



# COUNCIL CATCH UP



## PUBLIC MEETING: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

A Public Meeting was held for a Zoning By-law Amendment for a proposed mixed-use redevelopment of a former funeral home in Ingleside.

The proposal is for a ground floor commercial space with twelve 2-bedroom rental apartments on the upper two floors.

The proposed amendments being considered are to increase the permitted height from 11m to 12m and to reduce minimum parking spaces from 38 to 33.

Public commentary is being received and a decision on the amendments will be considered at a future Council Meeting

## »»» HIGHWAY 138/HEADLINE ROAD ROUNDABOUT



Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation provided Council with an update on the work completed to date for the roundabout project at Highway 138 and Headline Road.

Preliminary work began in 2024 and the project is expected to be complete in November 2025.

The construction will include a long-term closure of Headline Road West, expected to take place from July to September 2025 (subject to change). Detour routes will be in place and advanced notice will be provided to all affected residents as closure plans are solidified.

Council reiterated their concerns for pedestrian traffic and requested consideration for established crosswalks to allow safe pedestrian crossings.

## BANK OF MONTREAL, INGLESIDE CLOSURE



The Township was made aware of a recent announcement from the Bank of Montreal of their intention to close the Ingleside Branch in July 2025.

Council shares the concerns of the community about how this could negatively affect South Stormont.

A meeting with the Township’s Senior Relationship Manager is scheduled and Council has requested the formation of a working group consisting of staff, members of Council and concerned citizens to develop solutions to encourage BMO to reconsider their closure plans.



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## ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET



After budget deliberations, Council adopted the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets, representing a 6.9% increase over 2024.

When combined with the SDG Counties expected rate increase of 4.89% and the Education rate, the resulting blended rate is equal to a 5.17% increase.

The annual blended increase is expected to equal \$69.84 per \$100,000 in assessment for a residential property.

Further details on the 2025 Budget are available on [SpeakUpSouthStormont.ca](http://SpeakUpSouthStormont.ca)



## STRAY ANIMAL SHELTER AGREEMENT

Council authorized agreements with the Township of Russell for the provision of a Stray Animal Shelter and By-law Services.

The agreements will result in adequate and humane housing for dogs found at large, and assistance with calls related to a vicious dog.



## TOWNSHIP WEBSITE REFRESH

Council was provided with an update on a Township website refresh, expected to be complete in May 2025.

The website refresh will use public feedback from the 2024 Communications Review, as well as upcoming public engagement opportunities to create a website that is easy to navigate, accessible and informative.

## ➤➤➤ LOST VILLAGES MUSEUM FLOODING UPDATE

Council received an update regarding the unfortunate recent flooding at the Lost Villages Museum.

The Township is working closely with the Lost Villages Historical Society and insurers to salvage as many items as possible and rehabilitate the buildings.

The museum repairs are expected to be complete in time for the opening of the 2025 season.

