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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, May June 25, 2024

Full Agenda can be found [here](#).

*** To view Town Council meeting discussions, please click the link provided to access the YouTube recording corresponding to the listed Agenda item. Please note that in-depth discussions on certain topics often occur during the Committee of the Whole (COW), so some links may direct there.***

Public Meeting – Council Structure and Composition: A Public Meeting was held as part of the regular meeting of Council to discuss the Town of Renfrew's Council composition and structure for the upcoming 2026-2030 Term of Council. Two local residents addressed Council and provided feedback.

Development, Environment & Infrastructure: Council approved the proposed scope changes to both the *Master Service Plan* and *Official Plan Review*.

BIA Tax Rate By-Law: Council adopted the BIA tax rates to support the Downtown Business Improvement Area's expanded \$105,000 budget, up from \$65,000 in 2023, driven by enhanced events and promotions.

2024 Fees and Charges By-Law: Based on fulsome discussion at the June 18th Committee of the Whole meeting, Council approved the amended changes to the [2024 Fees and Charges By-Law](#). Updated fees will come into effect immediately.

Capital and Operating Budgets: Council received both the Capital Budget (January – March 2024) and the Operating Budget (January – April 2024) Reports. Regular reporting will be done on a rotating bimonthly basis, along with regular summaries to committee of the Whole and further updates to come in August 2024.

Fire, Emergency & Protective Services: Council adopted both the Renfrew Fire Department Regulating By-Law, the Fire Prevention, Inspection and Public Education Policy, and the Fire Investigation Policy.

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Additional staff added to Recreation Operations Team (Linked to COW discussion): Council approved the hiring of 4 additional full-time staff in the Recreational Operations Department to offset current staff shortages.

Local artwork added to the myFM Centre: As part of the Town's efforts to enhance arts and culture in the community, Renfrew has been fortunate to receive a donation from local artist Patrick John Mills. The piece will be installed and on display at entrance B the myFM centre.

Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation (BAFN) Lease and Partnership Agreement: The Town entered into a commercial lease agreement and a strategic partnership with the Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation for the use of the Cultural Centre and Medicine Wheel at the myFM Centre.

The following agreements were passed:

- CCBF 10-Year Municipal Funding Agreement with The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program
- Lease agreements with the use of tenant spaces located at the myFM Centre at 1 Ma-te-Way Drive

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