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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Full Agenda can be found [here](#).

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Community Improvement Planning Grant (CIP): Council approved a CIP Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to River Optical for façade, building & signage Improvement.

Reserve Policy Update: Council reviewed a new Reserve Policy that identifies how different reserve funds can be utilized and where funds are generated from.

2025 Budget Schedule: Council received an update on the 2025 Budget Schedule. Treasurer Jackson explained the need to delay the timeline until the new financial and budget software systems are fully implemented (expected by late fall 2024).

Winter 2024 Oval Skating Rink: Council agreed to close the outdoor skating oval and dispose of the aged 1998 Olympia Ice Resurfer. The Town remains open to any potential community partnerships to fund the project in the future. Staff and resources will continue to support a variety of recreational activities throughout the town.

Cost-Savings Measures Implemented: Council approved a series of cost savings measures, including a hiring and spending freeze, the postponement of specific capital road projects until 2025, and the preparation of cost-benefit analyses for key facilities, including 1 Innovation Drive, the Public Works Garage, the Fire Hall, and the Renfrew Public Library. Additionally, the purchase of an excavator for the landfill has been delayed to allow further review of all remediation options.

RCDHU's Water Surveillance Request: Council supported Renfrew County and District Health Unit's request to the Province to keep funding the wastewater surveillance for infectious diseases and software for managing cases and contacts.

Motions:

- **Roundabout/O'Brien Road Funding Options:** Council passed a motion directing staff to provide a report on the potential options, listing the pros and cons of paying for the O'Brien Road reconstruction project through reserves or a debenture.

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- **Motion Requiring Suspension of the Rules of Procedure:** A late addition motion requiring suspension of the Rules of Procedure was brought forward by Councillor McDonald and passed by 2/3 vote asking Mayor Tom Sidney to refrain from attending any future Closed Session of Council regarding the Ma-te-Way Expansion Project's fraud investigation. The final decision rests with Mayor Sidney, considering any potential conflicts of interest.

Closed Session: Council convened in closed session with the CAO and Town Clerk to discuss organizational updates and legal advice as it pertained to Councillor McDonald's motion.

By-Laws: The following by-laws were passed by Council:

- 72-2024: Community Improvement Grant - 106 Raglan Street South (River Optical)
- 73-2024: Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited Capital Project Agreements
- 74-2024: McCrea Excavating Construction Contract Agreement
- 75-2024: Appointment of Deputy Clerk
- 76-2024: Confirming By-Law - August 27, 2024

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