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COUNCIL HEARS REPORTS ON TREE-PLANTING ACTIVITIES

SDG Counties Council met for a Committee of the Whole session Feb. 9. SDG Counties Forestry Coordinator Phil Duncan updated councillors on tree-planting activities in our region, including plans for windbreaks, beautification and property delineation. Duncan Ferguson, president of the Glengarry Federation of Agriculture, provided feedback to councillors on these plans.

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WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UPDATE PROVIDED

Cholly Boland, president and chief executive officer of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, provided an update to council on fundraising and service-level improvements for not only the hospital, but Dundas Manor as well. WDMH annually sees 80,000 patient visits.

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2025 BIENNIAL INSPECTIONS

HP Engineering provided council with its biennial inspection on structures in SDG Counties. A total of 184 structures were inspected, including 74 bridges and 110 culverts. The total estimated asset value of these integral pieces of infrastructure is \$318 million. SDG Counties employs regular, prescribed maintenance activities at these locations.

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REVISED MAIN STREET PROPOSAL

EVB Engineering has submitted a revised work plan and fee proposal for the design project known as County Road 34 and Mill Square Improvements in Alexandria. The scope of this project also includes roadway and cross section improvements along County Road 10 from County Road 34 to the easterly limits of Alexandria and the cost for engineering is included within the award recommendation.

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BUDGET RECEIVES FINAL ASSENT

At its meeting of Feb. 2, 2026 SDG Counties Council provided final assent to the 2026 budget. Council passed tax ratio Bylaw No. 5519, as well as tax rate Bylaw No. 5520, to make the document official. The budget sets a 4.48 per cent increase in the residential property tax rate. For a typical home in our region, assessed at \$220,459, this change equates to an increase of \$66.12.

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MASSIE, GUINDON ACCLAIMED

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority's (RRCA) Board of Directors elected North Glengarry Councillor-at-Large Jacques Massie as its new chair during the conservation authority's annual meeting on Feb. 5, 2026. South Stormont Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon was elected as vice-chair. Both were acclaimed to the one-year term.

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