



United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry An Overview

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Background

- Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry have been united as 1 County government since 1850
- Most of rural Ontario in 2-tier municipal government system – upper tier (County) and lower tier (local municipalities)
- County responsible for regional services, local municipalities provide localized services
- The County is 3,308 square km in size, about 65,000 residents (excludes Cornwall)
- County and its local municipalities **independent orders of government**



County Council Composition

- Members of County Council indirectly elected via election to their local municipality
- Mayor/Deputy Mayor from each local municipality form County Council – 12 members
- An alternate may be designed by any local municipality to attend meetings of County Council in the event the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is unable to attend
- Members of County Council referred to as “Councillors”
- Head of Council referred to as “Warden”



Warden

- The Warden is the Head of Council, elected annually
- The Warden is chosen by secret ballot by all members of County Council
- In order to be nominated for the position of Warden, a County Councillor must have been a member of County Council for a **minimum of one year**
- Duties of Warden both functional and ceremonial
- In an election year, the Clerk convenes a special meeting of Council to elect the Warden for the ensuing year



County Services

- Direct Delivery

- Transportation infrastructure
 - Roads, Bridges, Culverts, Patrol Garages, etc.
 - Largest County road network in Ontario (1,000 km)
- Regional Economic Development and Tourism services
- Administration of Justice (Provincial Offences Court)
- SDG County Library System (15 branches)
- Land Use Planning (severances, Official Plan, subdivisions)
- Geographical Information System (GIS)



County Services

- Indirect Delivery

- County-wide Policing
 - Contracted to Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
- Social Housing
- Child Care
- Social Services
- EMS (land ambulance) services
- Homes for the Aged (Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge)
 - Contracted to City of Cornwall
- Public Health
 - Services provided by Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU)



Council Meetings & Committee of the Whole

- County Council Meetings – held on the 3rd Monday of each month (in the case of a statutory holiday – the meeting is held on the Tuesday)
- Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. - usually last 2-3 hours
- Meetings held at the County Administration Building, Cornwall, ON
- Committee of the Whole comprised of all members of County Council
 - Provides a less formal setting for discussion and strategic planning – usually 2 meetings/year



Meeting Agendas

- Each member of County Council is provided with a tablet at the beginning of the term
 - Tablet considered to be the members personal device and can be used accordingly
- Agenda is provided by secure link at least 5 days prior to the meeting date



County Committees

- Joint Liaison/Shared Services (County/City of Cornwall)
- SDG Public Library Board
- Police Services Board
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Raisin-South Nation Source Water Protection Committee
- Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge
- Cornwall and Area Housing
- St. Lawrence River Institute

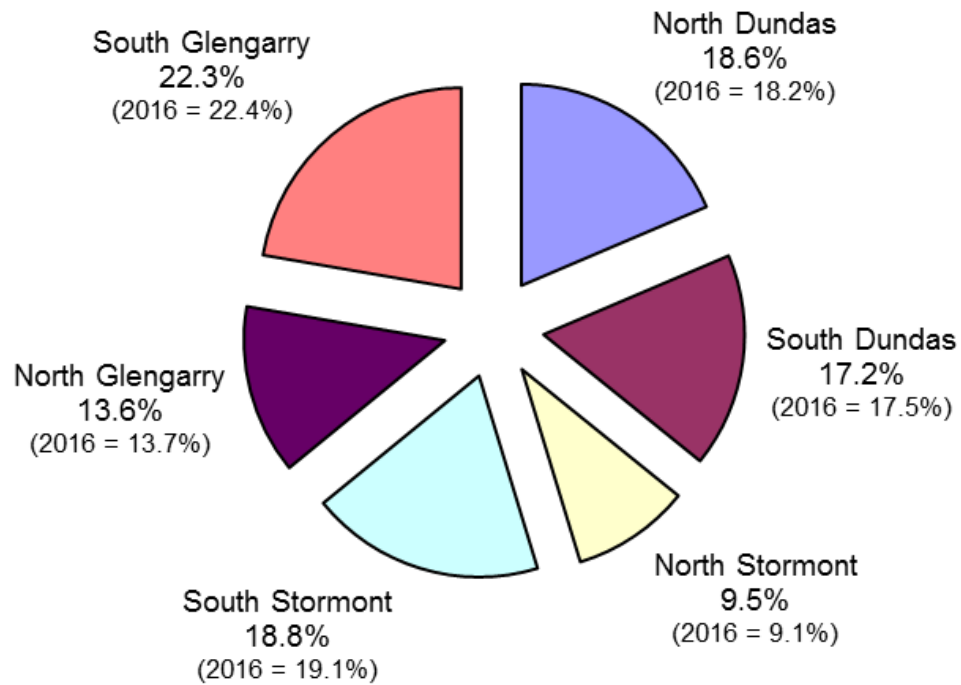


Budget

- County budget approximately \$56M/year
 - Between \$7M-\$9M spent annually on road/bridge construction/reconstruction
 - Contract policing \$10.2M annually
 - About \$8M/year transferred to City for shared services
- About 50% of each property tax dollar collected in SDG funds County services
- 75% of total County tax revenue raised from residential properties
- Proportion of taxable assessment based on weighted assessment (see table next slide)

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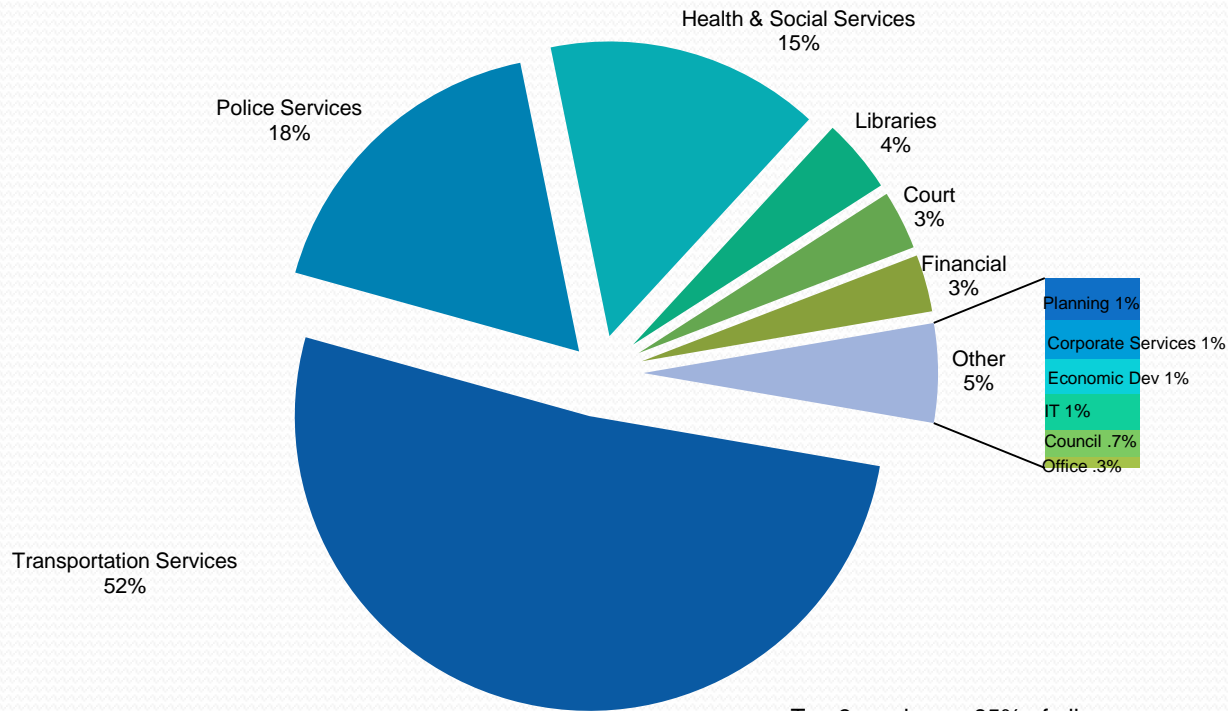
Proportion of Taxable Assessment 2017



Budget



2018 Approved Budget Distribution of Expenses



Top 3 services = 85% of all expenses



Council Remuneration

- Annual Remuneration
 - Includes compensation for attendance at all meetings of County Council
 - Warden \$31,351/year
 - Member of County Council - \$11,611/year
 - Mileage rate per kilometer - .46/km – fluctuates quarterly based on published gas prices
 - Committee Meeting Attendance \$185.79/meeting



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