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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held April 23, 2025.

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King Charles III Coronation Medallion Recipients

Council of South Dundas were honoured to recognize the South Dundas residents who were presented with King Charles III Coronation Medallions.

“This evening, it is my distinct honor to recognize the King Charles III Coronation Medal to a group of exceptional South Dundas residents and Canadians who exemplify the finest qualities of service and dedication to our nation... Each recipient before you today have demonstrated remarkable commitment to their communities, their profession, or our nation. They represent the diversity of talent and dedication that makes Canada strong. From veterans of our Canadian Armed Forces to public servants and community leaders, these individuals have gone above and beyond in their service,” said Mayor Broad.

These individuals are:

- Shellie Spencer
- William J Shearing
- John Ross
- Marlene Lewis
- Lois Keyes

Morrisburg Plaza – Civil Engineering Services

Tender PRF25-02 for the Morrisburg Plaza Civil Engineering Services was awarded to Greer Galloway for a price of \$73,520.00 plus HST, for Phase 1 & 2.

The design assignment for the reconstruction to the Morrisburg Plaza was split into 3 phases of work: Phase 1 - Schematic Design & Design Brief; Phase 2 - Detailed Design; and, Phase 3 - Tender & Construction Administration.

The schematic design & design brief and detailed design (Phase 1 and 2) is expected to be completed in 2025. A ‘tender ready’ design will be completed in late 2025, allowing for construction in 2026.



Arena Dehumidifier Replacement

Tender PRF25-05 for the completion of the dehumidifier replacement at the Morrisburg Arena was awarded to Atel Air for a price of 93,500.00 + HST.

The 2025 budget included \$90,000 for the replacement of the dehumidifiers. Included in this price was an estimate of \$10,000 for consulting services. The cost of consulting was \$4,500 + HST. The work will result in a deficit of \$9,724.80 which would fall to the bottom line in the facilities/recreation budget. This over-expenditure may result in a deficit by reserve.

2025 Council Meeting Date Changes

Due to conflicts, it has been determined that changes are required to the current Council meeting schedule for 2025. These changes are as follows:

Current Date	New Date
Wednesday, May 7	Wednesday, May 14
Wednesday, May 21	Wednesday, May 28
Wednesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 11
Wednesday, June 18	Monday, June 23
Wednesday, September 24	Wednesday, October 1
Wednesday, October 8	Removed and not rescheduled

2025 Final Property Tax Rates

By-law 2025-33 By-Law No. 2025-33, being a By-law to establish the 2025 Municipal tax rates was passed.

The Municipal Act requires a By-law to be passed each year to establish the final tax rates for the Municipality. The tax rate in the Municipality of South Dundas consists of three components, which are (1) Municipal (2) Counties, and (3) Education. Each of the components are related to the budgetary needs of the three entities.

The Municipality only has control in establishing the Municipal rate which is dependent on the current budget that has been approved by Council. The education rates are maintained by the Province, where the County rates and ratios are controlled by the Upper Tier Government.

The impact on the residential tax class would be a 5.45% increase in the Municipal tax rate from 2024 (2024 - 6.67% increase).

View the full By-law [here](#).



For more information, contact Julie Stewart, Treasurer at 613-543-2673 ext. 4770

New Animal Control By-Law

Council has officially adopted By-law 2025-34, which is a by-law to regulate the care, control and licensing of animals within the Municipality of South Dundas. The existing Animal Control By-Law 2002-15 was enacted on April 25, 2002, and has

served the Municipality for over 23 years. Staff have identified the need to update the by-law to address modern animal control challenges, align with current provincial legislation, and provide more comprehensive regulations regarding animal welfare and public safety.

Updates to the By-law include:

- References additional provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001 Updated Definitions
- Allows for multiple forms of valid identification, including microchipping, whereas the old by-law focused exclusively on physical tags
- Expanded Tethering Regulations
- Leash-Free Dog Park Regulations
- Provides a more structured approach to dangerous dogs
- Introduces specific quarantine provisions for dogs that have bitten a person
- Enhanced kennel regulations
- Updated impounding provisions
- Detailed enforcement mechanisms

For more information, contact Justin Elliott, By-law Enforcement Officer at 613-543-2673 ext. 4765.

Fire Services Collaboration Update

Director of Fire & Emergency Services/ Fire Chief Alldred-Hughes provided Council with an update on the ongoing collaborative initiative between the regional Fire Chiefs.

Municipal Fire Services are faced with new pressures to meet mandatory certification for Firefighters at all levels, as well as rising costs associated with the training and equipment necessary to meet demands for calls for service in the community. Together, South Dundas Fire Chief Alldred-Hughes, North Stormont Fire Chief Nancy Gauthier, North Dundas Fire Chief Kreg Raistrick and South Glengarry Fire Chief Dave Robertson have begun collaboration efforts to meet the needs of our communities. This collaboration will allow for streamlined delivery, enhanced consistency and will ensure alignment with recognized standards.

Importantly, it will also enable the fire service to meet the strict legislative requirements set out by the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) regarding National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) accreditation.



The working group is also actively exploring opportunities to consolidate and participate in joint purchasing across departments and reviewing shared service agreements and how each municipality can move forward with taking responsibility for an individual skill or specialty.

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

“SDG Strategic Planning... collaboration is a very important piece of it,” said Mayor Broad. “This is something that is very important in SDG that we haven’t done enough of, so I appreciate you bringing it forward,” added Councillor Ward.

Development Charges Study - Update on Process and Timelines

At the April 9th Council meeting, Watson and Associates presented the Draft Findings associated with South Dundas’ Development Charges Study. The presentation by Watson and Associates summarized a high-level overview of the inputs, calculations, connection charges options, comparisons with neighboring municipalities and provided Council with some draft policies that can be included in the final by-law.

Implementing D.C.’s is a prescribed process that includes notification and consideration by Council, a formal public meeting and the eventual passing of the by-law. To continue to move this project forward, while ensuring that Council has an opportunity for further discussion, staff are proceeding on the following basis:

Developer Stakeholder Meeting and Public Meetings: May 20th

Committee of the Whole Discussion: June 18th

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Upcoming Meetings

May 14, 2025 – 6:00 pm

May 28, 2025 – 6:00 pm