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A Message from Mayor Jason Broad

Re: Recent Fires and Acts of Vandalism in South Dundas

To the residents of South Dundas,

The recent fires and acts of vandalism across our community are deeply concerning, and they have understandably left many residents frustrated and worried about safety.

On August 28, two of our community parks were targeted overnight, leaving significant damage to public facilities our residents rely on and take pride in. South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services responded to a fire at Matilda Memorial Park, where a storage shed was fully engulfed, and another at Iroquois Beach, where a shed fire spread to the attic of the canteen and washroom building. On September 3, two additional fires were set: one at the abandoned Iroquois Locks Canteen Building, and a second that once again targeted the Iroquois Beach canteen.

I want to thank South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Office of the Fire Marshal for their response and for their ongoing work to determine the circumstances surrounding these fires. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Municipal staff and community leaders who have been working to bring our public spaces back to where our community needs and deserves them to be.

At this time, it is important that we allow the appropriate authorities to conduct their investigations and that we do not jump to conclusions about those responsible and their motivations for doing so. These incidents are serious, and anyone found responsible will be held accountable.

I am also asking residents to remain vigilant. If you witnessed anything suspicious, have video surveillance or doorbell-camera footage, or have information that may assist investigators, please report it to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or to Crime Stoppers.

South Dundas is a strong community because people look out for one another. When our friends, neighbours, and business owners need support, compassion, and kindness, South Dundas shows up and we are showing up now. We will continue to work with our emergency services, law enforcement, contractors, community organizations, and residents to protect our public spaces and ensure that South Dundas remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mayor Jason Broad
Municipality of South Dundas