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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

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The following items were discussed at *Committee of the Whole (COW)*

- **Ontario Clean Water Agency IESO-Voltus Energy Program:** An opportunity for the Town to join the IESO-Voltus Energy Program through the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) would allow Renfrew to save on energy costs by using generator power during high-demand days. This participation could result in annual savings of approximately \$8,300.
- **[Post Transition Non-Eligible Recycling:](#)** Options for continuing non-eligible recycling services after 2025 was presented, which included maintaining curbside collection, setting up a drop-off depot, or eliminating the service. Opportunities involve potential coordination with neighboring municipalities, and staff were tasked with reaching out to local businesses and appropriate stakeholders for feedback ahead of the decision.
- **[PAT Grant Working Group Terms of Reference:](#)** A draft Terms of Reference for the Preventing Auto Theft (PAT) Grant Working Group was presented, and be brought back on April 22, 2025 for final adoption. The working group will oversee the project's next phases. A final version will be brought back to Council for final consideration on April 22, 2025.

The following items were discussed at Council:

- **[Public Meeting – 2025 Budget:](#)** Several members of the public attended the 2025 Budget Public Meeting to express concerns about the potential impacts of the budget, including the closure of the museum, reduced funding for the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce, and shared equipment purchases for the myFM Centre. Council received supporting documents, including a signed petition and letters of support, to accompany the public input.

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- **Final Integrity Commissioner Report – Code of Conduct Complaint:** A complaint was filed against Reeve Peter Emon for participating in a vote on January 28, 2025, to reconsider his removal from boards and committees. The Integrity Commissioner found no conflict of interest or Code of Conduct breach, dismissing the complaint with no recommendations.

Council adopted the following Resolutions:

- Council directed staff to continue with the design of the biosolids conveyor cross auger and budget for appropriate 2025 design costs, and postpone construction pending grant availability.
- Council supported the modular housing development at Bonnechere Manor proposed by the County of Renfrew, and authorize staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County regarding the apportionment of costs, and the waiver of applicable fees, charges and parkland dedication requirements.
- Council entered into a memorandum of understanding with Renfrew Collegiate Institute (RCI) in regard to the revitalization of the throwing pit at Ma-te-way Park.
- Council adopted a Routine Disclosure Policy; and further that the appropriate by-law be brought forward for approval.
- Council approved the recommended amendments to the Surplus and Disposition of Rolling Stock and Equipment Policy; and further that the appropriate by-law be brought forward for approval.
- Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency to participate in the IESO-Voltus Energy Program.

The following By-Laws were adopted by Council:

- 30-2025: Adopt a new Routine Disclosure Policy
- 31-2025: Amend By-Law No. 45-2023 - Surplus and Disposition of Rolling Stock and Equipment Policy
- 32-2025: Repeal By-Law No. 63-2023 - Ma-te-Way Expansion Working Group
- A motion was put forward to defer a decision on By-Law 33-2025 being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 39-2024 to appoint Council members to advisory committees, teams, local boards and other entities until April 22, 2025 so that additional information regarding the HR Alternate could be added.

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Closed Session:

- Council convened in Closed Session with authorized staff remaining in the room to discuss the potential lease agreement for the Public Works Town Garage and an ongoing investigation. The following motions were brought forward out of the Closed Meeting:
 - Inform the identified property owner that the Town is no longer interested in proceeding with lease negotiations at this time, and further that staff be directed to bring forward additional Town Garage options in a public report.
 - Defer discussions on an ongoing investigation until the special meeting of Council on April 22nd at 10 AM.

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