



Town of Renfrew Special Council Meeting Summary Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

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Recovery Day in Renfrew Proclamation: The Town has proclaimed September 22nd, 2023, as Recovery Day. Recovery Day supports individuals with substance use disorders, looks to remove barriers of stigma and discrimination, demonstrates positive outcomes, and celebrates the many diverse pathways to increased wellness.

Water and Wastewater Presentation: Michel Asselin, Acting Director of Strategic Asset Management, provided an update on water and sewer rates and services. In 2023, the Town of Renfrew budgeted \$5.6 million for water and wastewater (sewer). A recent study conducted forecasts that water rates will increase by 2.5% annually. The Town is doing succession planning for future staffing and looking at options for water and wastewater management services. The Director will provide recommendations to Committee and Council this fall with respect to water distribution and wastewater collection.

OCWA Presentation: The 10-year contract between the Town of Renfrew and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) comes to an end in December of 2025. OCWA is a Crown Corporation of the Government of Ontario. OCWA currently operates the Town's wastewater treatment facility and water treatment plant, while the Town staff manage and operate water distribution and wastewater collection piped systems, including pumping and booster stations. OCWA manages services for several nearby municipalities and provided a quote should the Town turn over operations of the water distribution and wastewater collection services to them. As part of the \$5.6 million water and wastewater budget in 2023, the Town of Renfrew spent \$1.6 million for OCWA with the contract expected to increase to \$2.16 million if all aspects of water and wastewater operations are contracted to them.

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