



Press Release

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Dundurn Region Municipalities Intermunicipal Cooperation Initiative

Elected officials and administrators from the Rural Municipality of Dundurn, the Town of Dundurn, the Resort Village of Shields, and the Resort Village of Thode gathered for a collaborative workshop aimed at enhancing intermunicipal cooperation and fostering a unified vision for the Dundurn region.

Led by Tim Duhamel, President of the Bloom Centre for Municipal Education, the workshop encouraged open discussions on shared goals, collective strategies, and the importance of collaboration in creating resilient communities. Mr. Duhamel will continue to support the municipalities in coordinating their cooperative efforts for both immediate and long-term success.

Fostering Current Collaborations

The workshop served as a platform to reinforce existing partnerships, particularly with the Dundurn Fire Commission, Dundurn and Area Wastewater Utility, and Dundurn Rural Water. Participants emphasized that these collaborations are vital to providing efficient services and enhancing community safety and well-being:

A Collective Vision for the Future

Participants recognized that their collaborative efforts extend beyond current agreements. They are focused on creating a framework that will:

- Strengthen the efficiency and quality of municipal services across all areas.
- Enhance regional identity and competitiveness through unified initiatives.
- Build resilience and preparedness for future challenges by pooling resources and expertise.
- Support sustainable growth that benefits all communities within the Dundurn region.

Next Steps for Enhanced Collaboration

To build on the momentum generated during the workshop, the municipalities have agreed to several immediate actions:

- Forming an intermunicipal committee to guide ongoing collaboration and ensure that all voices are heard.
- Developing a regional strategic plan that aligns with the goals and priorities of each municipality while respecting local needs.
- Continuing to strengthen current partnerships and explore further opportunities for shared services and joint capital projects.

All Councils have expressed their commitment to a shared vision:

“Our communities share a vision for a collaborative future. By working together in a spirit of trust, transparency, and mutual support, we can empower the Dundurn region, enhance services for our residents, and pave the way for long-term success. This initiative is about uniting our region to thrive together for generations to come.”