

20 APRIL 2026

# 5-MINUTE GAZETTE



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## 250K IN REGIONAL INCENTIVES PROGRAM FUNDING

SDG Counties Council has approved more than \$250,000 in grants for 18 local Regional Incentives Program projects. The funding will cover the costs of improvements to local businesses and tourism amenities. The program was created to allow local entrepreneurs the opportunity to vie for funding that will augment the local tourism/ec dev landscape.

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## COMMUNITY HOUSING

The end of mortgages and operating agreements marks a systemic shift in Ontario's community housing, requiring municipalities to oversee asset sustainability, tenant protections, and funding models. Cornwall/SDG Counties plans to implement new service and exit agreements, with a 10-year renewal conditional on compliance.

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## RIVER INSTITUTE PRESENTATION

Dr. Jeff Ridal, executive director of the St. Lawrence River Institute and Matt Windle, program leader - research and technical services, provided an update to council on activities at the non-profit environmental research and education organization. River institute research focuses on water quality, fish and wildlife, and species at risk.

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## SPEED LIMIT CHANGE - CR18

SDG Counties Council has agreed to reduce the speed limit on parts of County Road 18 in South Dundas. Transportation staff recommended reducing the speed limit on CR18 through Boucks Hill and nearby segments from 80 km/h to 70 km/h, citing safety concerns and guidelines. Staff also proposed restructuring the speed by-law for clarity.



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## ROADSIDE WEED SPRAYING

Roadside weed-spraying activities will begin in SDG Counties later this spring. SDG Counties has secured a third-party contractor to begin roadside spraying. Removing weeds in this way improves sightlines on SDG Counties roads. Residents who DO NOT wish spraying on their property may register in advance and place a 'NO SPRAY' sign on their lawn.

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## CANOE RACE NETS 505 PADDLERS

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority's (RCA) 53rd annual Raisin River Canoe Race set a new record this year, with an unprecedented 505 paddlers in 321 boats registered. The sold-out event took place on April 11. The race began at St. Andrews West in South Stormont and made its way nearly 30-km course to Williamstown.

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