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PRESCOTT-RUSSELL FRIENDSHIP

Prescott-Russell Warden Mario Zanth visited with his counterparts at SDG Counties, advocating for increased collaboration and partnerships.

During the July 20, 2026 SDG Counties Council meeting Zanth acknowledged that "SDG Counties and UCPR think alike. We valued collaboration over competition. "It's about getting the job done."

To that end Zanth spent about 30 minutes expounding in the positive partnerships already enjoyed by our two upper-tier municipalities.

"This partnership isn't starting from zero," said Zanth. "Efforts have demonstrated what happens when neighbouring counties work towards a common goal. I want to see collaboration the rule rather than the exception."

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UCPR Warden Mario Zanth

Zanth's comments received universal praise from SDG Counties councillors.

"I think it's great that we continue to build these relationships," said SDG Counties Coun. Jason Broad. "All opportunities that arise with our partners are important."

FIRE TRAILER OWNERSHIP TRANSFER

SDG Counties authorized an exemption to its [purchasing policy to facilitate the transfer of ownership of a Wildland Fire Trailer. The trailer is an emergency resource available for use by each of the local municipalities and houses some of the equipment required to fight wildland fires.

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AG COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

The terms and references for a new agriculture committee are starting to take shape. At its July 20, 2026 meeting SDG Counties councillors were presented with the draft terms, which spell out the rules under which the body will convene. The committee will be up of six people, three elected and three laypeople. The committee will meet twice annually and provide recommendations to council.

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BUDGET MEETINGS IN JANUARY

SDG Counties council has set aside the first week of January to initiate 2027 budget deliberations. Typically SDG Counties convenes budget sessions prior to the Christmas break, but due to the looming municipal elections it was felt that allowing new members of council to become familiar with their roles would be most prudent.

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LAND TRANSFER APPROVED

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) is proud to support the Township of South Stormont's vision for a revitalized waterfront by transferring five parcels of land to the municipality. This strategic move supports the Township's Waterfront Development Plan and reflects SLPC's commitment to community.

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