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## Town of Renfrew Council Summary – Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**Tabling of 2024 Draft Budget:** The 2024 draft budget was presented to Council. In 2024, the Town of Renfrew is budgeting \$52 million in capital projects including several road and infrastructure projects. The budget forecasts a 2.5% increase for water and wastewater rates. The first draft of the budget includes a 9.42% impact to ratepayers which is an increase of \$230.65 on the average household in Renfrew. The budget will go to various committees for review in February, followed by a public meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. before final adoption.

**Closed Session Document Distribution:** Council voted to not change the way closed session documents are distributed.

**2024 Workplan & 2023 Annual Report:** The CAO's 2024 workplan was approved and will guide the work of staff with the Town of Renfrew. Standing committees will receive quarterly updates.

**Economic Development Advisory Committee:** Council approved the terms of reference for the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The mandate of the committee is to ensure the Town of Renfrew is proactive in economic development and tourism. Councillor Kyle Cybulski will serve as Chair of the advisory committee with two additional councillors, up to four business representatives, along with representatives from the Downtown Renfrew BIA and the Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Appointments to the Downtown Renfrew BIA:** Council approved appointments to the Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area Board of Management.

**Public Information Session:** An update was provided regarding a public information session for the Dominion Street, Lynn Street and Eighth Street Watermain, Sewer, sidewalk, and road reconstruction project. The information session will be hosted on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Visitor Information Centre, 190 Mask Road.

**Renaming of the Visitor Information Centre:** Council directed staff to bring back options for renaming the Visitor Information Centre. A report will be brought forward to the Facilities, Maintenance and Operations Committee regarding implementation.

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**Non-Confidence Motion:** Renfrew Town Council has passed a non-confidence motion. The motion expresses that Council has lost confidence in Mayor Tom Sidney's leadership given his responsibilities for the Ma-te-Way Expansion Project as former Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee and as Mayor. The motion of non-confidence motion is a way for members of Town Council to express their position. Under the Municipal Act, Council does not have the authority to remove another sitting member and a vote of non-confidence does not impact the composition of Council. The mayor will retain his statutory duties under Section 225 of the Municipal Act including representing the Municipality at official functions and presiding over council meetings.

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