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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held February 13, 2023.

Delegations Continue

Members of Council continued to engage and hear from delegates to learn more about programs, issues and services offered throughout the Municipality and SD&G Counties.

Eric Duncan, MP presented a new proposal for the relocation of Williamsburg Cenotaph and Plaques, and requested funding for this project on behalf of the South Dundas Cenotaph Committee. MP Duncan briefly touched on previous community-led projects that have been completed, being the Matilda Hall Cenotaph and the Iroquois Cenotaph. The proposed project consists of relocating the current cenotaph to the J.C. Whitteker Park in the Village of Williamsburg, installing a base and walkway, purchasing flagpoles, solar lights for evening users, providing \$10,000 – \$15,000 in funding and implementing reserves for future maintenance and repairs. “We truly support the projects and initiatives”, commented Mayor Broad. Deputy Mayor St. Pierre noted that he would like to see this project in the 2023 budget.

Nolan Quinn, MPP provided an update on issues effecting South Dundas and surrounding communities. MPP Quinn discussed funding regarding the housing crisis and plans for the future, as well as updates to Bill 23. Mayor Broad noted that Council welcomes MPP Nolan Quinn into his new role and looks forward to having him back at a future meeting.

Simon Wu from Rideau St. Lawrence (RSL) provided Council with an educational overview into the services RSL provides in South Dundas and other municipalities. Wu updated Council on services RSL is looking at providing in the future such as streetlight repairs and installation. CAO Geraghty noted that South Dundas used to be in agreement with RSL for streetlights and that South Dundas is looking forward to engaging in this partnership again. “We’ve heard from many developers who are quite pleased to work with Rideau St. Lawrence versus competition, so it’s really great, the work you are doing and trying to make it as easy as possible”, noted Mayor Jason Broad.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Council Approves Cannabis Interim Control By-law Extension

Peter Young, Municipal Planning Consultant provided Council with an explanation of By-law 2023-07, Cannabis Interim Control By-law Extension. The Municipality of South Dundas passed By-law 2021-11 on February 22, 2021. This by-law introduced new provisions for Cannabis Cultivation and Processing Facilities in Zoning By-law 2010-48.



Concerns were raised regarding the ability to enforce odour impacts of the proposed cannabis facilities without any specific by-law and equipment in place for the Municipality to measure impacts. Other concerns were raised noting that the County Official Plan does not have specific policies and requirements in relation to the evaluation of these applications when a setback reduction is proposed. Therefore, the previous Council passed an interim control by-law to prohibit any new cannabis production facilities or the expansion of any existing cannabis production facilities within the municipality, subject to certain exemptions described in the by-law and directed staff to undertake a review respecting land use planning policies pertaining to cannabis production facilities within the municipality.

The current interim control by-law expired on February 14, 2023; therefore, an extension is required in order to have time to implement the revised by-law resulting from the planning study. P. Young explained that this is extremely common in Ontario, along with neighbouring municipalities in SD&G and noted that there will be a public meeting held in the near future for public input. Council unanimously agreed with this decision.

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Council Approves Revised Art Hanging Policy

Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Jansen provided Council with a brief explanation of Policy No. 2 – 7 and how this policy allows for local artists to display their artwork in the South Dundas Municipal Centre in Morrisburg. Parks, Recreation and Facility (PRF) Staff reviewed the policy that was last updated in May 2016 and determined that the verbiage in the policy needed updating to clarify the direction of the program.

Updates to the policy include allowing residents of South Dundas or studios in Dundas County to display their artwork at the South Dundas Municipal Centre, Iroquois Civic Centre and Matilda Hall, expanding the duration of the artwork to a two (2) year period and minor wording changes. Mayor Broad noted that the students of Seaway District Highschool are “anxious to display their art, and this should be advertised at the school.” Deputy Mayor Pierre asked staff to confirm that students who do not live in South Dundas are still able to take part in this program. It was confirmed that as the school is considered the art studio, the students are more than welcome to participate.

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Council Committee Appointments

Mayor Broad addressed the topic by stating, “We’re going to establish Boards and Committees. With the volunteers, it’s a way for residents to make recommendations and provide input on matters that affect the entire community. We rely on these volunteers and the Council members to bring their diverse backgrounds and expertise to participate in these boards and committees.” Council members were appointed to specific committees, and Mayor



Broad noted that there may be committees added in the future as the Parks and Recreation and Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities Boards and Directors committees emerge. CAO Geraghty mentioned that input from Council was taken, and the list was developed based on the information provided. Mayor Broad touched on the next step being appointing resident volunteers to the committees, which will be coming in the following weeks.

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Upcoming Meetings

Special Council Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Regular Council Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm