



Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

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

Master Plan Presentations: Council received updates on the Arts, Heritage and Culture Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Waterfront Master Plan. Final reports will be presented in the summer of 2024.

Announcements and Community Events: Mayor and Council discussed an Open House for the Waterfront and Parks and Recreation Master Plan on Oct. 25th, the Freaky Friday event on Oct. 27th, a Food Drive at Metro and No Frills on Oct. 28th, the Remembrance Day ceremony at Low Square on Nov. 11th and Allan Letang of Renfrew has been named a coach for Team Canada.

Argyle/Lochiel Street: The Town of Renfrew will proceed with replacing all asphalt on the remainder of Argyle Street at an additional cost of \$229,018.35. This is part of the \$11.5 million reconstruction of Argyle/Lochiel Street. Council supported fixing the roads but raised some concerns about additional costs and using contingency funds for the project.

Winter/Summer Maintenance and Financial Reviews: WCSC provided comprehensive reviews to committee meetings in October. The financial services review contains 34 recommendations, and the winter summer maintenance review contains a total of 25 recommendations with staff to present an implementation plan. Council has already implemented the restructuring of Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. Janet Collins has been appointed the Acting Director of the newly formed Facilities, Maintenance and Operations department until a permanent director is hired. Council also directed staff to phase out the practice of two staff per snowplow and approve the purchase and installation of technology for the snowplows.

Attainable Housing Action Plan: Council endorsed the 20 recommendations outlined in the Attainable Housing Action Plan developed by Tim Welch Consulting. The purpose of this plan is to outline actions that will help meet a range of housing needs in the Town of Renfrew.

Fire Department Dispatching Services: The Renfrew Fire Department will proceed with negotiations with the Brockville Fire Department for the provisions of Fire Dispatching Services.

Museum Operations: The Town of Renfrew will assume operations of the McDougall Mill Museum. The Town owns the museum building and property, but the collection is the property of the Renfrew & District Historical & Museum Society.

By-Law Services Review: Staff conducted a review of by-law services and provided several options for council to consider. The current contract with the by-law provider MLES expires in



December. Council is expected to make a final decision at a Special Council meeting on Monday, October 30th, 2023.

2024 Budget: A draft budget for 2024 will be tabled in December the budget expected to be approved by the end of February. Staff are targeting a 3% levy increase. The total 2023 budget for the Town of Renfrew was upwards of \$79 million.

Naming Rights at Ma-te-Way Activity Centre: Council approved the naming rights agreements as listed below. The Town of Renfrew will generate an estimated \$40,250 in annual revenue for naming rights with an additional \$11,500 possible for the remaining rooms.

- Complex – myFM
- Existing Rink – Deslaurier Custom Cabinets
- Expansion Rink – Bonnechere Excavating
- Gymnasium – Home Hardware
- Community Hall – Recreation Fundraising Committee
- Ice Resurfacer – Renfrew Prof. Firefighter Association
- Fitness Centre – McGrimmon Holdings
- Walking Track – Sunlife Financial
- Lobby – Kelly homes
- Multipurpose Room 2 – Ontario Power Generation (Renfrew)
- Multipurpose Room 3 – Millar Family

Ottawa Valley Business Hive Update: Enterprise Renfrew County is planning to relocate into the newly renovated Ottawa Valley Business Hive located inside Renfrew Town Hall.

Mack Wilson Memorial Park: Council approved a request from the family of the late Mack Wilson to name a park in the Hunter Gate subdivision after the late developer. The new sign for Mack Wilson Memorial Park on Eagle Avenue will be installed in the spring of 2024.

Lease Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding: Lease agreements were entered with Marshall's and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit and Council approved memorandums of understanding with the Golden Age Activity Centre and Youth Gymnastics Eh!

New Committee Structure and Meeting Schedule: Council approved the revised standing committee structure and terms of reference in addition to the 2023 and 2024 committee and council meeting schedule.

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