From the Desk of the Mayor:

Just a quick note to give you an update to some of the many things happening in Morris-Turnberry:

Mike Alcock joined Morris-Turnberry as our Director of Public Works this spring on April 24th. Mike brings from Huron County a vast knowledge of the area, Public Works and roads and bridges. Don’t be afraid to approach Mike as he truly enjoys meeting and working with the public to solve any Public Works issues that arise. Welcome Mike!

M-T Council was quite excited to formally join with Huron East Fire Services by purchasing 45% of the Brussels and Area Fire Station on June 30th. Without ownership of a Fire Department, M-T continually struggled to comply with many regulations put out by the Ontario Fire Marshall’s Office. This agreement of shared ownership of the Brussels Fire Service solves all of these compliance issues and is a continuation of the great working relationship we have with Huron East and especially the great Volunteer Fire Department we now share in Brussels. This positions both Municipalities and the Brussels Fire Station very well into the future. Thank you to everyone that has been involved in making this happen.

In our localized area we all were effected in different degrees by the “Once in a hundred Years” rainfall event that occurred early on June 23rd. Thank you to our residents for your patience to allow our Public Works to work through the aftermath of that rainfall event. There were many road washouts and later flooding concerns to be dealt with. Our staff on the ground and in the office did an exceptional job handling the situation putting in many additional hours up to and throughout the following weekend. The flow of information that came to myself and Council kept us on top of conditions warranted further actions.

The 100th IPM to be held in Walton September 19th-23rd is just 4 weeks away, many of our residents are well aware being part of the massive volunteer group that has come together to put this Huron County Match in place. With this year’s match being located so close, M-T Council felt we should have a presence at the match and be supportive in whatever ways we could help the committee. M-T will host one of the display “Barns” within the Huron County Tent. The flow of information that came to myself and Council kept us on top of the situation and able to make decisions in a managed fashion. The M-T Emergency Control Group was on standby if conditions warranted further actions.

Looking forward to seeing you September 19th-23rd at the 100th IPM in Walton!

Mayor Paul Gowing
Information Publications

1) The 2016 Financial Statement is available for review at the Municipal office and on the Municipal website.

2) Municipal Belgrave Water System Report is available for review at the Municipal office and on the Municipal Website.

Landfill Department

Morris Ward Landfill Site
Wednesdays 10:00 – 3:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am – 5:00pm
Weigh Scale: all waste entering the landfill site must be weighed.

Civil Marriage

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry has Marriage Commissioners to perform Civil Marriages.

The Cost of a Civil Marriage Ceremony is $350.00 plus HST.

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nominations for the 2018 municipal and school board elections may be filed commencing May 1, 2018.

When are local elections held?
The next municipal election will be held Monday, October 22, 2018.

Those thinking they have a future career in municipal politics can file nomination papers from Tuesday, May 1, 2018 up until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018.

In 2018, the Morris-Turnberry Municipal election will be by Internet and Telephone Voting!

Who can vote in the elections?
Anyone can vote in a municipal election who, on the day of the election, is:

- 18 years of age or older
- a Canadian citizen; and
- either a resident of the municipality or a property owner or tenant or the spouse or same sex partner of an owner or tenant in the municipality during a specified time just before the election.

To be able to vote, your name must be on the list of eligible voters.

Who can be a candidate?
Generally, anyone who is eligible to vote may be a candidate for a position on a municipal council.

When you think about candidates for federal or provincial elections, you usually think about the political party that each candidate represents. In municipal elections in Ontario, candidates are not elected to represent a political party.

OPEN AIR BURNING

Contact the Fire Chief/Chief Fire Official prior to starting an Open Air burn.

North Huron Fire Area:
226-523-9500 Ext. 8
Huron East Fire:
During Business Hours:
519-527-0160

Please welcome Mike Alcock, who commenced work as the Director of Public Works on April 24, 2017.

- Watch for suspicious people or activity in your neighbourhood. Have a trusted neighbour keep an eye out while you plan to be away. Do not announce your absence over social media.
- Deter potential criminals. Ensure outside lights work and consider motion sensor lighting.
- Lock doors and windows, even if you’re going out for a short time. Install quality locks and a deadbolt on each outside door.
- Prevent break and enters. Keep garage doors and entry doors secured.
- Avoid access by intruders. Lock your vehicles at all times. Remove or secure valuables out of sight, even when in the garage.
- Store bicycles in garages and sheds.
- Keep all valuables in the home in secure locations. Consider recording serial numbers and taking photos of personal property for documentation purposes.
- Trees, shrubs and fences create hiding spots for criminals. Keep your landscaping groomed and limit privacy fencing.
- If you’re going to be away, keep the grass cut or driveway shovelled. Do not let newspapers or mail accumulate.

For more information please explore Property Security at www.opp.ca.