

Press Release

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**MORRIS-TURNBERRY SAYS 'THANK-YOU' TO THE
'TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON'
for THEIR ROLE IN THE JOINT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**and TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS MORRIS-TURNBERRY'S
INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE
'EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE'
FOR THE JOINT BUILDING DEPARTMENT
for Morris-Turnberry/ North Huron /Howick.**



"Working together builds a stronger community"

Building Department:

It is the intention of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry to continue to work collaboratively with the Township of North Huron and the Township of Howick, to continue to provide a successful joint Building Department for the area.

Public Works Department:

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Township of North Huron will be moving in separate directions with their Public Works departments, as the Shared Services for the Joint Public Works venture will be concluded on February 17, 2017.

The joint venture for the Public Works department was entered into to determine if savings could be created by joining the two departments together. The project did not prove to fulfill the proposed goals, nor has it proven to be more efficient or more effective.

The Next Steps for the Public Works Department were relayed to the staff on February 6, 2017.

The resignation of Jeff Molenhuis, Director of Public Works, has been received by the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and the Council wish him great success in his future endeavours; and thank him for his dedication and support for the public works service in the Municipality.

Morris-Turnberry has engaged 'Wray Wilson' retired Director of Public Works, from Howick Township, as the Interim Director of Public Works, until the role is filled by a new recruitment.

Morris-Turnberry Mayor Paul Gowing states:

*It is with great disappointment that we are stepping back on February 17th from our joint Public Works venture with North Huron. We have been unable to find the efficiencies and cost savings that we have been trying to achieve. We will be continuing to work collaboratively with our municipal neighbours to deliver the high level of service to our residents that they expect and deserve. **Thank you to North Huron and all staff for their co-operation and commitment throughout the Shared Services project.***

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