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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held February 19, 2025.

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SDG Counties Library

Rebecca Luck provided Council with an update of the SDG Counties Library Services throughout 2024. Details included:

Iroquois Branch

- 11,165 print materials borrowed
- 1,267 digital materials borrowed
- 358 hours of public computer usage
- 6,818 visitors and 101 new members

Morrisburg Branch

- 18,684 print materials borrowed
- 1,371 digital materials borrowed
- 851 Hours of public computer usage
- 12,901 visitors and 251 new members

Williamsburg Branch

- 6,712 print materials borrowed
- 598 digital materials borrowed
- 59 hours of public computer usage
- 2,403 visitors and 31 new members

The full presentation is available [here](#).

“I might just be the most enthusiastic Mayor when it comes to library services,” commented Mayor Broad when noting he sits on the Library Board and is eager to continue to expand services.

Boys & Girls Club Cornwall/SDG

Deborah Locke gave Council an overview of the Boys & Girls Club Cornwall/SDG. BGC Dundas is a safe, inclusive space where children and youth of all backgrounds can grow, build confidence, and reach their full potential. As part of BGC Canada, BGC Dundas benefits from



evidence-based programming that strengthens mental health, builds confidence, and develops life skills.

BGC Cornwall/SDG is looking to expand their services into South Dundas in summer of 2025, by offering 7-8 weeks of full day summer camps for children 4-12 years old. A resolution was passed to support in principle to partner with Boys and Girls Club of Cornwall/SDG to offer an eight-week summer camps program at Dunbar Hall.

"I think it's great to increase our programming without increasing our costs, by partnership," said Mayor Broad. "100% fully support this. Great initiative, great program," added Deputy Mayor St. Pierre.

"I think this is a great use of our facilities," agreed Councillor Ward.

South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services

Tender – Forestry Unit

Council has authorized the Fire Chief to proceed with issuing the tender for Forestry Unit-Pickup SSV in accordance with the Municipality's Procurement Policy and all applicable legislation.

The truck being replaced (Unit #144) is undersized and cannot adequately carry water and equipment. The current 20-year-old truck is a 1500 pickup that uses a portable container to carry water. The container is approximately 275 gallons and can only be filled halfway due to weight restrictions. To accommodate this limitation, staff have taken pumpers into fields, resulting in them getting stuck and incurring recovery invoices, as well as risking damage to our frontline apparatus.

The proposed Forestry response unit is built to carry the load of water pump-ready, with hose and appliances to provide safe operations in wildland firefighting. This unit is G-Class and will carry additional equipment, allowing response to medical calls and support on all other calls. The forestry skid with pump and tank are also removable for winter, should there be other items to carry such as bins of sand, contaminated tools, or hose.

Fire Protection Grant

With support from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) and the Province of Ontario's advocacy, SDFES had the opportunity to apply for the first stream of a Fire Protection Grant, which focused on cancer prevention. SDFES successfully secured maximum allowable funding of \$24,000.00 for this initiative.

Council has authorized the procurement of NFPA 1977-compliant wildland firefighting coveralls utilizing the Fire Protection Grant funding of \$24,000.00, with the remaining balance of \$3,798.00 + HST to be allocated from health and safety budget.



Rideau St. Lawrence Holdings Inc. Amended Agreement and Restated Unanimous Shareholders Agreement

Council has approved By-law 2025-20 authorizing the execution of the Amended and Restated Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement with Rideau St. Lawrence Holdings Inc., and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Amended and Restated Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement.

Summary of changes:

- Updating Legal Names of Parties.
- RSL Distribution Governance Issues. The existing version of the USA contained certain governance requirements specific to RSL Distribution. In certain areas it was not clear which entity was being referred to. These Distribution requirements have been carved out and put into Schedule A.
- Permitted Business Activities. This definition has been moved out of the body of the USA into a separate schedule (Schedule B) so that it can be more easily reviewed and updated in the future. The change in language creates more flexibility to cover off ancillary activities of the current operations but is balanced by section 4 of the USA which identifies decisions requiring specific shareholder approval.
- General Update to Certain More Standard Provisions. RSL has updated certain non-substantive provisions to make them current and applicable (notice provisions, auditor, books and records).
- Formatting/Clean-up.

Matilda Transfer Station Phase One Design

On November 6, 2024, Council awarded WSP Consulting with an upset limit of \$9,625.00 plus HST for the concept design of a transfer station for the Matilda Waste Disposal Site (WDS).

WSP has provided Council with the first draft of the proposed Transfer Station Design for the Matilda Landfill. Residents will access the site through the existing entrance off Siebert Rd, check in at the site attendant office and proceed to the transfer station by turning left. The design incorporates one way traffic with separate lanes for entering and exiting the facility. The design includes the construction of access ramps and an elevated drop off pad using a retaining wall. The access ramps and top of the transfer station will be paved to create easy maintenance during the winter season. Residents will drive up the ramp to the upper level and drop waste into the appropriate bins which will be at ground level. The container bins will be placed on concrete slabs to prevent the bins from sinking and to allow for easy pick up and drop off.



Council has chosen to proceed with accepting the conceptual design and hold off with any further steps pending further discussion on funding.

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Upcoming Meetings

March 5, 2025 - 6:00 pm

March 19, 2025 - 6:00 pm