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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

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

Community Announcements: The Renfrew and Area Seniors Home Support Group annual green envelope of hope is being mailed out to residents. Renfrew Victoria Hospital is conducting their annual tree lighting on Friday, December 1st. The Renfrew Santa Claus Parade is Saturday, December 2nd, and the lighting of the nativity scene in Low Square is Sunday, December 3rd, 2023.

Community Support, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Initiatives: The Town of Renfrew received \$55,591 in grant funding to be used for staff training, community programs, the development of a three-year action plan, and a community art project.

Community Art Project: All members of Council supported a community art mural project at the Visitor Information Centre and Howard K. Haramis Park and other Town of Renfrew facilities and public spaces. Staff were also directed to work with an organization to have a counsellor assist teens and children at the myFM Centre.

Pride Crosswalk: A pride crosswalk will be installed at the intersection of Raglan Street South and Railway Avenue with financial support from Renfrew Pride and PFLAG Renfrew County.

Town Garage Condition Assessment: The 2024 budget will include funds to extend the life of the building for another five years. Staff will report on the design and engineering of a replacement building to be built in 5-10 years, which could include other departments.

Staffing Projections at myFM Centre: As a result of the myFM Centre expansion in Ma-te-Way Park, which includes a new ice pad and full size gymnasium, among other amenities, staffing for the facility will be increased by 19.7%.

Animal Impoundment Facility: Council agreed to enter into an agreement with Carleton Place to use the animal impound facility at 529 Lisgar Avenue. \$1,740 in revenue is expected in 2024.

New Approach to Signature Events: The Town will focus on civic events and programming such as Frewfest, Canada Day, Music in the Park, Truth and Reconciliation Day, Canada Day, Santa Claus Parade, the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival and Frew Year's Eve. Council supported the return of the Bluegrass Festival in July 2024 organized by a third party. The Town of Renfrew has a [grants to community partners policy](#).

BIA Review: Council agreed to increase the BIA levy from \$60,000 to \$80,000 for the 2024 draft budget with the Town to assume responsibility for landscaping and beautification downtown in 2024. The boundaries of the BIA will also be potentially expanded in 2024 to include properties designated Downtown Commercial.

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Notice of Motions: Staff were asked to amend the procedural by-law to allow for the secure distribution of confidential documents related to Closed Session items for 48-hours before and after a Council meeting. Staff were also directed to host an Open House in 2024 for the completion of the Town Hall renovations, facilitate a community town hall at the myFM Centre in the Spring of 2024 on key topics, and to bring forward a report related to the number of properties currently in tax arrears and to deal with unkept properties.

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