



Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

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

Presentation on Attainable Housing Action Plan: Tim Welch Consulting was hired to develop an attainable housing action plan in 2023. A final report was presented and it noted there's a need for seniors housing, supportive housing, affordable rentals (one and two bedroom), market rentals (one bedroom) and for homeownership (detached, semis and multiples).

Announcements & Community Events:

- Caboose Day is October 14th from 10am to 4pm at the Visitors Information Centre (VIC), 190 Mask Road,
- The Munroe Avenue and Harry Street reconstruction open house will be October 11th at the VIC from 7pm to 8:30pm,
- The Renfrew Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival will be held at Low Square on October 21st, from 11am to 9pm
- The Waterfront and Parks and Recreation Master Plan open house will be at the VIC on October 25th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- The Freaky Friday event will be hosted by the Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area (BIA) is October 27th.
- The Warden Community Service Awards is accepting nominations until November 3rd, 2023.

Grant Funding Received: The Town of Renfrew has received \$3,000,000 through the Connecting Link program for the rehabilitation of Highway 60/O'Brien Road from Mask Road to Wrangler Road. The project will see a roundabout installed at the intersection of O'Brien Road and Wrangler Road.

Contract Negotiations with OCWA: Council has directed staff to begin contract negotiations with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for water distribution and wastewater collection. Based on a preliminary financial review, potential savings are possible if OCWA assumes operation and management of the water distribution and wastewater collection system in Renfrew. Another report and further information will come to council in October.

Planning Delegated Authority: A Delegation of Approval and Pre-Consultation Policy was approved to delegate approval of certain planning act matters to staff. Matters approved under delegated authority will be reported to committee as part of regular updates.



Request from Minister: The newly appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Honourable Paul Calandra, is requesting that municipalities identify the top 5 priority implementation items identified in the Housing Affordability Task Force Report. Town staff have reviewed the 74 recommendations and identified the priority areas.

Recreation Centre Heritage Designation: Council directed staff to not begin the process of designating the Recreation Centre at 67 Argyle Street South as a heritage building. The future need and use for the facility will be evaluated as all programs will be moved to Ma-te-Way.

Renfrew Reeve to Run for Warden in 2024: As part of the County Council update, Reeve Peter Emon announced he plans to stand for Warden of the County of Renfrew again in 2024.

RCDHU Update: The 2022 Annual Report from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) was provided along with a report from the medical officer of health from September 2023. The RCDHU will be moving into the old police detachment in Renfrew in the fall of 2023.

Canada Community Building Fund: Treasurer Broome provided an update to Council and noted in 2023, the Town of Renfrew received \$272,000 from Canada Community Building Fund formerly known as the gas tax. In 2022, funding was used for the O'Brien Road Gillan to Mask project and in 2021 funding was used for Stewart Street Reconstruction.

Council Appointments to Committees: Members of Council members have been appointed to various standing and advisory committees from November 1st, 2023 to October 31st, 2024.

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