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## Town of Renfrew Council Summary – Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**Waiver of Development Charges:** Council denied a request to waive development charges for 541 Lisgar Avenue.

**Tree Planting Partnership:** The Town of Renfrew, OPG and Scouts organization have entered into an agreement that will see 120 trees planted at Ma-te-Way Park in 2024 around the new play structure and along the Millenium Trail. Planting is tentatively scheduled for the end of May. OPG will fund the work, the Scouts organization will plant the trees and the Town will provide support.

**Water System Inspection:** An inspection in November of 2023 identified two non-compliance issues pertaining to reporting and sampling requirements.

**Financial Reviews, Results and Software:** The Town of Renfrew received the 2023 financial indicator results with all indicators reflecting a low risk, staff suggested not pursuing an external financial review of Renfrew Hydro Inc. and Renfrew Power Generation and Council approved the purchase of financial software from Central Square in the amount of \$149,450.

**New Corporate Policies:** Council approved a new Corporate Communications policy and approved changes to the Pay & Benefits Policy to address and minimize overtime through scheduling where possible.

**Organizational Structure:** Council adopted a by-law amending the Organizational Structure Policy.

**Employee Engagement & Health and Safety Teams:** Two new staff-led teams were approved by Council. The employee engagement team will recommend initiatives to support employee wellness, engagement and retention and the health and safety team will ensure the Town of Renfrew provides and maintains a safe and healthy work environment.

**2024 All-Staff Training Day:** Council authorized the closure of Town facilities including Town Hall and the myFM Centre Recreation Complex on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for an all-staff training day.

**Request to Fly the National Flag of Ireland:** Council approved the request to fly the National Flag of Ireland on the Town flagpole at Low Square from March 13 to 18, 2024, to recognize St. Patrick's Day.

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**Fournier Report:** Council received an update on recommendations and implementation from a municipal structure review conducted in 2020/2021.

**Notices of Motion:** Council directed staff to bring forward a new reserve and debt policy and a budget direction policy for consideration by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Council did not support a pilot to move forward with a Committee of the Whole structure.

**210 Ready Avenue:** Staff were directed to proceed with negotiations for the property at 210 Ready Avenue with a further report and by-law to come before Council.

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