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Town of Renfrew Council Summary

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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The following items were discussed at Committee of the Whole:

Annual Temporary Borrowing: Council authorized short-term borrowing to ensure cash flow for operating and capital needs in 2025. This measure provides flexibility to address financial obligations, including quarterly payments to the County and school boards, though the borrowing facility has not been used since 2011.

Interim Tax Levy: Council approved an interim tax levy for 2025, equal to 50% of the 2024 taxes, with payment due dates set for March 31 and May 30, 2025. This by-law ensures steady cash flow for the Town's operations and provides ratepayers with a manageable payment schedule, including penalties of 1.25% per month for late payments.

2025 OPP Cost Update with Yearly Comparisons: Council received the 2025 *OPP Cost Update with Yearly Comparisons* as information. The update highlights a one-time discount of \$342,216 for 2025, outlines an increase in costs per property, and discusses options for managing the budget impact of these changes, including potential future cost increases after discounts end.

Downtown Renfrew BIA Board Vacancy: Council instructed the BIA Board to identify and nominate a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors.

Corporate Sponsorship Policy Amendment: Council approved an amendment to increase the staff authorization limit for sponsorship and advertising agreements from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

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The following items were discussed at Council:

Final Reports for Code of Conduct Complaints: Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP presented reports on Code of Conduct complaints, finding Councillor Andrew Dick violated the Code, requiring a public apology and reprimand, and Reeve Peter Emon breached the Code with an email, also requiring an apology. Council amended the motion to receive the report as information only.

BIA Boundary Expansion: Council approved the expansion of the Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area to include all designated downtown commercial properties. Additional details on the BIA expansion can be found [here](#).

Council adopted the following Resolutions:

- **December 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole:**
 - Final Report for the Master Transportation Plan
 - Boundary expansion for the Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area (BIA).
- **January 14, 2025 Council Meeting:**
 - 2025 South Ottawa Valley Detachment Board Budget at \$114,644.00 and confirmed its financial responsibility of \$16,377.71 under the Act.

The following By-Laws were adopted by Council:

- 01-2025: Expanding Downtown Renfrew Business Improvement Area boundaries.
- 03-2025: Authorizing a lease agreement amendment for 550 Hall Avenue with Deslaurier Custom Cabinets Inc.

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