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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held September 10, 2025.

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**Building Inclusive Communities
Beyond 21**

The Hub for Beyond 21 Foundation, a community driven non-profit organization, is committed to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment for adults with developmental disabilities across Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry counties, as well as the Akwesasne community. Core program areas include, Creative Arts, STEM & Literacy, Life Skills & Employability, Physical & Mental Wellness, and Leisure & Recreation.

Beyond 21 currently has a growing waitlist and are looking to the South Dundas Council for support and potential partnerships. Amy Malyon of provided Council with an overview of the proposal. The goal is for South Dundas to provide a safe, accessible space in Iroquois (complimentary, minimum 1 year), promote the program to residents and families in the community and continue to collaborate with Beyond 21 should expansion be required. With this, Beyond 21 will deliver a supervised, high-quality day program for adults (21+) with developmental disabilities, recruit participants from South Dundas who could benefit from local services and launch a 1 day/week programming for up to 12 participants, with potential to expand.

South Dundas Council supports, in principle, to partner and enter into an agreement with Beyond 21 for a satellite day program location in the Municipality of South Dundas, utilizing space within the former medical clinic at 5 College Street, Iroquois.

"It's good to see a program like this, coming to our community," said Deputy Mayor St. Pierre. "I think this is a great way to help out, rather than giving you money, give you space," he continued.

Iroquois Campground

The Iroquois Campground has 51 sites used by seasonal campers, and approximately 14 sites for transient users. South Dundas Council has previously supported novel approaches to actively managing our assets to ensure that they provide the best value to both users and taxpayers.



Staff have recently been approached by an Iroquois Campground user who has garnered the support of many of the seasonal campers to explore changing to a “community-driven” management model for the site. One of the key tenants all parties agree on is that this be done at ‘no cost’ to the municipality, and the facility should be self-sufficient. The potential change being suggested is to enter into a lease agreement with a fully established the non-profit group and provide them with authority and autonomy to manage the site and steer some of the improvements that the users feel should be prioritized. Specific projects the campground users would like implemented include the electrical services, site booking improvements and direct sewer connections.

Council has directed staff to work with a proposed non-profit group representing the Iroquois Campground, Lawn Bowling, and Airport users to create a potential lease agreement between our parties.

Use of Surplus Asset Reserve to Improve Public Water Access

Council has approved the use of the Surplus Asset Reserve to a maximum of \$10,000 to fund improvements to the Duncan Street Right of Way water access point.

South Dundas recently completed the sale of surplus right-of-way property (Hanes Road). The right of way had limited practical value for public access due to site constraints. This sale ultimately allows the adjacent landowner to move forward with a residential development of the now combined property. During the sale, there was some concern raised that the loss of public water access via the Hanes Road right of way would negatively impact residents and visitors to South Dundas.

In Mariatown, Duncan Street is another Municipal right of way that extends down to the water. As part of Council’s commitment to enhancing community access to the waterfront, this location been identified as offering safer, higher-quality access to the water and greater potential for long-term community benefit.

“We really want to keep that water access... and appreciate this work,” said Mayor Broad.

Alternative Voting Methods 2026 Municipal & School Board Elections

By-law 2025-66 being a by-law to authorize alternative voting methods has been passed by Council. This means that Council approves the use of Electronic Voting (Internet) combined with Paper Ballots counted by Tabulators as the voting methods for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections.

The Municipal Elections Act, 1996, Section 42 (1) authorizes Council to implement alternative voting methods that do not require physical attendance at a polling station (including



electronic, mail, or telephone voting). South Dundas used internet voting combined with paper ballots for the 2018 and 2022 elections, achieving 45.4% voter turnout compared to the provincial average of 36.3%.

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Ontario Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial John Cooke

South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services (SDFES) has recently been notified that the former Iroquois Station Senior Captain, Mr. John Cooke, will be recognized on the Ontario Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial at Queens Park.

Senior Cpt. Cooke was a long-serving active member of the SDFS, who passed away following a short battle with cancer in July 2024.

The memorial is intended to honour the bravery, heroism and sacrifice, of active-duty fire fighters who pass while they are in active service/ in the line of duty. The memorial is located at Queens Park, with the official ceremony taking place on Sunday October 5th at 1:00pm.

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Upcoming Meetings

October 1, 2025 – 6:00 pm

October 29, 2025 – 6:00 pm