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Town of Renfrew Council Summary – Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

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

Adoption of 2024 Budget: Council adopted the 2024 budget. Water and wastewater rates will increase by 2.5 percent with the Town portion of taxes to have a \$183.97 impact per \$100,000 in property assessment. The \$69.32 million budget includes a tax levy of \$11.1M for tax supported operating expenses, \$2.9M for water, \$2.7M for wastewater and \$52M in capital work.

Skating Oval: Staff will look at options for operating the skating oval in Ma-te-Way Park again in 2025. The Skating Oval did not operate in 2023 or 2024.

Winter Storm Costs: Staff presented a cost breakdown from a winter storm event on December 19th, 2023, noting the one-day snowfall cost upwards of \$144,000.

Mural Design: The draft mural design was presented to Town Council. Members of the public will be invited to help paint the mural inside the Visitor Information Centre and the artist will finish the mural in March of 2024.

Changes to Council Composition: Staff will consult the public on potential changes to the composition of Council for the 2026 to 2030 term of Council.

Professional Engineering Services: Council approved a Professional Engineering Services Standing Offer List which will help advance project timelines by approximately two months. Ten different firms have locked in pricing from February 28th, 2024, to December 31st, 2028.

Whitton Road Realignment: Agreements have been entered into with Jp2G Consultants and BT Engineering to provide engineering services to support the MTO with the realignment of Whitton Road. The Town is advancing water and sewer services along the proposed realignment of Whitton Road to Innovation Drive to promote development in Renfrew.

Argyle/Lochiel Reconstruction Loan: A by-law has been passed to authorize staff for construction financing and an Infrastructure Ontario Debenture to fund costs related to the \$11.5 million Argyle, Lochiel Reconstruction Project.

436 Lisgar Avenue: Council has declared 436 Lisgar Avenue as surplus to the Town's needs. An expression of interest will be issued for the property.



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By-Law Enforcement: The Town will continue offering in-house by-law enforcement operations with one officer. Given the current call volume, staff are confident one by-law enforcement officer is sufficient to provide the necessary level of service in the community.

Leases in Town Space: A lease with Raytheon Canada has been updated for approximately 33,705 square feet of commercial/industrial space in the Innovation Centre at 1 Innovation Drive. New leases with the Youth Wellness Hub and the Child's Paradise Day Care have also been entered into for space inside the myFM Centre Recreation Complex in Ma-te-Way Park.

Drive-On Emissions & Safety Inspections: The DriveOn program incorporates both emissions and safety inspections for heavy duty diesel, commercial, light duty, and passenger motor vehicles. The new DriveOn program requires computerized, tamper-proof equipment and it's anticipated that the Town's existing equipment will require upgrades. Costs associated with upgrades are unknown at this time.

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