

Resolution to the County of Renfrew

Re: Proposed Changes to the Property Tax Treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation Properties

WHEREAS the Treasurer of the County of Renfrew presented a proposal at a meeting held on September 8, 2026, to the Treasurers of the lower-tier municipalities and the City of Pembroke regarding changes to the property tax treatment of properties owned by the Renfrew County Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS the proposed changes would have significant financial implications, including property tax revenue losses for several lower-tier municipalities, particularly urban municipalities that contain a substantial proportion of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation housing stock; and

WHEREAS the proposal will also create inequities in the allocation of social housing costs across lower-tier municipalities by altering the balance between property tax revenues received and social housing costs shared across the County; and

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew Treasurer acknowledged that the proposal would likely not be supported by a number of lower-tier municipalities, however no advance consultation was undertaken prior to the proposal being presented, giving lower-tier municipalities only one week to review and respond before the matter is scheduled to be considered by County Council at a Committee meeting on September 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and information to fully assess the financial, taxation, and budgetary impacts of significant policy changes and to provide meaningful input prior to County Council consideration; and

WHEREAS the proposal is being advanced during a municipal election period when County Council is operating under restrictions associated with a lame duck or restricted acts period, raising concerns regarding the appropriateness of considering a matter with substantial long-term financial impacts during this time; and

WHEREAS requiring individual municipalities to seek resolutions of opposition and separately appear before County Council on short notice represents an unnecessary use of municipal resources and could have been avoided through a proper consultation process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Arnprior requests the Council of the County of Renfrew:

1. Defer consideration of the proposed changes to the property tax treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation properties until meaningful consultation has occurred with all affected lower-tier municipalities and the City of Pembroke; and

2. Direct County staff to prepare and distribute a comprehensive financial analysis to impacted municipalities identifying:
 - a. The property tax impacts on each affected municipality included not only lost revenues but a lowered assessment base;
 - b. The resulting changes to the allocation of social housing costs across all lower-tier municipalities;
 - c. Clear demonstration of the inequities being created by the proposed changes, especially to municipalities that contain housing properties; and
 - d. Alternative approaches that could achieve the County's objectives while minimizing adverse financial impacts on municipalities; and
3. Refrain from making a final decision on a change of this magnitude during a restricted acts or election period and instead defer the matter until 2027 when the newly constituted County Council has had the opportunity to consider the proposal and feedback from impacted municipalities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Renfrew – Nipissing – Pembroke, Billy Denault, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Warden of the County of Renfrew, all members of Renfrew County Council, all lower-tier municipalities within the County of Renfrew, and the City of Pembroke.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Burnette – Yes

Councillor Couper – Yes

County Councillor Lynch – Yes

Councillor Strike – Yes

Councillor Toner – Yes

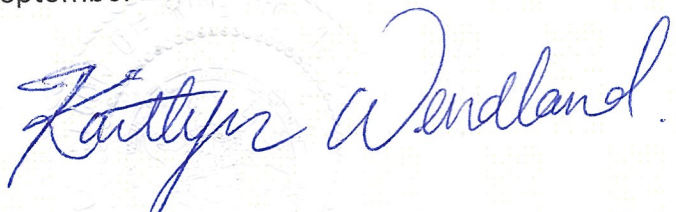
Mayor McGee – Yes

Resolution Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution No. 243-26

passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior at their Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of September 2026.

Given under the hand of the Deputy Clerk and under the Corporate seal of the Town of Arnprior this 14th day of September 2026.



Kaitlyn Wendland
Deputy Clerk