



As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promise of a brand new year, South Glengarry Council extends warm wishes to each and every one of you.

We are thrilled to introduce our new and improved monthly newsletter that will replace our bi-weekly Council Newsletter. This revamped newsletter aims to capture a broader range of the vibrant happenings within South Glengarry, offering a more comprehensive and engaging insight into our community.

Stay connected with us through this enhanced communication tool, designed to keep you informed about the diverse activities, events, and initiatives shaping South Glengarry. We are committed to providing you with a richer newsletter experience.

Subscribe today to ensure you don't miss out on the latest updates, community highlights, and important announcements. Together, let's celebrate the spirit of South Glengarry through our revitalized newsletter!

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SDG Library Services

On January 15, 2024, Rebecca Luck, Director of SDG Library Services, presented an overview to council on the library's achievements, ongoing projects, and future goals. Rebecca highlighted successful literacy programs and increased memberships as notable achievements.

The presentation emphasized the library's commitment to community engagement through various programs and future goals centered on furthering community outreach and enhancing the overall library experience.

The session concluded with a brief Q&A, fostering open communication between Rebecca and council members. In this overview, Rebecca Luck effectively communicated the library's accomplishments and its forward-looking direction, promoting transparency and collaboration with council.

Cairview Park Concept

In a recent presentation provided by Thinc Design on January 15th, 2024, we received a comprehensive update on the park project, aligned with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The project's aim is to develop a distinctive 4.57-acre park along the Raisin River in South Lancaster.

The community engagement efforts, comprising an Open House and online survey, indicated positive sentiments, particularly towards proposed elements like play structures and parking.

Considering the floodplain location, it's essential to highlight that RRCA approval will be sought for specific elements such as a shade structure, playground, parking lot, and riparian edge restoration.

The upcoming steps involve a scheduled meeting with RRCA, aiming to finalize the Park Concept. We extend our appreciation to Think Design for their ongoing efforts and look forward to the collaborative development of a vibrant community space.

2023 PB&E Year End Review

In the 2023 Year End Review presented on January 15, 2024, the Township of South Glengarry's Planning, Building & Enforcement department highlighted significant achievements and ongoing initiatives.

The Planning Department made substantial progress in key projects, including the development of a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law and the approval of Flood Plain Mapping.

Animal Control responded to 198 complaints, addressing issues promptly. By-law Enforcement effectively resolved 198 cases through various means, while 28 cases remained open.

Economic Development flourished with the implementation of the RED Grant, a successful Business & Community Awards Gala, and initiatives supporting local businesses.

Emergency Planning exhibited resilience with regular committee meetings, ongoing monitoring, and an unwavering commitment to community safety.

Snow Removal/Damaged Mailbox

As winter unfolds, our Roads Department vigilantly monitors weather conditions to ensure the safety of our community. Operating seven days a week, crews are strategically dispatched for road clearing and ice control, responding promptly to snow and ice events.

In case of mailbox damage by a snowplow, the Township of South Glengarry is committed to repairing or replacing properly installed mailboxes. However, it's crucial to note that mailboxes damaged by heavy snow from the wing plow are not covered. We strongly recommend following regulated guidelines for proper mailbox installation to minimize potential damage. https://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/assets/pdf/personal/rmb_guidelines_e.pdf
Your active participation is indispensable to our winter maintenance efforts. We appreciate your cooperation in the following ways:

- Clear ice and snow from walkways and public areas in front of your house.
- Clear snow and ice from fire hydrants if possible.
- Keep your mailbox clear of snow and ice.
- Ensure that garbage and recycling bins are visible and not placed on snowbanks or in the roadway.

It's vital to be aware that depositing snow or ice on a roadway is not only hazardous but also an infraction under Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep South Glengarry safe and accessible during the winter months.

South Glengarry at 2024 ROMA Conference: Advocating Local Priorities

The Township of South Glengarry attended the 2024 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference from January 21 to 23 in Toronto.

The conference, themed "Closer to Home," provided an opportunity to gain insights into policy issues, funding concerns, and emerging trends affecting rural municipalities.

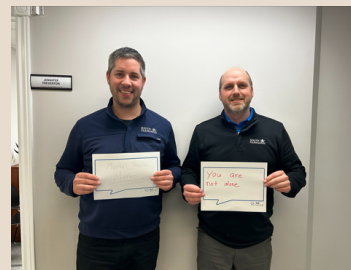
Topics that resonated with South Glengarry included concerns related to infrastructure, energy supply, transportation and the ongoing pursuit of expanded healthcare access.

As we reflect on our participation in the 2024 ROMA Conference, we look forward to leveraging the knowledge gained for the benefit of South Glengarry.



Bell Let's Talk

Bell Let's Talk is a mental health initiative in Canada aimed at raising awareness, reducing stigma, and promoting open conversations about mental health. The Township enthusiastically participated in this important campaign, demonstrating its commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive community. Residents and local organizations came together to engage in discussions, share personal stories, and contribute to the broader conversation surrounding mental health. Whether through community events, social media campaigns, or educational programs, the Township actively joined hands with Bell Let's Talk to break down barriers and create an environment where mental health is prioritized and discussed openly. By participating in this initiative, the Township played a crucial role in building a more compassionate and understanding community for everyone.



Exciting Employment Opportunities in South Glengarry! 🌟



Join our team with a rewarding job opportunity for the position of Treasurer/GM Finance. If you or someone you know possesses the skills and qualifications for this position, we invite you to explore the details and consider joining our dynamic team.

Additionally, we are actively recruiting multiple summer student positions. If you are a student looking for a valuable experience within our community, we encourage you to apply.

For more information and to view the job postings, please visit our Careers page at www.southglengarry.com/careers.

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