



COUNCIL CATCH UP

SUPPORT FOR SDG COUNTIES IN MAINTAINING LOCAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

The Province of Ontario has proposed consolidation of the conservation authorities in Ontario into regional bodies. Council of the United Counties of SDG passed a resolution to urge the province to maintain locally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities.

Council supported this resolution, citing potential impacts to local representation, accountability, responsiveness, increased costs, and effective stewardship of the conservation lands within South Stormont that meet local needs.

The resolution of support will be circulated to appropriate ministries, local representatives, municipalities and associations.

Residents are encouraged to share their own feedback to the Province on their proposal to consolidate Ontario conservations authorities at www.ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1257



NOTICE OF 2026 COUNCIL MEETING DATES



Council received and approved the 2026 schedule for Regular Council Meetings. Some modifications to the typical meeting schedule accommodate a municipal conference, the 2026 Municipal Election on October 26, and the Inaugural Meeting of the newly elected Council on November 16th.

AI PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

The Director of Corporate Services updated Council on an ongoing staff AI Working Group. Their goal is to use Microsoft Copilot to improve efficiency in daily tasks. The group is also creating guidelines for AI use to protect confidential information, ensure output validity, and disclose when AI is used for content generation.



GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RELATIVE BY-LAWS



After a mid-term governance review, recommendations were made for modernization of governance policies and by-laws. A number of slight modifications were made to governance policies and by-laws to ensure compliance with legislative requirements, improve operational efficiency, and enhance public trust and transparency.

➤➤➤ OTHER ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 26, 2025 AGENDA

- Monthly Procurement Purchasing Contracts
- Support for South Dundas Opposing Decision to Deny Snowmobile Trail Permit Increase
- Appoint a Lotter License Officer
- South Nation Conservation Memo - Seasonal Conservation Area Closure and Winter Recreation