



COUNCIL CATCH UP

BANK OF MONTREAL CLOSURE UPDATE

Council received an update regarding the efforts being made to urge BMO Officials to reconsider their decision to close the Ingleside Branch. Staff have met with officials to share our concerns and a group of concerned residents coordinated a peaceful rally on Wednesday, February 12.

The Township has resources available for residents to share their thoughts on the closure with BMO. Visit southstormont.ca/BMO-Closure for letter templates and contacts.



SDG LIBRARY DELEGATION

Rebecca Luck, Director of Library Services at SDG Counties provided a presentation about the great services provided by the two branches servicing South Stormont. Over 1700 residents in South Stormont access the services and programs offered in Ingleside and Long Sault!



SUPPORT TO OPPOSE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION ON CYCLING LANES

Council supported the Town of Aylmer's opposition to provincial legislation governing cycle lanes. The support includes maintaining municipal jurisdiction over cycling infrastructure decisions.

The resolution will be forwarded to upper levels of government.

»»» 2025-2026 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Council approved the renewal of the Municipal Insurance Program. Insurance premiums continue to rise, with 2025 rates representing a 7% increase.

Over the last five years, the Township's Municipal Insurance premiums have risen by over \$150,000



»»» FINAL TAX LEVY AND WATER/WASTEWATER RATES ADOPTED

Council approved the 2025 Final Tax Levy, which includes the rates for SDG Counties and the Province for education. The Township's tax rate represents a 6.9% increase, while the blended rate represents a 5.17% increase.

Water and Wastewater rates for 2025 were also formally adopted based on the Water and Wastewater Rate Study.