



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION
of the
COUNTY OF RENFREW**

- Budget Workshop Information Session -

County Council
Pembroke, Ontario
January 17, 2022

BUDGET WORKSHOP INFORMATION SESSION

The Budget Workshop Information Session of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew was held at 9:00 a.m., on January 17, 2022.

The Warden, Debbie Robinson, presided.

The roll was called and all members were found to be present except Councillor Grills. No pecuniary interest was disclosed.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection and the singing of the National Anthem.

Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee advised that this is the County's second budget cycle where the meeting will be held virtually. Chair Murphy thanked all staff who were involved in preparing the budget and recommended that County Council ask questions as we move through the budget.

Mr. Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer distributed and overviewed the County of Renfrew consolidated budget, which is attached as Appendix I.

Warden Robinson vacated the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Foss indicated that the 2022 Budget has pressures in the amount of \$2.5M which will be overviewed as part of the departmental budgets. A decision will have to be made on whether to approve these pressures.

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT County Council approve that the \$100,000 budget pressure in the safety line (for line painting) in the Public Works and Engineering budget be approved and funds taken from the winter maintenance line. CARRIED

Council recessed at 10:42 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with the same persons present including Warden Robinson. Councillor Tiedje vacated the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Donohue

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT County Council approve that the \$20,000 budget pressure for a storage container to be utilized at the County Administration building as well as the \$125,000 budget pressure for a reconciliation garden to be erected at the County Administration building within the Development & Property Department budget be approved and funds taken from the building reserve. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Sweet

Seconded by Councillor Tiedje

THAT County Council approve that \$436,456 be transferred from reserves for the trails project within the Development & Property Department budget and then be repaid from any future surpluses. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Donohue

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT County Council approve that \$2M for the improvement of the Algonquin trail continue to be expedited through the working capital reserve and to be repaid as first charge from future surpluses realized by the County of Renfrew and utilizing grant opportunities and contributions from other sources. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT County Council approve that the \$10,000 budget pressure for the cost for fees for general inquiries that do not move forward to a severance application not be dealt with at this time. CARRIED.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:19 p.m. Council reconvened at 12:53 p.m. with the same persons present except Councillor Tiedje.

Warden Robinson assumed the position of Chair.

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Brose

THAT a By-law to adopt the estimates of the sums required during the year for 2022 for general, capital and all purposes of the County of Renfrew in the amount of \$50,540,380 be adopted at this session of County Council; AND FURTHER THAT the 2022 tax rates for County purposes be adopted by by-law after the adoption of the 2022 tax policy by-laws. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the following By-law be enacted and passed:

By-law 5-21 – A By-Law to Adopt the Estimates for the Sums Required During the Year 2022 for General, Capital and all Purposes of the County of Renfrew. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT By-law 6-22, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the County of Renfrew at the meeting held on January 17, 2022 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Donohue

Seconded by Councillor Brose

THAT County Council adjourn. Time 2:24 p.m. CARRIED.