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Effect on Morris- Turnberry of the *new* 'North Huron Cross Border Policy'

The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry was recently notified of a new Cross Border policy passed by the Township of North Huron to charge new development tax outside their boundary, an additional 30% of the Municipal portion of the property taxes, for connection into the North Huron water and sewer. This policy will negatively effect new future development and improvements to current business.

During the consultation process, the North Huron engineer stated that the current charges are fair and should be sufficient.

Morris-Turnberry properties currently pay:

150% of the North Huron base rate
150% of the North Huron rate per cubic metre of water
100% of capital reserve charges,
100% of Capital Charges or Infrastructure Recovery Fee
100% Connection Charge

If this isn't sufficient then North Huron should reassess the water and sewer rates!

It is notable that the North Huron Infrastructure was built with 80% Provincial funding.

Morris-Turnberry Council has no intention of making any payment to North Huron for 30% of the Municipal portion of property taxes for development adjacent to North Huron.

"This is not a step in a direction that will entice new development to strengthen the area." stated Morris-Turnberry Mayor Paul Gowing. Strengthening ties and working together will achieve greater results.

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