



## ***Media Release***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 13, 2022

Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held December 12, 2022

### **Municipality Seeks Volunteers for Committees of Council**

Do you want to help shape your community? The Municipality of South Dundas has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and are now accepting applications from community members to volunteer for the following:

- Committee of Adjustment
- Community Improvement Plan Review Committee
- Court of Revision
- Dundas County Archives Committee
- Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Fence Viewers
- Livestock Evaluators
- Morrisburg Downtown Business Improvement Area
- South Branch Community Fund Committee
- South Dundas Waterfront Committee
- SD&G Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

A comprehensive summary of the committee structure from the previous term of Council, including history, options and recommendations was presented to Council for consideration. Following the positive theme of Mayor Broad's Inaugural address and Council's strong desire to be fully engaged to make these committees a valuable asset to all municipal discussions, Mayor Broad stated, "Our volunteers, past, present and future, play a key role in providing advice and feedback to Council and Staff on a variety of topics." "Volunteers are the backbone of this community and as Council, we will rely on their support and dedication in delivering a variety of activities throughout the municipality," said Broad.

"We are uniting as one, Council, Staff and the community, as Team South Dundas!", noted Mayor Broad with excitement. Council has decided to apply this concept to four previous committees, resulting in the merger of the Economic Development Advisory and Tourism Advisory Committees, now the Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee and both the Iroquois and Morrisburg Waterfront Committees to become the South Dundas Waterfront Committee. This decision was based on feedback from the respective Committee Chairs and members, all of whom shared a collective desire for standardization, clear directives, mandates, visions, roles and ensuring alignment with the priorities of Council.



In early 2023, Council will also be considering draft Terms of Reference for the creation of a Parks and Recreation Committee, following which volunteers will be sought. In addition, feedback will be collected on the concept of an Agriculture Committee, and a Town Hall meeting will be organized to solicit community feedback on the concept of an Environment & Tree Conservation Committee. “We want to hear from you, the community. Your voice will always matter to us.” said Councillor Cole Veinotte, who, since taking office, has continued to encourage public engagement through a variety of platforms.

“I cannot impress upon this community enough, how excited we are to get started. Our committees will be supported with adequate staff resources, handbooks, guidelines and a variety of templates to ensure consistency across the board and success for all.” noted Broad.

Members of the public, representing the diverse backgrounds of our community are encouraged to apply. Participating on a Committee of Council provides a unique opportunity to:

- Lend your voice and expertise to help shape decisions and services that impact our community
- Expand your network and meet new people
- Gain a broader understanding of how municipal government works

A summary of each respective Committee of Council can be found online at [www.southdundas.com](http://www.southdundas.com). Residents interested in applying for any of the Committees of Council can complete an application by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023.

For more information, contact [Leslie Drynan](#), Clerk/Deputy CAO at 613-543-4766.

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### **Council Approves Three Zoning By-law Amendments**

The Municipality’s Planning Consultant, through a Public Meeting held in accordance with the *Planning Act* provided Council with an overview of three (3) separate and distinct proposed zoning by-law amendments.

**Application No. 1:** Vacant Land (Part Lot 9 & 10, Conc 4, Williamsburg), Retained Lands as part of Consent No. B-51-22. This Amendment will change the subject property zoning from “General Agriculture” to “General Agriculture – Special Exception” to prohibit future residential uses on the retained lands.

**Application No. 2:** 8 John St., being all of the Ross Video Ltd. Land holding, Iroquois. This Amendment is in relation to changing the zoning of the subject lands being all of the Ross Video Ltd. land holding, as part of its recent consolidation from “Light Industrial – Special Exception,” “Light Industrial – Special Exception,” “Institutional,” and “Residential First Density,” to “Light Industrial – Special Exception” with modified special exception provisions. These provisions will allow for the existing use and structures, as well as permit Ross Video’s future parking expansion and site needs.



**Application No. 3:** Vacant Land Part Lots 19 & A, Conc 5, Williamsburg (Severed Lands) and 11032 Gilmour Road, Part Lot 19, Conc 5, Williamsburg (Retained Lands). This Amendment is in relation to changing the zoning of the subject lands in two action items related to fulfilling conditions of consent approval: 1. To rezone part of the severed portion of Consent No. B-73-22 from “General Commercial” to “Residential Hamlet” to address the existing residential use of the property and 2. To rezone the retained lands of Consent No. B-74-22 from “Agricultural” to “Agricultural – Special Exception” to prohibit future residential uses and address the less than minimum lot area in the agricultural zone.

All three (3) zoning amendment applications are consistent with the general intent of the SDG Official Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and their policies. Notices of Passing will be circulated in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

For more information, contact [Tara Fairbairn](#), Deputy Clerk at 613-543-4771.

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### **Holiday Greetings from Mayor Jason Broad**

On behalf of Council, my family and the Municipality of South Dundas, I would like to extend my sincerest best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

We are truly lucky to call South Dundas home. During the Christmas season, we wish peace and goodwill to our friends throughout SDG, and to the communities throughout Canada and the rest of the world.

I would like to further recognize the dedicated residents who volunteer their time, talent and treasure toward helping those less fortunate. These random acts of kindness enrich each of us. South Dundas is a better place because of these genuine and generous contributions.

Christmas and the holidays are a time for families, friends and loved ones to come together, reflect on cherished moments, make new memories, and look toward the promise of hope and opportunity embodied in a New Year. Until we usher in 2023, let me once again wish all residents a memorable and Merry Christmas.

I am proud to be your Mayor, and I am sincerely honoured to serve you. Please stay healthy, be safe and celebrate your moments of joy! ~ Mayor Broad

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### **Looking Ahead: Upcoming Meetings**

2023 Water & Wastewater Budget Meeting: Thursday, December 15 at 1:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

2023 Budget Meeting: Saturday, January 28, 2023 @ 9:00 am

Regular Council Meeting: Monday, January 30, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

### **2022 Holiday Closures**

**South Dundas Municipal Office** will be closed at 4:30 pm on Friday, December 23, 2022 and re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8:30 am.

**Matilda Landfill** will be closed Saturday, December 24 to Tuesday, December 27 and again Friday, December 30 to Monday, January 2, 2023. **The landfill will be open Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.**