From the Desk of the Mayor:

As we enter the final year of this Council term, Council has been quite pleased by the outcome of a number of local developments in Morris-Turnberry. Past decisions by Council to purchase land and encourage specific development have proved to be instrumental in helping with some of our greatest challenges. The multi-unit housing project under construction in Belgrave is a good start to answering the housing shortage in Morris-Turnberry.

Employment across our rural area is always crucial to our Community's well being. The new construction recently completed at Fabric Buildings International and also underway at Howick Insurance will see employment numbers increased and stabilized by these two great employers. This is welcome news to our area.

The many inquiries made to our office last fall brought to the attention of Council the change of tax classification of approximately 185 farm properties in Morris-Turnberry. Council felt it was imperative to take a delegation to the ROMA conference in January and question both MPAC and the Ministry of Finance in regards to the reasons and fairness of these changes. We were pleased to get a commitment from the Ministry of Finance to reconsider this change in classification. We will continue to fight for a fair resolution to this problem.

Municipal elections will take place this fall on Monday October 22, 2018. Nomination Period is from May 1st to July 27th, 2018. I encourage everyone to participate either as a candidate or exercising your right to vote.

Yours Truly, Mayor Paul Gowing

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February 21, 2018

A soil-turning ceremony was held for the new Howick Mutual Insurance office being built in Morris-Turnberry.

The new building is being constructed on the site of the old Turnberry Public School, and will combine two Howick Mutual offices, including the one in Wroxeter, where the company has been based for the last 140 years.
Reminder to Dog Owners

Dog Tags are NOW due and a Late Payment charge will be applied after April 27th, 2018.

Civil Marriage

The Municipality has Marriage Commissioners to perform Civil marriages.
Cost for the Ceremony is $350.00 + HST

Water Reports

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

OPEN AIR BURNING

Contact the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Municipal office at 519-887-6137 or Email: mail@morristurnberry.ca before having an Open Burn.
The information will be forwarded to the Chief Fire Official prior to the starting of the Open Air burn.

Landfill Department

Municipal 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

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

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.

Harvest of Memories

DISCOUNT PRICE

The Morris-Turnberry History Book – “A Harvest of Memories from Morris-Turnberry” is complete.
NOW ONLY - $49.95 a set
OR $29.95 for One!
(plus applicable taxes)

2018 Interim Taxes
Due Dates: THURSDAY April 26th and THURSDAY June 28th

Interim Billing – The interim tax bills are based on annualized 2017 taxes, however, your 2018 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.