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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held March 27, 2024.

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**SDG Library 2023 Recap**

SDG Director of Library Services, Rebecca Luck gave an overview of the Morrisburg, Iroquois and Williamsburg Branch. She spoke of how Iroquois is a “Neighbourhood Branch”, meaning it is open to the public 20 hours per week, 5 days per week, how Morrisburg is a “Resource Branch” which means it is open to the public 44 hours per week, 6 days per week and finally how Williamsburg is considered a “Neighbourhood Branch” as well, being open 16 hours per week, 4 days per week.

In 2023 Iroquois saw 11, 234 printed materials distributed, 132 eBooks and eAudiobooks distributed, 408 hours of public computer usage, 383 borrowers, 6083 visitors and 104 new members. Morrisburg saw 18, 388 printed materials distributed, 1,118 eBooks and eAudiobooks distributed, 969 hours of public computer usage, 806 borrowers, 11,683 visitors and 273 new members. Williamsburg saw 5,295 printed materials distributed, 955 eBooks and eAudiobooks distributed, 64 hours of public computer usage, 201 borrowers, 2,356 visitors and 30 new members.

In South Dundas, SDG Library facilitates children’s literacy programs, school class visits, toddler story time, offers clubs, provides outreach services to the Hartford Retirement Living Facility, Dundas County Hospice and JW MacIntosh Community Support Services, along with much more.

“There is so many ways today that the library is a success...they’re a community hub and we’re a community.” concluded Mayor Broad.

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**South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services Mission, Vision & Values**

Fire Chief Alldred-Hughes and Lieutenant Bill Chafe presented the new South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services mission, vision, and values, and presented each Station with a plaque dictating such. The new mission is, “To preserve the lives and property of our community and its visitors, to prevent emergencies through community education, and to maintain the highest standards of training and expertise in the provision of fire and emergency services.” The new vision is, “We ourselves are members of the community we serve. By pursuing operational excellence through the continuous effort to learn, train, and develop as individuals and as a team, we will provide the highest standard of customer service to our community.” Ultimately, the values of SD FES are: “Pride – in our community, in ourselves, in one another, and in the



work we do. Teamwork – we recognize that our success, our safety, and the safety of our community depend upon us to work together as one team. Dedication – to serve our community by training to the highest standards, and to always be learning and improving as first responders.”

Mayor Broad thanks the SD FES team for their hard work and dedication to the community and saving lives. Deputy Mayor St. Pierre shared how proud he is of SD FES, “there is no doubt about it, that the fire services the most dedicated team of individuals.”

For more information, contact Jeremy Alldred-Hughes, Fire Chief at 613-543-2673 ext. 4760

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### **Appointments**

Kimberley Casselman, SDG Counties Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, was appointed as a Marriage Officiant (Civil Marriages) on behalf of South Dundas, as per by-law 2010-76.

Jeremy Alldred-Hughes was appointed as Director of Fire and Emergency Services/Fire Chief effective April 1, 2024. On June 19, 2023 Council appointed Jeremy Alldred- Hughes as Acting Director of Fire and Emergency Services. Chief Alldred-Hughes has been serving in the community fire services for 15 years and brings with him several years of experience in fire prevention, emergency management, fire fighter techniques, rescue operations, response protocols, health and safety, public education, Ontario Fire Code, Fire Safety policies and developing training plans.

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### **Tenders**

Council approved the purchase of one (1) Backhoe in the amount of \$190,052.00 plus HST from TEREPRO CONSTRUCTION, as well as the extended 5 year/4000Hrs warranty on Hydraulics and Power Train in the amount of \$5,367.00 plus HST. This purchase came in under what was budgeted in the 2024 budget deliberations.

Tender PRF24-01 for the Loyalist Park and Steward Drive Gazebo Construction was awarded to Gaucher Excavation in the amount of \$96,532.16+HST with funding from the Parkland Reserve Fund.

Additionally, tender PRF24-02 for the Morrisburg Waterfront Viewing Platform Construction was awarded to Nick’s Landscaping & Property Maintenance in the amount of \$34,550.00+HST.

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### **2024 Leaf and Yard Waste Drop-off Days**

Council and staff have finalized the 2024 Leaf & Yard Waste Drop-off Days. 2. Residents can participate in Leaf and Yard Waste Depot Days by transporting leaf and yard clippings, flowers and small shrubbery to any of the designated areas during the designated dates. Large



branches, brush and wood are not accepted at the Depot and must be brought to the Matilda Landfill. The final dates are as follows:

Month	Days (Wed, Fri, Sat)	Location
April	24, 26, 27	Morrisburg
May	1, 3, 4	Iroquois
May	8, 10, 11	Morrisburg
May	15, 17, 18	Iroquois
May	22, 24, 25	Morrisburg
September	18, 20, 21	Iroquois
September	25, 27, 28	Morrisburg
October	2, 4, 5	Iroquois
October	9, 11, 12	Morrisburg
October	16, 18, 19	Iroquois
October	23, 25, 26	Morrisburg

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### Upcoming Meetings

Regular Council Meetings: April 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.