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# 5-MINUTE GAZETTE



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## SDG COUNTIES COUNCIL DENIES ENTRY TO ALTO RAIL

SDG Counties Council has voted against allowing representatives from Alto Rail access to its municipal land. Alto requested access to county-owned forest properties in the Township of North Glengarry in order to perform field surveys and geotechnical investigations related to the high-frequency rail project. Council ultimately decided against this process.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ACCEPTED

SDG Counties reviewed the draft 2025 financial statements, indicating that a clean audit has been completed. A presentation from MNP Financial was well received by SDG Counties Council. SDG Counties finds itself in a solid financial position, specifically its reserve portfolio. At the end of 2025 SDG Counties had a healthy reserve balance of \$22.2 million.

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## REDUCED SETBACK ALLOWED

A reduced setback of 23.28m for a North Dundas business to begin construction has been approved. SDG Counties Council's decision will allow for the construction of a Shoppers' Drug Mart in Winchester. The new pharmacy will be located on Main Street. The 1,450 sq. ft. facility will include 62 parking spaces.

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## AI FRAMEWORK ADOPTED

A Responsible AI Use Framework has been adopted by SDG Counties Council. The framework was developed in collaboration with IT Leaders across the region and under the guidance of Perry Group Consulting. It is based on best practices and provides the guidance required to safely adopt AI technologies. Provincial regulations require municipalities to mitigate risks and be accountable for the use of AI.

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## NEW SCHOOL IN WINCHESTER

A new French-Catholic school is being built in Winchester. The Province of Ontario confirmed this week that it is investing \$34.3 million for a new École élémentaire et secondaire catholique Winchester to create more student spaces and child care spaces in a growing community. This project will deliver 530 new K-12 student spaces and 49 licensed child care spaces for families.

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## MUNICIPALITIES COLLABORATE

The Pittston Creek Bridge is getting a major upgrade. SDG Counties, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, and the Municipality of South Dundas are working together to the rehabilitate the Pittston Creek Bridge and the associated roadway paving works.

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