

# TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT Strategic Plan 2015-2020



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

The Township's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is now complete! A public survey was conducted and many participated

– THANK YOU!

In response to some of the comments made and suggestions provided, we have produced this DID YOU KNOW publication to help communicate some of the reasons why we make the decisions we do, and clarification of the services the Township is providing for our residents and businesses.

# Did You Know?

- Did you know the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre on Memorial Square offers 10 different services; please call 613-537-8644 or drop in and see Kelly and her staff for a tour.
- Did you know that the complete Council agenda documents are available on our website: [www.southstormont.ca](http://www.southstormont.ca) / Governance / Agendas and Minutes
- Did you know the Long Sault Friendly Circle Seniors meet every month at the South Stormont Community Hall; new members are always welcome, simply contact Carson at 613-362-4273.
- Did you know the annual Water Treatment Plant reports are available, free of charge, and in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act: Visit our website: [www.southstormont.ca](http://www.southstormont.ca) / Municipal Services / Water and Sewer
- Did you know there is a Clean Water Committee whose main function is to administer water quality programs? Visit their website: [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca) / Board of Directors and Committees
- Did you know the Township of South Stormont has the second lowest tax rate in Stormont Dundas and Glengarry; the Township of North Stormont is the lowest.
- Did you know there are 3 different road networks in the Township, each with their own level of service and maintenance obligations: Township of South Stormont, Counties of SD&G and Ministry of Transportation.
- Did you know the Parks and Recreation department issues Recreational Brochures 4 times each year; these brochures are delivered to each South Stormont residence and contain all of the current programs and events being offered that season. Stay tuned for a new and exciting community guide in 2016.

- Did you know that in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2014 and the Township's requirement to remain consistent with, and more specifically in Part V section 1.1.1 of the PPS it states, "... Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by ... accommodating an appropriate range and mix of residential (including second units...)". Under the *Planning Act*, the developer can proceed with an accessory apartment. The process to develop property lies within the Zoning By-law which is adopted by Council subject to amendments and/or the Ontario Municipal Board. Zoning restricts use, not ownership.
- Did you know that in 2015 for every dollar collected for property taxes, South Stormont retains \$0.34. Counties of SD&G receives \$0.50 and the School Board(s) receives \$0.16.
- Did you know our office sends traffic concerns directly to the Ontario Provincial Police; please report traffic irregularities to [info@southstormont.ca](mailto:info@southstormont.ca).
- Did you know that the Long Sault Arena has public skating 4 times a week and offers a "beginner skate only" program on Sunday's? South Stormont is also proud to offer special holiday public skating times during the Christmas season each year; visit our website: [www.southstormont.ca](http://www.southstormont.ca) / events.
- Did you know the Township has an active Facebook page and popular Instagram account? If you are a passionate photographer be sure to hashtag us - #townshipofsouthstormont or #southstormont.
- Did you know South Stormont residents are welcome to swim at the Cornwall Aquatic Centre at the same rate as Cornwall residents in recognition of our financial participation during its original construction.
- Did you know St. Andrews West pool conducted swimming lessons for 255 participants in 2015 and hosted our annual swim meet showcasing the Stingwrays!
- Did you know South Stormont has popular recreational access points to water including Lakeview Beach, Hoople Bay for ice fishing, Parks Commission beaches and boat launches, Stormont Yacht Club and the Raisin River.
- Did you know that since 2008 there is a Farmers' Market in Long Sault every Friday from 2 PM to 6 PM from June to October. Visit our local vendors; note a venue change may occur.

- Did you know the level of service for Township roads is based on Provincial Standards and Township's approved level of service policies.
- Did you know the Township provides a full News and Events page in the Seaway News every month. The Seaway News Ad Bag is delivered and available to every household in South Stormont. There are 4,991 households in South Stormont.
- Did you know you can receive the News and Events page electronically each month; sign up today by emailing [info@southstormont.ca](mailto:info@southstormont.ca).
- Did you know South Stormont's soccer registration for 2015 topped 480 children at the popular soccer fields at Arnold Bethune Park.
- Did you know the Ingleside Community Park project has received approval to move to the design stage in 2016.
- Did you know our region's doctor's group is actively assisting in the recruitment of doctors.
- Did you know the Township continues to work with Counties of SD&G and the Province in reviewing policies for development understanding the need to protect agricultural land.
- Did you know the Township and Counties of SD&G, in conjunction with other SDG municipalities meet regularly to investigate opportunities for joint service opportunities. Some of these services include purchasing, road maintenance, waste management, animal control services and investigator services.
- Did you know that two Township Council members are appointed as members of the Lost Villages Historical Society and the Cornwall Township Historical Society encouraging communication and support of local heritage and cultural initiatives.
- Did you know the St. Lawrence River waterfront in both Ingleside and Long Sault is operated by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC). Township staff and Council continue to recognize the need to investigate opportunities for land development.
- Did you know the South Stormont summer parks and recreation program has developed and grown significantly in recent years regardless of the central location. Statistics from previous years show a decline in attendance when alternate sites were used.
- Did you know that Sale of Land for Tax Arrears processes are legislated by the Province. In addition to the required advertising in a

local newspaper and the Ontario Gazette, the Township posts the information on our website and the monthly News and Events page.

- Did you know the Township requires new development to contribute money and / or land toward parkland. The money helps to pay for new parks and improves existing parks. The Township's Recreation Master Plan has a detailed outline of the future park plan and can be found on our website: [www.southstormont.ca](http://www.southstormont.ca) / Parks and Recreation (scroll to bottom of page).
- Did you know the South Stormont Community Hall, located at Town Hall in Long Sault, was booked every weekend in 2015, equating to an average of 26 rentals per month for events from showers to weddings to seniors' events.
- Did you know the Township has allocated \$50,000 in its annual budget for the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) projects in support of local businesses. Township staff are available to assist in navigating applicable business owners through the CIP process.
- Did you know our office is open from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM including the lunch hour from Monday through Friday. We also have a locked drop box on the right side of the municipal offices' main front entrance should you wish to drop off a payment or documents outside of regular business hours.
- Do you know the billing details of the Long Sault / Ingleside water transmission line construction project? All existing lots at the time of invoicing within the hamlets of Long Sault and Ingleside were billed for the capital water project. Lots from subdivisions after the construction and properties fronting the water main (Manning Road and Colonial Drive) were invoiced when they connected. Historically, the capital water charge is adjusted annually to reflect cost of living allowance and must be paid in full upon receipt of a building permit.
- Did you know the Township cannot change your mailing address; this is the jurisdiction of Canada Post.
- Did you know the Province regulates energy "farms"; the Township works with the proponent and the Province to ensure development respects rural character and preserves agricultural priorities.

Council and staff welcome your input. Please feel free to contact our office on issues of concern.