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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held June 11, 2025.

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Surplus Lands

Council has declared the following Municipal properties as surplus, as they are no longer required for Municipal purposes.

- 050600800438400 – Lockmasters Property
- 050600100335400 – Corner lot on County Road 8
- 050600600684800 – Corner lot on County Road 18
- 050600600651400 – Land surrounding Matilda Hall – County Road 16

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Iroquois Locks

The Iroquois Locks were completed in 1958 as part of the Seaway Expansion Project. This project was dedicated to widening the St. Lawrence River to install a hydro dam and locks to help navigate large shipping vessels down the river.

South Dundas currently holds a lease for part of the land adjacent to the locks. The lease was first created in 1988, giving the Township of Matilda the right to occupy and use 13,536 square meters of Iroquois Canal reserve land. This lease was re-signed in 2014 with the Municipality of South Dundas. The land that the Municipality currently leases sits between the United Empire Loyalist Burial Site and the locks parking lot. The leased area contains the stage, gazebo, and memorial.

On April 9, 2025, a letter was sent to the Municipality of South Dundas, informing them that per the lease agreement, they are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the land. Historically, this maintenance was performed by St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) since they own all the adjacent lands and maintained consistent upkeep across the property. 4. This letter also stated that the land is currently owned by Transport Canada and has been deemed surplus land, intended for divestiture. Given this situation, staff provided Council with the following options:

1. Continue to Lease and Begin Maintaining the Grounds
2. Renegotiate the Lease



3. Terminate the Lease
4. Pursuing the Surplus Land
5. Not Pursuing the Surplus Land

Council has directed staff to look into renegotiation of the the lease and the idea of first right of refusal with Transport Canada.

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Galop Canal Marina

The Galop Canal Iroquois Landing Marina is located on the St. Lawrence River in Iroquois, Ontario, at the site of the historic Galop Canal. The marina offers seasonal and transient slips along the canal walls and floating finger docks. At the November 27, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting, a report was presented regarding the funding and operations of the Galop Canal Marina. The report included a summary of existing operations, budget details, amortization details for asset management, comparisons with similar local marinas, and four possible options for the Galop Canal Marina: Status Quo, Third Party Operator, Change of Model/ Service, Closure.

Based on unaudited values, the marina is estimated to reach a deficit of \$6,985, which was covered by the Galop Canal Marina reserve. In the 2025 budget, the marina is budgeted as revenue neutral, estimating no profit and no deficit. Given continued challenge to finish at year end in a strong financial position, staff are seeking Council's support to further investigate the next step in the second option: Working with a Third-Party Operator. The municipality could utilize an Expression of Interest (EOI) as a competitive public procurement method to determine if there is any interest.

Council would like to see an expression of Interest (EOI) go out, to determine whether a third party operator is doable.

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Council Input on Draft Sewer Use By-law

Currently, the Municipality of South Dundas does not have a sewer use by-law. The purpose is to ensure that there are clear regulations on the type and characteristics of material being discharged. Having a clear and concise sewer use bylaw will ensure that developers and residents understand what can be discharged from their site into the sewer – ensuring that our treatment facilities operate as designed, and, minimize our environmental footprint.

Council has directed Staff to return with the formal by-law after a fullsome discussion.

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Upcoming Meetings

June 23, 2025 – 6:00 pm

July 16, 2025 – 6:00 pm

August 13, 2025 – 6:00 pm