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby directs staff to submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities on behalf of the Municipality

Carried.

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS**12.1 SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL – DOG CATCHER**

At the December 2nd meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law authorizing the execution of an agreement for the services of a shared Animal Control Officer. By-Law 58-2025 was provided for consideration.

Motion 270-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 58-2025, 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 Municipalities of Central Huron and Huron East for the sharing of the services of an Animal Control Officer, 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 271-2025*

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 7:50 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) (e) regarding potential litigation;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 272-2025

*Moved by Jamie McCallum
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise
from a closed session at 8:08 p.m.*

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council received a report regarding potential litigation related to unpaid invoices and provided direction to staff accordingly.

14.0 **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Motion 273-2025

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 59-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on December 16, 2025, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion 274-2025

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does
now adjourn at 8:09 pm.*

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7:30 pm
Special Budget Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 9:00 am
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam