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FW: Budget Survey

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Hello everyone and welcome to Renfrew Gloria. I had a friend tell me about the budget survey you had on Facebook. Although I like the idea, unless someone follows you on Facebook, they wouldn't know about the survey, so I fear you may not get the desired response. As I reviewed it, a few things came to mind, that I wanted to share with you for future surveys.

1- with every department you state that with rising cost due to inflation would I be willing to pay more taxes. Let's not beat around the bush, this is due to the myFM Centre overage, the town hall overage, the number of new hires and some to inflation. I feel like it misleads ratepayers into thinking inflation is the only demon.

2 - when doing the survey, you only allow for 250 characters. This doesn't allow enough room for what people may have to say. I would imagine this may be related to being online maybe you can only do so much, so maybe a mailed-out survey to each tax payer would work better. I feel people may have more to say.

3 - seniors not on Facebook, or online, how are their voices being heard.

4 - I found the survey limited. For example, does the current services meet your needs Yes or No. In some cases, the department met some of my needs, but not all. Another option may have been helpful.

When I moved back to Renfrew in 1991, my taxes were a little over \$1,600 and included water and sewer. Now they will come in at over \$4,000 and water and sewer at a healthy extra charge. I can fortunately afford it, but I fear many won't be able to. I don't envy your job, it's a tough one, one I've done in the past. Doesn't matter what

you do you'll piss people off. You were elected to run the town, please run it, if we wanted the employees to run the town, we'd vote them in.

PS, if you want to get the survey seen by more people, ask me about how myFM can help

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Gentlemen:

Would you kindly:

- provide the date set for the public discussions on the draft 2025 operating and capital budgets and whether these documents will be released in time to assist residents in completing the online budget survey inviting feedback on maintaining, reducing or increasing funding? No closing date is noted on the survey.
- indicate the direction given by Council to staff as to a proposed 2025 tax increase/target to assist staff in budget development
- the proposed efficiencies and opportunities to reduce costs including revenue from land sales
- indicate if the condition assessments outlined in the Town's Asset Management Plan will guide the establishment of priorities and the decisions on the funding of capital projects
- confirm if the \$1 million set side in the 2024 Recreation budget for the Ma-te-way Expansion debenture will be used for its expressed purpose.
- explain why the Water and Wastewater budgets did not include the 2024 budget and expenditures
- if the decision on the water and waste water budgets and the OPP budget will be finalized only as part of the overall 2025 public budget deliberations
- the size of the population that can be served by the water filtration plant
- explain if the potential environmental impacts of continuing to delay the demolition of the old wastewater plant are known or are being considered in determining the timing of the demolition
- provide the strategy to fund unfunded liabilities as part of the budget discussions.

Please let me know who will respond and when I can expect these answers.

Many thanks,  
Andea McCormick