

A monthly recap of SDG council meeting decisions, policy changes and municipal announcements

MARCH 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Warden Frank Prevost was not in attendance at the March 16 County council meeting. Prevost is in self-isolation, following a vacation with his family outside of the country. Prevost will continue fulfill his duties remotely for 14 days.
- County council has authorized the completion of a Bell Dedicated Service Agreement that will see the creation of a secondary backup data centre in Finch, as well as an upgrade at North Stormont's administration building.
- For updated information on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit eohu.ca, ontario.ca and canada.ca/en/public-health.html

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NEXT MEETING:
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Snow-clearing augmented

A change to focus on snow-clearing during peak commute times on some County roads had the desired effect this winter.

This year the County chose to place an emphasis on clearing County Roads 31, 2 and 7 from 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. during snow events.

The result was increased safety for motorists during

this time, and county staff suggested the practice of focusing on snow-clearing during the commute will continue for these roads.

"Despite the mild winter, our supervisors report that our plan had the desired effect," said Trevor Baker, the County operations manager. "We will focus on this strategy next year to help our motorists."

Systems librarian on the way

County council agreed at its March meeting to approve the job description for a new role at the SDG Library, that of a systems librarian.

The new role will add a much-needed level of efficiency to the library operations, said director Karen Franklin.

"Technologies, particularly

cloud-based are becoming more and more prevalent," she said. "To manage these systems requires specific skills."

Council's decision will see the elimination of the 'system support coordinator' and a small change to the 'community librarian' job description.

County COVID-19 response

At its meeting March 16 County council passed a motion that will give greater power to the warden and the CAO when it comes to both spending and staffing decisions outside of a formal council meeting.

CAO Tim Simpson advised council that regular senior management meetings are taking place to address the safety and health of staff and the public during the COVID-19 outbreak.

A slew of cancellations and postponements have been announced by municipalities, agencies and volunteer groups throughout SDG.

Coun. Steven Byvelds, acting in place of Warden Frank Prevost, thanked SDG staff, medical officer of health Paul Roumeliotis and the general public for their dedication and patience.

"The safety and security of our residents in SDG remains our top priority," he said.