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## County Strategic Priorities:

- Preserve & enhance historical, cultural, tourism & recreational features to maintain quality of life
- Plan for economic development
- Inventory of infrastructure
- Greater local government coordination in delivery of services

## Upcoming Events:

**Council Meeting**  
March 20th, 2017

**Warden's Curling**  
**Bonspiel— Maxville**  
March 25th, 2017

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If interested, a complete copy of any of the reports condensed within this newsletter are available upon request.

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## 2017 Budget

SDG Council completed 2017 budget deliberations on February 22nd and reached a consensus that will result in an inflationary increase. Many road projects and new initiatives can be accomplished in 2017 and an average residential property's taxes will increase 1.8% or \$22 for the year.

## By-laws

**By-law No. 5091**— adopt Policy No. 1-30, a sponsorship/advertising and general agreement policy.

**By-law No. 5092**—authorize a three year Enterprise Agreement and License and Services Agreement with Esri (GIS software)

**By-law No. 5093**—authorize Memorandum of Understanding with South Nation Conservation for the management of County Forests and the Roadside Tree Program.

**By-law No. 5094**— to adopt, confirm and ratify

**By-law No. 5095** – to authorize a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport through the Ontario 150 funding.

## Regional Tourism Initiatives

Council approved a Regional Tourism Grant Program, together with grant guidelines and grant application form.

## Setback Authorized

Council approved a setback of 21.5m from the centerline of County Road 25 for the proposed construction of a detached garage.

## Council Supported Recommended Plan for Highway 138

Council supported the recommended plan, as identified in the Class Environmental Assessment, for Highway 138. Director of Transportation and Planning deHaan, provided Council with an overview of the plan together with staff recommendation to support. The full plan is available at [www.highway138study.ca](http://www.highway138study.ca)

## Key Information

Key Information was provided on the 2016 Census Data, 2017 ROMA Conference, Ministry Draft Official Plan Response, Forest Cover, Annual Update on the County Forests and the Library Value Calculator.