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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held May 14, 2025.

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Delegation – Huntingtons Disease Awareness Month

Christian Mueller, a South Dundas youth who suffers from Huntingtons Disease, provided Council with an overview of the disease itself, and how it has affected both his life, and his family members. Christian has volunteered to raise awareness, raised funds, and participated in clinical trials.

Finally, Christian requested that Council designate May, as Huntingtons Disease Awareness Month in South Dundas, to which Council happily approved. This means, South Dundas Council hereby recognizes May as "Huntington's Disease Awareness Month" in South Dundas, Ontario, encourages all residents to learn about Huntington's disease and support the individuals and families affected by this condition, and is calling upon public officials, educators, healthcare professionals, and all residents of South Dundas to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

"I'm thankful you were able to come tonight," said Mayor Broad.

"I think everyone who has Huntingtons Disease is very lucky to have you advocating for them, especially the youth. I am very proud that you are here today to raise awareness," added Councillor Ward.

Tenders

TS2025-05 Sidewalk Replacement

Council awarded tender TS25-02 for the sidewalk replacement and repair to Avion Construction Group Inc. in the amount of \$42,680.00 plus HST.

FES2025-07 Fire Services Forestry Truck

The purchase of a Fire Forestry Truck through Front Line Emergency Vehicles Inc., for a total cost of \$139,800.00 plus applicable tax, has been approved.

Support for Morrisburg Cenotaph Project



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At the March 19th Council meeting, the Morrisburg Cenotaph Committee presented a delegation request to the Municipality which detailed their proposed Veterans Walkway Project. This project will be located along the Morrisburg Waterfront and includes the removal, refurbishment and relocation of six veteran tributes which exist within the community. The project also includes the installation of new cenotaph and tribute bases, construction of pathways, new lighting, landscaping, benches and the installation of flagpoles. The project would ideally be completed next summer, subject to a successful funding and fundraising campaign.

Council has officially approved the Morrisburg Veterans Walkway Project and conceptual design and committed to including a maximum \$25,000 commitment in its 2026 budget towards electrification and lighting. Additionally, Council has directed staff to collaborate with the Committee to facilitate the project banking and charitable tax receipts through the Municipality and have committed to act as the lead applicant on the funding application to Veterans Affairs Canada's Community War Memorial program.

Support for Protected Pedestrian Crossings on County Road 2

Council has declared their support for the installation of two protected crossings on County Road 2 in Iroquois, specifically at the intersection of Rooney Drive and County Road 2 and Miller Street and County Road 2.

With the residential development north of SDG 2 and Iroquois Plaza improvements, this is an opportune time to ensure that there are protected pedestrian crossings at key locations; namely at the intersection of SDG 2 and Elizabeth Drive (to connect the residential area north of SDG 2 to the school/ east side of the plaza), and at the intersection of SDG 2 and Miller Street (to connect the commercial and residential areas both north and south of the plaza).

Development Charges Study and Public Information Session

CAO de Haan provided Council with an update on the Development Charges Study and Public Information Session. Updates included:

- The Development Charges Background study, has been made available on South Dundas' website - https://www.southdundas.com/developmentcharges
- On May 20th, staff have scheduled a stakeholder meeting to give local developers the opportunity to meet with Watson and Associates and the Municipal Team.
- The official public meeting per the *Development Charges Act* is scheduled for 6:00pm on May 20th. The meeting will include a formal presentation by Watson and Associates.
- A Committee of the Whole discussion will take place on June 23, 205 to allow Council the
 opportunity to consider comments received and ensure they are satisfied with moving
 forward based on the proposed by-law and implementation plan.



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Staff remain committed to have the final by-law prepared for Council's consideration at the July meeting.

"I'm looking forward to the public meeting...I'm interested to see the stakeholders' piece and learn more," said Mayor Broad.

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Upcoming Meetings

May 2, 2025 (Public Meeting re: Development Charges) – 4:30 pm Stakeholders - 6:00 pm General Public

May 28, 2025 – 6:00 pm

June 11, 2025 - 6:00 pm