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Here are the highlights from the South Dundas Council meeting held March 19, 2025.

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Proposal for the Creation of Morrisburg Veterans Walkway

Eric Duncan, Chair of the Morrisburg Cenotaph Project and Donna Dillabough, President, of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 proposed the creation of one single location to host the two cenotaphs, the Morrisburg Soldiers Monument, the two artillery guns, and the Howitzer which are all currently scattered throughout the village.

The proposed location of the new “Veterans Walkway” is the current north half-moon walkway located east of the ball diamond along Canada Way Drive. The project would include:

- Refurbishment and relocation all pieces from their current locations
- Build interlock base and walkway and install Morrisburg Soldier’s Monument along north pathway of the half moon walkway area. Installation of other pieces symmetrically along inside of existing half-moon walkway
- Install lighting, three new flag poles, informational plaques, and benches

The projected budget will total between \$125,000-\$150,000, with the estimated completion being Summer 2026.

The Committee has asked Council to support the following:

- Approve the project proposal and conceptual design in principle
- Financial commitment in the 2026 Budget
- Banking through the Municipality
- South Dundas to be the lead applicant on the funding application

“These types of things are important to all of us,” said Mayor Broad. “I think this is a fabulous project,” added Deputy Mayor St. Pierre. “This looks like a beautiful tribute, so it is a welcomed contribution to our waterfront,” concluded Councillor Ward.

Council has directed Staff to return with a report regarding next steps and funding.

Proposed Levels of Service

Ontario Regulation 588/17, “Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure”, the Municipality is required to propose levels of service for the following 10 years. The



municipality's asset management policy states that Council is responsible for proposing and monitoring levels of service. This means, Staff are looking for Council direction on proposed levels of service for the next 10 years.

Staff recommendations include:

- Resurfacing all roads with asphalt
- Maintain or improve current road condition ratings
- Only replacing sidewalks on one side of road
- Decommission South Branch Road Bridge at end of service life
- Replacing Colquhoun Bridge
- One centralized facility for Public Works and Recreation Services
- Replace five recreation halls with three at the end of their useful lives
- Review renovation/replacement options for fire halls

2025 Leaf and Yard Waste Days

Clerk Lebrun provided Council with an overview on usage of the existing Leaf & Yard Waste depot day program, located at 10 Bouck Street in Iroquois, and 5 Allison Avenue in Morrisburg. Residents can participate by transporting leaf and yard clippings, flowers and small shrubbery to the designated areas during the designated dates. Large branches, brush and wood are not accepted at the Depot and must be brought to the Matilda Landfill. Residents can also bring Leaf and Yard waste all year to the Matilda Landfill at no cost.

An analysis of the program found that:

- Morrisburg has significantly higher attendance (4x) compared to Iroquois.
- Fall events in Morrisburg show nearly double the attendance of spring events.
- Weekday events consistently attract more participants than Saturday events.
- September has the highest attendance for Morrisburg, while attendance in Iroquois remains consistent.

Council comments included that the program is functional and currently benefits the residents of South Dundas, however Council would like to see a date in November added, and other options for leaf and yard waste be brought to the table prior to budget deliberations.

Public Works

Hamlet Speed Zone

Director of Transportation Hyndman presented Council with two locations within South Dundas which could benefit in having a speed reduction, as requested during budget deliberations.



- 1) Heritage Road: Currently an unposted speed limit of 80 km/hr. The north boundary of Dundela ends at the bush area on Heritage Rd. Staff recommend reducing the speed to 50 km/hr at this location when entering from the North.
- 2) Dunbar: The West Boundary of Dunbar ends just west of Civic Address #3256 on Marcellus Rd and is currently an unposted speed limit of 80 km/hr. Staff recommend reducing the speed to 50 km/hr at this location when entering from the west, which will match the speed limit already in place on SDG CR 7.

Council unanimously agreed on staff recommendations, and Staff will return to the table with a formal action request.

School Speed Zones

Director of Transportation Hyndman presented Council with an overview of school zones according to the Highway Traffic Act, and locations/a plan to create School Speed Zones within South Dundas, as requested during budget deliberations.

Proposed School Speed Zones:

- 1) St. Mary – St. Cecilia: Augusta St, Crysler St, First St
- 2) Morrisburg Public School: Ottawa St, St. Lawrence St, High St, Second St
- 3) Iroquois Public School/Seaway District Highschool: Lakeview Dr, College St, Beach Ave, Elizabeth Dr

Council is in support of the proposed School Speed Zones, with the speed limit being a permanent 40 km/hr year-round. Staff will return to Council with a formal report to be accepted.

Streetlight Review

Director of Transportation provided Council with two locations for consideration of additional streetlights, as requested during budget deliberations. The South Dundas Engineering Design Standards state that streetlights shall be installed at all intersections, at all horizontal curves and throughout the proposed development at a maximum spacing of 75m.

- 1) Elma (SDG CR 7): There are currently no streetlights at this location, meaning six streetlights would be required on the north side of SDG CR 7 from Marcellus Rd to Boucks Hill Rd
- 2) Mariatown: There are presently ten streetlights at this location, all at intersections. As per the South Dundas Design Manual these locations are all greater than 75m as all were installed before the Design Manual was created. An additional ten lights and 1-2 poles would need to be installed.

Council comments included:

- Potentially installing one streetlight in Elma, at the location of the community mailbox
- Reducing the proposed number of streetlights added in Mariatown



- Council would like to see community feedback prior to making decisions

South Dundas Fire & Emergency Services Fleet

Director of Fire & Emergency Services provided Council with an overview of the SDFES fleet.

Morrisburg:

- Pump 161
- Heavy Rescue 162
- Tanker 163, Pick up 164
- Chief Pick up

Iroquois:

- Pump 141
- Tanker 143
- Pick up/Forestry 144
- Light Rescue 145

Williamsburg:

- Pump 181
- Medium Rescue 182
- Tanker 183
- Tanker 184

In 2024, Unit 145 was taken out of service as it was determined unsafe for the road and has not been replaced.

Proposed 2025 SDFES Fleet Updates

- Unit 145 to be replaced with unit 164. 164 is a 2006 Dodge Ram with high cap, slide out and can serve as a light rescue.
- Unit 144, currently our forestry truck is a 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 that is inadequate to carry water, pump and resources, to be replaced with a 3500 series truck with appropriate slide-in forestry pump and equipment. Current unit 144 would go to the parks department if needed.
- The current Chief vehicle moves into Morrisburg to replace 164 and is also the vehicle for the Fire Prevention Officer.
- The Chief vehicle is replaced with an SUV or pick up.
- The last Dodge will be evaluated year over year and scheduled for replacement when a determination of the size of the new truck is determined.

Council directed Fire Chief Hughes to return to the April 9th meeting with a report to request the purchase of a new Chiefs vehicle, and to return in the future with a informational report regarding how the County Chiefs group is working together on to bring down the cost of fire. The aerial truck has been removed from the plan.



Lifeguard/Swim Instructor Staffing Update

During the 2025 Budget process, taxation reduction measures led to decreasing the requested six lifeguards/swim instructors to four positions. This allocation provides two students at each beach. The Municipality also employs a contractor to oversee swim lessons, certifications, and lifeguarding operations, who can provide additional support during staff absences or high-demand programs.

Based on the needs of the beach, and the many activities which take place, Council has approved the request of Staff for the hiring of two additional lifeguards.

Staff reviewing the 2025 budget allocations have identified two potential surplus areas to fund the additional positions:

- The Parks & Facilities Department is likely hiring one high school student and two college students instead of three college students as budgeted, creating approximately 8 weeks of salary savings.
- The 2025 budget included \$30,000 for beach overcrowding and control measures. Following the March 5th discussion, council and staff finalized the upgrade and service change roadmap, leaving approximately \$23,000 for implementation. With no projected revenue included in the 2025 budget, current projections indicate sufficient surplus to cover an additional position.

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Upcoming Meetings

April 9, 2025 – 6:00 pm

April 23, 2025 – 6:00 pm