



**The Corporation of the Town of Deep River
Mayoral Direction Pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001***

Mayoral Direction 2025-MDI-01

Under the Authority: Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, s. 284.3 and 284.4 (Direction to municipal employees) the Mayor may direct Staff to:

284.3

- (a) Undertake research and provide advice to the head of council and the municipality on policies and programs of the municipality or of the head of council as they relate to the powers and duties under this Part; and
- (b) Carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the head of council under this Part;

284.4

- (a) If the head of council exercises a power or performs a duty under this Part, the head of council shall do so in writing and in accordance with the regulations, if any.

Further, in accordance with:

- (a) s. 284.16 (1) (Powers and duties re. budget) subject to the regulations, the powers and duties of a municipality with respect to proposing and adopting a budget are assigned to the head of council of the municipality; and
- (b) s. 284.16 (2) (Proposed Budget) subject to the regulations, the head of council shall, in accordance with the regulations, prepare a proposed budget for the municipality and provide the proposed budget to the council for the council's consideration.

Therefore, under this authority, the Mayor directs as follows:

Town of Deep River
Mayor Directive: 2026 Budget

Pursuant to the powers extended to the Head of Council under Sections 284.3 and 284.16 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, and pursuant to Ontario Regulation 530/22, as amended, I, Suzanne D'Eon, Mayor for The Corporation of the Town of Deep River direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Senior Leadership Team of the Town of Deep River to:

Prepare a Draft 2026 Operating and Capital Budget that conforms with the methods and best practices utilized by the Town in previous years and maintains the services that Town of Deep River Residents and Business rely on, with the following target(s):

1. A maximum property tax increase of 3.11% (3.11% represents the average annual rate of inflation over the past 7 years as per the Bank of Canada); and includes the following initiatives:
 - 1.1. A budget for playground equipment upgrades to improve the condition of small playgrounds and bring them up to an improved state for children's use.
 - 1.2. Allocate 1.5% of PILOT received annually from AECL to the promotion and defence of nuclear science and energy, possibly through CANHC, and to inspire local economic growth/expansion through marketing to nuclear science and technology related enterprises and support services, encouraging them to locate in the Town of Deep River. I challenge the County of Renfrew to do same.
 - 1.3. Where possible, reconsider the emphasis on full reconstruction/rehabilitation of some roads to instead achieve more distance of road-resurfacing through means such as mill & pave
2. A Water and Wastewater levy increase that follows the suggestions in the Watson and Associates Utility Rate Study as adopted by council;
3. Prepare and present one additional scenario for the 2026 Operational and Capital budget (excluding wastewater and water) outlining what additional investments would be added to reach:
 - 3.1. A 4.5% property tax increase.
4. That the Chief Administrative Officer provides myself, Council and the public with periodic updates on the 2026 Draft Budget.
5. That the Chief Administrative Officer and staff provide the public with periodic opportunities to comment on the draft budget.
6. That the draft budget be provided to each Member of Council and the public no later than February 1, 2026.

Dated this 19th Day of December, 2025



Suzanne D'Eon, Mayor