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NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

SDG Counties Council has approved new terms of reference for its regional incentives committee. The updated committee, now known as the Regional Incentives Program Application Review Committee (RIPARC), green lights funding for local entrepreneurial projects. Key changes include clarified roles and responsibilities, updated appointment terms, and improved processes for meetings.

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FORMER COUNTY ROAD 36

SDG Counties Council has approved the transfer of 13 surplus 0.3-metre reserves along former County Road 36 to the Township of South Stormont. The reserves became unnecessary following the road's transfer to the township. Council also approved policy exemptions to streamline the process, allowing the township to manage the lands as needed.

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JAIL UPDATE

SDG Counties Council received the 2026 report for the Historic SDG Jail, which welcomed 3,471 visitors and generated $31,344.65 this season. The season featured new self-guided tours, special events, enhanced exhibits and strong visitor feedback, contributing to increased attendance and an improved visitor experience.

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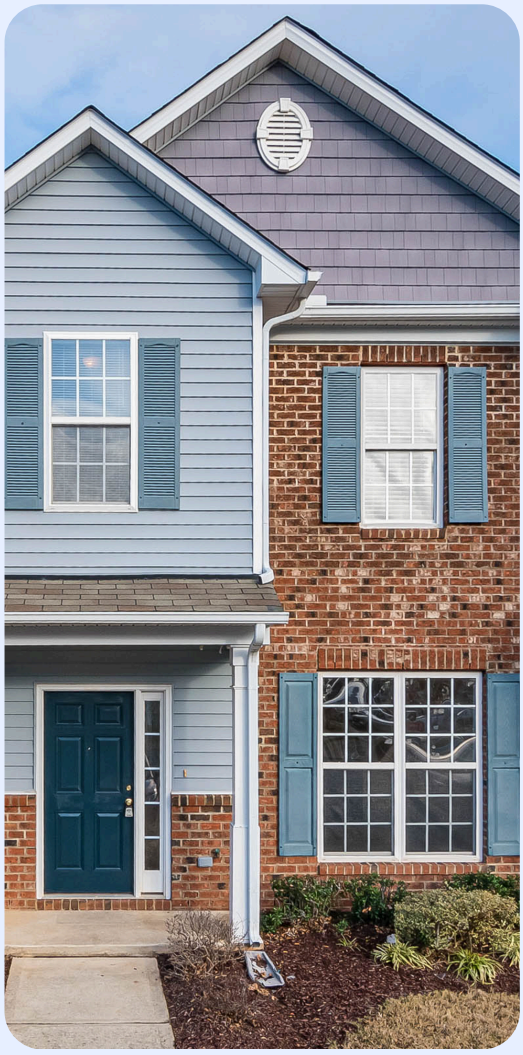
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10-YEAR HOUSING PLAN

SDG Counties Council received a presentation on the draft 2026 Housing and Homelessness Plan for information purposes. The plan, developed in collaboration with the City of Cornwall and prepared by housing consultants TWC, outlines a long-term strategy to address housing and homelessness challenges across Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The draft plan is built around three key priorities: strengthening the housing and homelessness support system, increasing public awareness and understanding of housing needs, and growing the supply of affordable housing throughout the region. Recommendations include expanding supportive housing, improving coordination among service providers, increasing education and advocacy efforts, supporting partnerships with Indigenous communities, and creating up to 995 new housing opportunities.

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72 ACRES DONATED

Charles McDonald has donated 72 acres of forested land near North Lancaster to SDG Counties through its land donation program. The woodlot, featuring maple, hickory, basswood and red oak, will be protected and managed using sustainable forestry practices.

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