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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

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

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

- **[Old Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition:](#)** Council received a proposal for engineering work related to updating environmental assessments, tender documents, and cost estimates for demolishing the old Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council requested that staff bring back information from the original 2018 assessment for review at the June 3, 2025 meeting.
- **[Taxi Bylaw Review:](#)** Council was presented with a recommendation to repeal Renfrew's Taxi Bylaw (33-2012). Staff noted the financial impact would be minimal, and that Council could reintroduce regulations in the future if needed.
- **[Gymnastics Eh! Capital Budget Request:](#)** A report was provided to Council on a capital budget request from Gymnastics Eh! for the installation of floor anchors at the myFM Centre to support uneven bars for their gymnastics program. The \$6,489 project is included in the 2025 Capital Budget.
- **[AODA Compliance – McDougall Mill Museum:](#)** A report was provided outlining the Town's responsibilities under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). While the museum currently faces some accessibility barriers, it is operating in good faith to meet AODA standards, and these challenges will not prevent it from opening in 2025. The report also highlights future opportunities for improvement through the Town's Accessibility Plan, Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan, and Waterfront Master Plan.
- **[Real Estate Services:](#)** A recommendation was made to Council to enter into five-year Standing Offer Agreements with CBRE Limited, Tiree, and P3 Advisors Inc. for real estate services, supporting more efficient land sales,

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acquisitions, and leasing. This pre-qualified vendor list is intended to improve service consistency, reduce administrative delays, and align with procurement policies.

- **Commemorative Naming - Renfrew Tennis Courts:** The Town of Renfrew received a request from the Renfrew Tennis Club to rename Court Two and Court Three at Ma-te-Way Park as “Garry Irving Court” and “Robert Pelletier Court”. Direction was given to staff to provide notice for public feedback. A report will come back to Council at the end of June.

Motion of Which Notice Has Previously Been Given:

- **Councillor Dick - Comprehensive Report Regarding Heritage Renfrew:** Staff have been directed to deliver a report at the June 3, 2025 Regular meeting of Council outlining previous engagements with Heritage Renfrew and providing recommendations for establishing a formal partnership. The report should emphasize ways to strengthen heritage support, improve communication, and prioritize partnership development to help Heritage Renfrew achieve its goals.
- **Councillor McDonald - Draft Letter To Reconsider Strong Mayor Powers:** Staff were directed to draft correspondence to Local MPP Billy Denault, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and AMO requesting the immediate removal of the Town of Renfrew from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation. The draft is to be brought back to Council for final approval prior to submission.

The following items were discussed at Council:

- **Delegation by Gymnastics Eh!:** A delegation was made requesting the Town install gym floor anchors for their use and the Town’s use at the myFM Centre.
- **Presentation - Strong Mayor Powers:** John Mascarin, Partner, Certified Specialist (Municipal Law: Local Government & Land Use Planning and Development), Aird & Berlis LLP gave Council an overview on what Strong Mayor Powers mean, and how they can be utilized by Mayors across the Province including here in Renfrew.
- **2025 Quarter 1 Report:** Department Director’s and Managers presenting key updates from the first quarter of 2025.

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Council adopted the following Resolutions:

- Council approved the proposed amendments to the Consolidated Parking By-law, and that a new by-law be brought forward to Council for adoption.
- Council approved the recommended changes to the Procedural By-Law and that a new by-law be brought forward for final adoption.
- Council adopted an amending by-law to 16-2024, being a by-law to appoint directors to the Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area Board of Management.

The following By-Laws were adopted by Council:

- 43-2025: Adopt a Recreation Trophy and Banner Policy
- 44-2025: Town of Renfrew Procedural By-Law
- 45-2025: Amend By-Law No.16-2024 to Appoint directors to the Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area Board of Management
- 46-2025: Execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province for the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant and the Preventing Auto Theft (PAT) Grant.
- [47-2025: Adopt the 2025 Budget](#)
- [48-2025: Establish the 2025 Property Tax Rates](#)
- 49-2025: Appoint an Acting Treasurer

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