

Important Notice to Residents of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry about Potential Service Reductions in the Event of a Strike at the City of Cornwall

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The Counties, Ontario – Since the late 1990's, the County has shared various services with the City of Cornwall, including land ambulance, social and housing services, and child care. These services are provided under contract and delivered to County residents by unionized employees of the City. While negotiations between the City and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) continue, **a strike could occur as early as Thursday, May 17th, 2018.**

Provisions are being made to continue operations during any work stoppage. However, in the event of a strike, there will be impacts to a variety of municipal services. SDG residents are asked to take note of the changes to the following services in the event of a strike:

Paramedics – Land Ambulance

A reduced complement of resources will be available to maintain emergency service coverage. In the event of a major emergency, additional Paramedics can be called in to assist. For the duration of any labour disruption, the assistance of the public is needed to ensure those that truly require emergency services have them available. Please call 911 for ambulance assistance if it is needed for severe emergencies such as shortness of breath, chest pain, major traumatic injury or having suffered a period of unconsciousness. If possible, please have someone drive you to your clinic, doctor's office or emergency department for all other medical issues.

Social & Housing Services

The main Social & Housing Services office, located in Cornwall at the Justice Building (340 Pitt Street, third floor reception only), will remain open. The Winchester Satellite office will be closed.

Child Care

If you are applying for Home Child Care or the Child Care Fee Subsidy, you will be required to come to the Cornwall office to complete an application and provide the supporting documentation regarding that request.

Ontario Works

Ontario Works applications will continue to be processed. Applicants can apply online at https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/apply_online.aspx or by calling the number below. Ontario Works cheques will continue to be processed and mailed out. Some necessary benefits may be processed. For further information, please call 613-933-6282 ext. 3205.

Housing

For Ontario Renovates, Social Housing (Registry) & Rent Supplement Program Applications, please call 613-933-6282 ext. 3315, and your name will be placed on a call list. If you are applying for the Homelessness Prevention Program, you will be required to come to the Cornwall office to complete an application and provide the supporting documentation required.

Contact

For questions or information about any of the services listed, please contact the City of Cornwall directly at (613) 930-2787.

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What does the Counties do for you? **SDG provides** library services, regional economic development and tourism services, court services, land use planning, and vital transportation infrastructure – including the largest county road network in Ontario. **SDG administers** county-wide policing. **SDG collaborates** with community partners in providing emergency services, child care, public health, long-term care, and social assistance.

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