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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Committee of the Whole meeting held November 27, 2024.

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**2024 – 2028 Strategic Plan**

CAO Mills presented the draft 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, developed through extensive community engagement including 168 residential and 19 business survey responses. The planning process involved collaboration with Council Committees, volunteer organizations, local businesses, developers, government partners, and SDG Counties. The plan is designed as a flexible document that adapts to community needs and integrates with operational planning. The three key pillars of the proposed Strategic Plan are:

1. Superior Performance in Operational Excellence
2. A Growing Connected Community
3. Sustainable and Dynamic Growth

“From day one, I have always talked about the team. We’re in it together and we are trying to achieve more and work towards common goals together,” said Mayor Broad on the importance of all 3 pillars, and the sub pillars. “We always want to improve, we recognize that we can always improve... so these are the values we want to focus on,” he continued.

For more information, contact CAO Tim Mills, [tmills@southdundas.com](mailto:tmills@southdundas.com)

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**Iroquois and Morrisburg Plaza Phasing**

Director Jansen provided an overview of initiatives addressing aging infrastructure at the Morrisburg and Iroquois Plazas. Work included CCTV inspections of water, sewer, and storm water systems, with pre-engineering work for repairs being conducted by an engineering firm. Design work continues for greenspace modifications and pedestrian improvements at Iroquois Plaza to accommodate future growth. Temporary sidewalk repairs were completed at Morrisburg Plaza. Council discussed various implementation options and expressed preference for completing both projects simultaneously when feasible. Staff will investigate funding options and present a report to Council.

For more information, contact Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities David Jansen, [djansen@southdundas.com](mailto:djansen@southdundas.com)

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### **Galop Canal Marina**

Director Jansen presented a report on the Galop Canal Marina's funding and operations. The marina, located on the St. Lawrence River in Iroquois, offers seasonal and transient slips along its canal walls and floating finger docks. The facility operates on OPG-owned property leased to South Dundas, including areas for boat launches, boathouses, and South Point, but maintains minimal profitability.

Council discussed various operational options including maintaining current operations, privatization through a third-party operator, service model changes, or closure. Council asked staff to survey current users about desired service levels and potential fee increases. Council also supports upgrading the boat launch and exploring either third-party operation or a cost-recovery model without finger docks. Mayor Broad emphasized the need to survey tenants about service levels and fee increases while investigating a business plan that excludes finger docks, along with exploring third-party lease possibilities with OPG.

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### **Iroquois and Morrisburg Beaches**

The Morrisburg and Iroquois Municipal Beaches have experienced a substantial increase in visitor traffic since summer 2020, resulting in significant operational challenges. Director Jansen explained that the primary concerns include increased usage, leading to challenges with cleanliness, overcrowding, and parking. Director Jansen proposed several options for Council to consider that could help improve beach management, including waste, washroom, parking, and resource improvements. Council requested further investigation into implementing a user-pay model, upgrading waste receptacles, adding lighting and cameras, and restricting barbecues and fires.

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### **Rate of Speed in South Dundas**

Manager of Transportation Hyndman provided an overview of speed limits on municipal roads, noting that Ontario's Highway Traffic Act (HTA) sets a default municipal speed limit of 50 km/h on roadways within cities, towns, villages, or built-up areas. The HTA grants municipalities authority to set speed limits; under this legislation, speed limits can range from 40 to 80 km/h.

Staff will be further investigating speed limits in villages/hamlets; locations of speed transition areas to ensure they are outside of where houses begin; streetlight inventory; and areas of potential streetlight additions.

For more information, contact Director of Transportation Jeff Hyndman, [jhyndman@southdundas.com](mailto:jhyndman@southdundas.com)



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### **Residential Construction Debris – Matilda Landfill**

At the November 27, 2023 Council Meeting, a report indicated the Matilda Waste Disposal Site had approximately 2.2 years of remaining capacity as of July 2023. In January 2024, Council approved agreements with HGC Waste Management for Blue Box Recyclables processing (effective March 1, 2024) and GFL Environmental for curbside waste transportation to Moose Creek (effective July 1, 2024). Additionally, Council voted to discontinue Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) waste collection at the Matilda Landfill effective July 1, 2024.

On November 6, 2024, Council approved WSP Consulting to design a transfer station concept for the site. Beginning January 1, 2025, Ontario's Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) Plan will shift recycling collection responsibility from municipalities to producers, requiring IC&I locations to manage their recycling through self-hauling or private collection.

Council has decided to continue accepting residential construction waste at the Matilda Landfill on a cost recovery basis, pending staff recommendations on appropriate fee structures. Staff will return to Council with a report detailing the according fees and the changes to the By-Law.

For more information, contact Director of Transportation Jeff Hyndman, [jhyndman@southdundas.com](mailto:jhyndman@southdundas.com)

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### **Iroquois Locks Action Plan**

CAO Tim Mills updated Council on the Iroquois Lock property. Years of inadequate maintenance and investment have created an urgent need for improvements. The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) is committed to collaborating with South Dundas and community members to restore the site for public enjoyment.

SLSMC has been responsive to the Municipality's requests and is working to restore the visitors site. Completed improvements include:

- Clearing the overgrown slope between the parking area to improve ship viewing
- Resurfacing the monument pathway
- Installing new picnic tables
- Refurbishing plaques

“Ship traffic has increased 2024 which is great as people continue to use the lock property. I think we should continue to advocate and make sure that the bathroom is part of the action plan for 2025,” concluded Mayor Broad.

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### Upcoming Meetings

December 6, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. (Special Meeting- Budget)

December 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)