



# Renfrew

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## Town of Renfrew Council Summary – Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**Audited Financial Statements:** The 2022 Audited Financial Statements were presented by Jason Healey of MacKillican & Associates. The information presents the financial position and performance of the Town in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

**Residential Developments:** Council approved two zoning by-laws for properties at 127 Raglan Street North and 69 Lochiel Street North. Both properties were rezoned to allow for additional residential units.

**Financial Update:** Council and staff thanked outgoing Treasurer Erin Broome for her work over the last eight years as she takes on a new position with the Pembroke Regional Hospital. Charlene Jackson has been appointed the Acting Treasurer on an interim basis. The annual borrowing by-law was passed, an interim tax levy was adopted, and the Town received a payment in lieu of taxes from the Province of Ontario for \$154,635. The tabling of the draft budget is expected on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. followed by review at standing committee and a public meeting in February.

**Relocation of Renfrew Recreation Centre:** With the expanded facilities at Ma-te-Way Park, the Renfrew Recreation Centre, located at 67 Argyle Street South, will be closed with operations relocated to 1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive. Staff are proceeding with a soft closing date of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and a hard closing in March 2024.

**Ice Time:** The expanded myFM Centre now has two ice pads, the original Deslaurier ice pad and the new BEI ice pad. The ice is currently being installed in the new arena. Staff will operate the Deslaurier ice pad until April 30<sup>th</sup> and once operational the BEI ice pad until May 31<sup>st</sup> for 2024.

**myFM Centre Tenants:** Leases were entered with myFM, Renfrew Chiropractic and Rehabilitation Centre and Ultimate Fitness. Staff will proceed with an expression of interest for two additional tenant spaces including space for an arena Pro Shop. Changes to the existing lobby of the building are also being proposed to accommodate office space for Service Renfrew, the Renfrew Wolves and provide additional storage for the NHA/NHL Museum and the lending hub.

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**Municipal Operations Centre:** Staff will prepare a parceling strategy for a potential Municipal Operations Centre at 1 Innovation Drive to replace the public works garage down the road.

**Graffiti Management:** A new graffiti management policy was approved restricting graffiti vandalism from any property in Renfrew. The policy notes the differences between graffiti art and graffiti vandalism and future changes to property standards by-laws are expected in 2024.

**Volunteer Firefighters Pay:** Council approved a volunteer firefighter compensation policy. Volunteer firefighters will be paid quarterly instead of annually.

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