From the Desk of the Mayor:

It was with great disappointment that Council stepped back from the Joint Public Works venture with North Huron, on February 17th, 2017. We were unable to find the efficiencies and cost savings that we had 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.

On behalf of Morris-Turnberry Council I would like to thank Wray Wilson. Wray stepped into the role of Acting Director of Public Works on February 13th, 2017 to fill the void in that Department. Wray’s many years of local experience has helped us greatly with keeping up with the Department’s day to day functions. Thanks Wray for helping Morris-Turnberry through this important transition.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to announce the hiring of Mike Alcock as Morris-Turnberry’s Director of Public Works. Mike’s extensive experience at the County, Municipal and Industry levels will be a great asset to Morris-Turnberry. Mike will be joining Morris-Turnberry on April 24th, 2017 and is looking forward to meeting our many residents.

Thank you, Mayor Paul Gowing

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.

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

Municipal Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:30am to 5:00pm

Fridays
8:30am to 4:30pm

Saturday and Sunday
Closed

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2017 Interim Taxes

Due Dates: THURSDAY April 27th and THURSDAY June 29th

Interim Billing – The interim tax bills are based on annualized 2016 taxes, however, your 2017 assessment is shown on the billings.

Tax Notice
Payments can be made at most banks and or telephone/internet banking, in person at the Municipal Office, cash, cheque, debit, and credit cards accepted. Cheques may also be mailed to PO Box 310 41342 Morris Rd, Brussels, ON N0G 1H0. Pre-authorized monthly and installment payment plans available also by contacting the municipal office. Penalty of 1.25% will be added on the 1st day of default and the 1st day of each month thereafter.

Assessment Notice
In 2016 the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation mailed a property assessment notice to every property in Ontario. The deadline date to file a Request for Reconsideration for residential and non-residential properties was included on your notice. For more information about your property assessment log on to aboutmyproperty.ca using the access key from your assessment notice.

Farmland Assessment
It is the responsibility of any ratepayer who owns farmland to ensure that such lands are coded in order that they are taxed at the reduced farmland tax rate. FT is the farmland 25% code. Check your coding on your property tax bill and assessment notice. For further information call the Municipal office or OMAF at 1-800-469-2285.

2018 Election
The Council has approved Electronic/Telephone voting for the 2018 Municipal election. More details to follow!
Reminder to Dog Owners
Dog Tags are NOW due and a Late Payment charge will be applied after April 28th, 2017.

Civil Marriage
The Municipality has Marriage Commissioners to perform Civil marriages.
Cost for the Ceremony is $250.00 + HST

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

Landfill Department
Landfill Site
85047 Clyde Line.
Wednesdays: 10:00am – 3:00pm
Saturdays: 9:00am – 5:00pm

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

Street Lights
When calling in to the Municipal office to report a street light issue, please reference the number in blue on the pole. This will help report the correct street light.

LED Street Lights
Installation of 217 new Light-Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights have been installed, across the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.
By upgrading to this innovative technology, the Municipality will benefit from an estimated 68% reduced energy consumption, which also translates into a 68% reduction of energy bills and up to 80% reduction of maintenance costs.

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911 Numbers on Vacant Lands
Please contact the Municipal office if you wish to have a 911 number sign erected on your vacant property – Supplied by the County FREE OF CHARGE!

Guiderail/Escort Vehicle
Morris-Turnberry roads are reconstructed in accordance the MTO Standards which includes Guide Rail in some locations. The Council suggest that if wide equipment is transported in those areas, that escort vehicles are suggested as a safety measure

After Hours Public Works
If you require the assistance of the Public Works Department outside regular office hours, please call the AFTER HOURS telephone at 519-357-8437/519-357-6272

Water Problems and Emergency Situations
Cell Phone number
- 519-357-6272

Harvest of Memories
The Morris-Turnberry History Book – “A Harvest of Memories from Morris-Turnberry’ is complete.
To obtain a copy, you can purchase one at the Municipal office for $125.00 +$6.25tax = $131.25

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

North Huron Fire Area
Open Air Notification Number
226-523-9500 Ext. 8

Huron East Fire Area
During Business Hours: 519-527-0160

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

Spring, 2017

2017 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is coming to Huron County!
The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is coming to Huron County in 2017!
Canada’s premiere outdoor farm show showcases agriculture, rural lifestyles, and competitions over five jam packed days.
If you would like to be a part of the Match from September 19 – 23, 2017 – go to www.plowingmatch.org/ipm-2017 for more information and click on Volunteer!
Like us on Facebook ‘Huron IPM 2017’ for the latest up to date information.