



# Renfrew

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**Town of Renfrew Council Summary**

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Full Agenda:** <https://www.renfrew.ca/municipal-calendar.cfm>

**Hotel Feasibility Study:** Consultants from HVS presented an update and noted there is only one hotel in Renfrew with demand expected to increase due to the highway expansion and enhanced recreation facilities at Ma-te-Way Park. Town staff were directed to start the process of securing a developer to complete a hotel build in the Town of Renfrew.

**Whitton Road Realignment:** The Town of Renfrew and Ministry of Transportation have entered into an agreement that will allow work to proceed on the Whitton Road realignment and proposed roundabout. Stage 1 of the project involves an environmental assessment and preliminary engineering work.

**Tree Planting Program:** The Town of Renfrew will partner with Forests Ontario and include a tree planting program in the 2024 budget at a cost of \$17,460.

**Waste Collection:** A five-year agreement was approved with Topps Environmental Solutions at a cost of \$345,089 for the collection of solid waste. A separate agreement was entered with Product Care Association for the collection of lights at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

**Digital Publication:** Council supported a resolution from the Township of McKeller requesting amendments to the legislation to include digital publications as a means of public notice.

**2023 Capital Projects:** The capital budget for 2023 included over \$49 million for equipment, roads, infrastructure, facilities, studies and rolling stock. Planning for 2024 is underway.

**Property Tax & Water/Sewer Arrears:** As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Town of Renfrew has started the tax sale process on 18 properties which is a reduction from the 44 properties reported in June 2023.

**2024 Summer Student Positions:** The total investment for summer students in 2024 is expected to be \$228,902 which will be offset by any provincial and federal summer student grants received. A total of 11,850 hours is being proposed for summer students in 2024.

**Cemetery Winter Maintenance:** Crews will no longer provide winter maintenance on the main roadway at Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery from Bruce Street to the receiving vault.

**Lease Agreement:** A lease extension with Kerry (Canada) Inc. has been approved for indoor space at 1 Innovation Drive and outdoor storage on Town owned land.

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**Drinking Water Quality Management:** A positive review from an external auditor was received with no non-conformance issues identified and two opportunities for improvement that will be considered for implementation. The Ontario Clean Water Agency will assume operations of the Town of Renfrew water distribution and wastewater collection in addition to treatments plants in 2024.

**Shareholder Promissory Note:** Council provides annual confirmation that the Town does not intend to demand payment of the Promissory Notes for the upcoming year for Renfrew Hydro Inc. and Renfrew Power Generation.

**Tourism Events Grant Policy:** A new policy was approved that will allow the Town of Renfrew to provide in-kind contributions to support certain events hosted by outside organizations.

**Emergency Plan:** An emergency management plan for the Town of Renfrew will be developed and reviewed annually by the Emergency Management Program Working Group.

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