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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

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

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

- **[Annual Drinking Water and Wastewater System Reports:](#)** COW received the 2024 Annual Drinking Water and Wastewater System Report as information. A link to the full report can be found [here](#).
- **[Biosolids Diversion Project:](#)** COW was updated on the design of the biosolids conveyor cross auger project, which aims to enhance biosolids disposal at the Renfrew Landfill.
- **[Bonnechere River Trail Development Plan:](#)** COW directed staff to proceed with the work required to construct the Bonnechere River Trail in accordance with the Development Plan. Final motion will be brought forward to the April 8th meeting.
- **[Bonnechere Manor – Proposed Modular Housing Development:](#)** COW recommended that Renfrew Town Council support the County of Renfrew's proposed modular housing development at Bonnechere Manor and authorized staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County regarding cost apportionment and the waiver of applicable fees, charges, and parkland dedication requirements. Final motion will be brought forward to the April 8th meeting.



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- **Debt Load Capacity Report:** COW received the *Debt Load Capacity Report*, which outlines the Town's current debt and proposed projects for debt funding in 2025. Additional details will be provided during the 2025 budget process, including a separate report for the Ma-te-Way Expansion Project.
- **Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Renfrew and Renfrew Collegiate Institute (RCI) Re: revitalizing the throwing pit at Ma-te-way Park:** COW agreed to a *Memorandum of Understanding* with RCI for revitalizing the throwing pit at Ma-te-way Park. The project will be funded externally, with no costs expected for the 2025 budget. Final motion will be brought forward to the April 8th meeting.
- **Ma-te-way Outdoor Lighting Engineer Report Addendum:** A decision was deferred until full budgets are presented for all three phases. The Treasurer will bring the budgets to the Special Budget Meeting on April 7th for Council consideration.
- **Partnership with Valley Sport and Social Club for Beach Volleyball Courts at Ma-te-Way Park:** COW deferred the decision on installing beach volleyball courts on Town property with instruction given to renegotiate the terms of use agreement with Valley Sport and Social Club prior to returning to Council.
- **Staff Vacancies in Community and Recreation Services:** COW did not approve staff's recommendation to hire two full-time Maintenance Labourer Janitors and one part-time Customer Service Representative to fill existing vacancies and maintain uninterrupted services.
- **Summer Experience Positions Request:** COW approved staff to fill Summer Experience positions for Camp Programming, Household Hazardous Waste Depot, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works labourers. All other positions will be reviewed by Council after budget deliberations.



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The following items were discussed at Council:

- **Delegations:**

- [Renfrew Art Guild](#): Diana Wakely highlighted the importance of Art in the community and noted that additional spaces to display artwork in Renfrew would be beneficial.
- [Renfrew Collegiate Institute](#): RCI's Environmental Awareness Team made a request to Council to allow for a "No Mow May" in public spaces and private properties in Town.

- **[Bonnechere Manor Development Proposal](#)**: The County of Renfrew presented their proposed plan to address the growing demand for affordable housing in the region, particularly for seniors and long-term care workers. Full presentation can be found [here](#).

[Ma-te-Way Expansion Working Group Close-Out Report](#): A close-out report was presented on the Ma-te-Way Expansion Working Group and a motion was carried to dissolve the group.

Council adopted the following Resolutions:

- That Renfrew Town Council direct staff to prepare and evaluate options for the redevelopment of Town-owned lands in the Mask/O'Brien block, and report back to Council on the findings; And further that staff budget appropriate funds in the 2025 budget for review of the development options.
- That Renfrew Town Council adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 14 (Renfrew East Secondary Plan), as revised based on Council, Public and Agency comments.
- That Renfrew Town Council approve the amendments to the Remuneration By-Law as amended and that the by-law be brought to Council for approval.
- That Renfrew Town Council approved the HR Committee designate for Union Grievance related matters to include the CAO, HR Liasion (or their designate) and the County HR Consultant



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- That Renfrew Town Council adopted the revised Economic Development Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference; and further that Council appoint Councillor Andrew Dick as the third member of Council, replacing Councillor McDonald at his own request.
- That Renfrew Town Council approve the recommended amendments to the Training & Development Policy; and further that the appropriate by-law be brought forward for approval.
- That Renfrew Town Council approve the suggested amendments to the Sale and Disposition of Surplus Land Policy, and further, that the appropriate by-law is brought forward.

The following By-Laws were adopted by Council:

- 24-2025: Official Plan Amendment - Renfrew East Secondary Plan.
- 25-2025: Remuneration By-Law for members of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.
- 26-2025: Amend Economic Development Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
- 27-2025: Amend By-Law No. 94-2022 - Adopt various Human Resource Policies - Training and Development Policy
- 28-2025: Amend By-Law No. 45-2023 - Surplus and Disposition of Land Policy

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