



# Renfrew

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## Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

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

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### **The following items were discussed at *Committee of the Whole (COW)***

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- **2025 Recreation Fundraising Committee Projects:** Council received a recommendation to approve improvements at myFM Centre and Ma-te-way Park, funded entirely by the Recreation Fundraising Committee's 2025 \$55,500 commitment at no cost to taxpayers.
- **Hunter Gate Subdivision – Extension of Draft Approval:** A recommendation was put forward for Council to support the County of Renfrew's extension of draft approval for the Hunter Gate Subdivision (File 47T-92002), covering Phase 5/6 lands. This annual extension allows the development to proceed without a new application, and supports anticipated future tax revenue, with no immediate impact to Town operations.
- **[Water Stream Fund Grant Match:](#)** A recommendation was put forward for Council to approve the submission of a grant application to the Health and Safety Water Stream Fund (HSWSF) for the Water Treatment Plant filter rehabilitations, with the assistance of Grant Match. The \$900,000 project could receive up to 73% funding, reducing the Town's cost to \$243,000 plus a 10% grant consulting fee if successful. This initiative, planned for 2026, aims to secure funding early to lessen the financial burden on the Town's Water and Sewer budgets.
- **BIA Tax Rate:** A recommendation was put forward for Council to adopt a by-law setting the 2025 BIA tax rate to collect \$105,000 from commercial properties within the expanded BIA boundaries. This annual process ensures the BIA budget is fully funded through a dedicated levy, with no impact on the Town's general tax base.

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- **Temporary Closure of Railway Avenue:** A recommendation was put forward for Council to approve the temporary closure of Railway Avenue every Friday from July 4 to August 29, 2025, to support the “Heart of Renfrew Market” and “Music in the Square” events. The closures aim to boost tourism and local business activity with no financial impact to the Town. Coordination with emergency services and staff will ensure safe implementation.
- **Treasurer Recruitment:** A recommendation was made for Council to appoint up to three members, along with the CAO and a County HR representative, to conduct first-round interviews for the Treasurer/Director of Finance position.

## **Motion of Which Notice Has Previously Been Given:**

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- **Councillor McDonald:** It was requested that the Mayor identify any Mayoral Decisions and Strong Mayor Powers used in Council agendas, and that a direct link to this information be posted on the Town’s website homepage for public access. The Mayor agreed to ensure information was at the forefront of the Town’s website for transparency.
- **Councillor McDonald:** Staff are directed to complete a preliminary building assessment of the McDougall Mill Museum, outlining key concerns and recommendations for improvements.
- **Councillor McDonald:** Council approved dividing the 2025 \$10,000 Chamber of Commerce allocation into two payments - the second contingent upon submission of a two-year balanced financial plan.
- **Councillor McDonald:** Staff are directed to provide a full overview of the Town’s business arrangements with Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation (BAFN) regarding leased spaces at the myFM Centre.
- **Councillor Legris:** Staff are directed to work with the DRBIA to assess and report back on installing a Historic Downtown Renfrew sign at the Algonquin Trail/Railway Avenue location, including funding, land access, and legal requirements.



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## **The following items were discussed at Council:**

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### **Delegations:** Council received three delegations

- Residents Jack Groenewoud regarding concerns about overconsumption on water bill with a request to waive the total amount of the bill.
- Norman Bujold regarding liability of flood damage at a friends residential property, with request to investigate and pay for damages.
- The Downtown Renfrew BIA presented their “Attraction and Awareness” board initiative with a request for Council to approve their proposed locations in Town.

## **Council adopted the following Resolutions:**

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- Council repealed By-law 33-2012, a by-law regulating taxicab owners and drivers in the Town of Renfrew.
- Council awarded Standing Offer Agreements for Real Estate Services (May 27, 2025 – May 27, 2030) to CBRE Limited, Tiree, and P3 Advisors Inc., authorized CBRE Limited to represent the Town for real estate transactions, and directed staff to prepare and execute necessary agreements and by-laws.
- Council rescinded Policy C.29 “Municipal Grants Policy” (2015), as it has been replaced by the Tourism and Events Grant (By-law 105-2023) and Grants to Community Partners (By-law 60-2023).
- Council supported the extension of draft approval by the County of Renfrew for the Hunter Gate Subdivision (County File No. 47T-92002).
- Council approved an application to the Health and Safety Water Stream Fund (HSWSF) for the Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitations, to be submitted through Grant Match.
- Council delegated up to three Council members, the CAO, and a Renfrew County HR representative to conduct first-round interviews for the Treasurer/Director of Finance & Corporate Services position, and scheduled a Special Meeting of Council for second-round interviews with top candidates.

## **The following By-Laws were adopted by Council:**

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- 42-2025: Being a by-law to regulate and control the parking of vehicles in the Town of Renfrew.
- 51-2025: Being a by-law to enter into a shared services agreement for the provision of Corporate Communication Services for the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region.

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- 52-2025: Being a by-law to repeal By-Law No. 33-2012 being a by-law to licence, regulate and govern taxicab owners and drivers in the Town of Renfrew.
- 53-2025: Being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute a Collective Agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 121 for the year 2025.

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