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The Counties Receive \$1.7 Million "Wind Fall" for Roads Compensation

The Counties, along with the Municipality of South Dundas and Township of North Dundas, agreed on settlement terms today for the road deterioration caused from the construction of the South Branch Wind Farm near the hamlet of Brinston.

Before construction of the wind farm started, County Council and EDP Renewables entered into an extensive road user agreement to ensure that the County would be paid for damaged infrastructure.

With construction now finished, EDP and the Counties have completed a detailed evaluation of the roads and determined that the damage was valued at just over \$1,697,000 for County Infrastructure.

Quick Facts

- Council will determine where best to allocate the settlement funds.
- In addition to SDG's settlement of \$1.697 million, the Municipality of South Dundas will receive \$868,500 and the Township of North Dundas will receive \$118,590 for local roads compensation.
- The County will spend about \$12.4M on road and bridge capital projects in 2015, an increase of almost \$2.6M from 2014.
- The Counties maintain 981 km of roads year round.

Quote

"This money provides fair compensation for the deterioration to the roads. The Counties appreciate the cooperation and corporate responsibility shown by EDP throughout the evaluation process."

Benjamin de Haan, County Engineer, United Counties of SDG

"Today's settlement with EDP has enabled us to protect our County and municipal roads system. We wanted to make sure taxpayers in SDG were compensated for any damaged roads and infrastructure during the construction, and this agreement does just that."

• Eric Duncan, Warden, United Counties of SDG