



Media Release

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Rural Economic Development program issues funds for Morrisburg Streetscape Project

The United Counties of SDG and Municipality of South Dundas have received \$67,500.00 in funding through the Rural Economic Development (RED) program to plan and design a Morrisburg Streetscape. The RED program funds projects that stimulate economic growth in Ontario's rural and Indigenous communities. Nearly one in eight jobs in Ontario is sustained by the agriculture and agri-food sector, which contributes to a healthy economy that benefits rural and urban communities across the province.

Jim McDonell MPP for SDSG made the announcement today in South Dundas on behalf of Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ernie Hardeman.

Over the last three years, the Counties and the Municipality of South Dundas have worked closely together studying traffic/pedestrian patterns and have partnered on initial conceptual designs that integrate streetscaping and improved road functionality in the project area of County Road 2. The design will consider lane reductions, medians and separated sidewalks, improved lighting, improved access to local businesses, traffic calming elements and pedestrian areas.

Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry is one of over 80 communities across the province that will benefit from this support by boosting and diversifying the local economy.

Quotes

“Our government is proud to support projects that help to grow jobs and open the doors to economic development in rural and Indigenous communities. Ontario has a first-class agri-food and agriculture sector, and I am pleased to be able to help our community identify their economic strengths and develop strategies that can attract business and investment.”

--- MPP Jim McDonell, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs

“Rural Ontario has been ignored for too long. A strong and vibrant agri-food and agriculture sector is a priority for this government. These investments, along with our commitment to cut red-tape, will help create a strong future for our rural communities by boosting economic growth, creating jobs and ensuring they are great places to live and do business.”

— Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

“This funding announcement will allow an important project to move forward – a partnership between the Municipality of South Dundas and the County to redevelop a vital commercial area of Morrisburg along County Roads 2 and 31. We look forward to engaging local residents, businesses, etc. as the design work progresses, with a view to creating an attractive and functional streetscape that works well for residents, businesses, and tourists visiting our area. Based on the resounding success of our roundabout projects in Iroquois and Long Sault, I am confident that a redesigned intersection will better facilitate the safe and efficient movement of traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists”.

— SDG County Warden, Ian McLeod

“The Municipality of South Dundas is pleased to be a collaborative partner in this project that will further enhance our downtown core. Council will continue to support all local business and looks forward to future joint initiatives with our Provincial and County partners.”

— Mayor Steven Byvelds, Municipality of South Dundas

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