From the Desk of the Mayor

It is hard to believe that there is less than 2 months until the 2014 Municipal election and the end of our present term of council. Council has continued to forge ahead in many areas. In September, we hope to start the studies required for the ‘Industrial Land Strategy’ we have undertaken with our North Huron neighbours. This has been made possible by funding through OMAFRA’s Rural Economic Development Program and will greatly promote our community by having shovel ready land to develop. The consolidation of the Zoning bylaws for Morris-Turnberry will also be completed as the public consultation has taken place, and the final draft of the bylaw is being reviewed. Morris-Turnberry Council, along with the adjacent landowners have patiently been waiting for the public meeting promised by the Huron County Planning & Development Department. Numerous questions have been raised in regards to the proposed ‘Goderich to Guelph’ rail trail. Those questions are to be answered as part of the report requested by the Huron County Council as to the Trail’s feasibility. I am certain we will soon be notified on the location and date of this meeting.

Huron County is in the process of developing a new approach and governance model to economic development. This new model will evolve around participation and input provided by private business. In early September, Morris-Turnberry has set up a meeting with Ron Gandet, Economic Development Consultant and a cross section of our local business leaders. We need to hear what the local/regional challenges and opportunities are. It is private business that drives Economic development, and this should lead the way to more concrete and measurable results in Morris-Turnberry and Huron County.

Congratulations to Morris-Turnberry’s Community Fire Safety Officer, James Marshall for receiving his diploma at the Ontario Fire College, Gravenhurst, Ontario on October 24, 2014. James is now one of very few fully qualified Fire Prevention Officers in the Province and we are pleased to have recently contracted his services to our neighbouring Township of North Huron, again, Congratulations James on your accomplishments and hard work!

In closing, I encourage the residents of Morris-Turnberry to stay informed and involved in the 2014 Municipal Election, on October 27th. Your participation and vote will determine the make up of the future council and direction that Morris-Turnberry will take over the next 4 years. Working together we can help Morris-Turnberry reach its full potential.

Mayor, Paul Gowing

ELECTION 2014

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:
The 2014 Municipal Election will be held on Monday October 27, 2014 and again this year, the election will be conducted using the “VOTE BY MAIL” option.

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED
Mayor 1(one) to be elected
5(Five) Councillors to be elected
All Council positions are elected AT LARGE

If you are interested in running for Office, please contact the Municipal Office at 41342 Morris Road, for a Candidates Guide.

NOMINATION DAY IS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2014 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00AM AND 2:00PM

voterlookup.ca is a new online system that allows electors to take an active role in maintaining accurate and up-to-date electoral information through the flexibility of an online service.

Council Meetings:
Council Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:30pm and are held in the Council Chambers at 41342 Morris Road, Cty Road 16. (unless otherwise posted).

If you wish to speak to Council, please contact Nancy Michie, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer

All Council meetings are advertised on the Municipal Website and in the local Newspapers!
**Dogs**

Any Dogs that are running at large will only be accepted at the Wingham Vet Clinic after approval from the Animal Control Officer, Bob Trick.

**INFORMATION PUBLICATIONS:**

1) The 2013 Financial Statement is available for review at the Municipal office and on the Municipal Website.

2) The 2013 Performance Measures is available to review at the Municipal office and on the Municipal Website.

**Water Reports**

Municipal Belgrave Water System Report is available for review during regular business hours at the Municipal office and on the Municipal website.

**Municipal Drain Maintenance**

If maintenance is required on a Municipal Drain, call the Municipal office at 519-887-6137 or Fax: 519-887-6424

**Municipal Website**

The Municipal Website has been updated and revamped. The website has been redesigned to be improved for everyone, so Municipal news and information is easier to find. The Website includes an up to date Business Directory, including an online form if you have a business you would like to add. All social media is connected to the site, so every time a tweet is posted it will reflect on the website as well. The website is now up and running, so take some time and check it out. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Municipal office through the online form on the new home page.

**Landfill Site**

**Morris Ward Landfill Site**

85047 Clyde Line

Wednesdays 10:00am – 3:00pm & Saturdays 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Building Department**

**Septic System & Plumbing**

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is now responsible for Septic System and Plumbing function. Approval must be obtained from the Morris Turnberry Chief Building Official before a building permit is issued.

**The Ontario Building Code:**

The Building Code Act, 1992 is the legislative framework governing the construction, renovation and change-of-use of a building. The Ontario Building Code is a regulation under the Act that establishes detailed technical and administrative requirements as well as minimum standards for building construction. The purposes of the Ontario Building code include; public health and safety, fire protection, resource conservation, environmental integrity and accessibility although its primary purpose is the promotion of public safety through the application of appropriate uniform building standards. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is responsible for the development of, and the amendments to the Building Code Act and the Code. The Ministry may be contacted at its website: www.mah.gov.on.ca

**Smoke Alarm campaign started August 18, 2014**

10/5 Replacement Rule:

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms DO NOT LAST FOREVER. Check the age of every alarm in your home. If smoke alarms are over 10 years old or CO alarms are over 5 years old replace them immediately!

NEVER tamper with your smoke alarms

Never take down alarms or remove batteries to silence false alarms! Only install smoke alarms that have a "Hush" button. Simply push to silence false alarms to stay safe while you clear the air.

**TENANTS/LANDLORDS**

Laws vary but generally landlords must provide working smoke alarms and tenants must keep batteries fresh. Best Solution? Install alarms with a sealed 10 year battery!

**'A Harvest of Memories' from Morris-Turnberry History book**

The Morris-Turnberry History Book 'A Harvest of Memories' is available at the Municipal office. You can purchase a copy at the Municipal Office for $125.00 + $6.25 GST = $131.25

**Contact Numbers:**

**Cell phone number for Water Problems and Emergency Situations:** 519-357-6272

**After Hours Public Works**

If you require the assistance of the Public Works Department outside regular office hours, please page the AFTER HOURS Pager at 519-525-0792

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