



New Heritage Murals Downtown Renfrew



Murals Outside of the Library

Two new heritage murals have been installed in the Town of Renfrew. The murals are located at the entrance to the Renfrew Public Library on Raglan Street South.

The mural on the right shows Raglan Street in 1937 with businesses such as Clemens's

Stores, Clark's Jewelers, Miller's Economy Store, McHail Hardware, Tip Top Tailors Men's Wear, Fraser & Smart Drugs and Reward Shoes.

The photo for the mural on the left was taken in 1907 and features the MacKay Bros. department store which later contained a restaurant and apartments. The business closed in 1913 and the building remains today at the corner of Raglan Street South

Read more about the new Heritage Murals installed downtown Renfrew



Deadline for Grants to Community Partners Extended to September 15th, 2023

The Town of Renfrew is encouraging community partners to apply for grant funding. The application deadline for grants to community partners has been extended until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15th, 2023.

Director of Library and Community Services Kelly Thompson says, “The Town of Renfrew is committed to supporting community partners who provide cultural, recreational, and social programs and services to residents.”

Community partners can apply for a grant up to \$5,000. To qualify for a grant, applicants must be a not-for-profit organization operating in the Town of Renfrew, outline how their organization meets a need in the community, provide financial statements and annual project budgets, and demonstrate financial need for funding.

Community partner grants can be provided in the following categories:

- Fee Waiver/Facility Use
- One Time Capital Projects
- Organization Support/Operating Grant
- Programming/Special Event
- Sponsorship

Applicants will be evaluated for approval by a review team comprised of the

Mayor, members of Council, the CAO, Treasurer, and Director of Library and Community Services.

2023 Community Partners Grant Application is available here



2023 AMO CONFERENCE



Renfrew Secures Five Delegations at 2023 AMO Conference

Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney, Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon and Chief Administrative Officer Robert Tremblay represented the Town of Renfrew at the 2023 Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in London, Ontario. The conference ran from August 20th to 23rd, 2023.

Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney says, “This is a great opportunity for the Town of Renfrew to speak directly with multiple Ministries within the Province as we try to find ways to collaborate on projects and continue to modernize and move Renfrew forward.”

Delegations were secured with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Minister of Transportation, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Read more about the Town of Renfrew delegations at AMO



Renfrew, Arnprior and Whitewater Region Joint Delegation at 2023 AMO Conference

Photo (left to right): Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure Amarjot Sandhu, Arnprior Mayor Lisa McGee, Arnprior Councillor Billy Denault, Whitewater Region Mayor Neil Nicholson and Whitewater Region Councillor Connie Tabbert.

Read more about the joint delegation at AMO



Thank You Town of Renfrew Summer Students!!

The Town of Renfrew had an appreciation BBQ for the summer students on August 24th, 2023 to thank them for all their hard work and wish them good luck as they head back to school!!

Upcoming Events and Activities

September FREE SKATING at Ma-te-Way

PUBLIC SKATES

Saturday: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

&

Sunday: 1:00pm to 2:00pm



TOTS/ SENIOR SKATING

Tuesday: 10:30am to 12:00pm

&

Friday: 10:30am to 12:00pm



Free Skating at Ma-te-Way

Enjoy some FREE SKATING at the Ma-te-Way arena. Starting in September, Seniors & Tots Skates will run Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with public skates on Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Check out the upcoming skating schedule below.

Seniors & Tots Skates

- Tuesday, September 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 8th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Public Skates

- Saturday, September 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 16th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All skates are free.



FALL 2023 PROGRAMS

- Gymnastics
- Parkour
- Kindergym
- Ballet
- Low Impact Fitness
- African Roots Dance
- Salsa
- Pickleball
- Cycling Events
- Foraging Workshop
- Line Dancing
- Couples Dancing
- Theatre for Kids
- PA Day Camps
- Movement for Youth
- Self-Defence Classes

Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding Fall 2023 Programs

Town of RENFREW ONTARIO • CANADA

COUPLES Dance Lessons

With Wendy & Denis Tessier

8-Week Session
7-8 pm
Beginning:
Friday, September 1

Ma-te-Way Activity Centre
1 Ma-te-Way Drive, Renfrew

\$120/couple

*No experience necessary

Questions? Contact Janyne
@jfraser@renfrew.ca ☎ 613-432-4848 x118

The flyer features an illustration of a man and a woman dancing on a red circular mat with musical notes floating around them.

COUPLES DANCE LESSONS

Register with your partner for Couples Group Dance Lessons with

Town of RENFREW ONTARIO • CANADA

Low Impact Fitness Classes

with Colleen Barrie

Ma-te-Way Activity Centre
Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm
*September 14 - October 12

5-week Session **\$50 + HST**

1 Class Pass **\$15 + HST**

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The flyer includes a photograph of a woman in a grey t-shirt and blue headband, holding a resistance band.

LOW IMPACT FITNESS CLASSES

Join us on Thursdays for this Low Impact Fitness Class instructed by

instructors, Wendy and Denis Tessier. No previous experience necessary. Learn to be comfortable on the dance floor with your partner. Instructors will teach styles based on feedback from the class (jive, waltz, cha cha).

Friday Evenings: 8-week session
Friday, September 1-Friday, October 27 *no class Friday, September 22

Hall: Ma-te-Way Activity Centre, 1
Ma-te-Way Drive, Renfrew, ON
7:00 pm-8:00 pm

\$120/couple for 8-week session
(\$60/person).

*Resident fee (Renfrew,
Admaston/Bromley, Greater
Madawaska, Horton,
McNab/Braeside).

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

You can also register in person at
the Recreation Centre. Or call
613-432-4848 x 118 or email
jfraser@renfrew.ca

Colleen Barrie.

Low impact avoids putting a lot of
strain and weight on your muscles
and joints while exercising.

4:30-5:30 pm

Ma-te-Way Activity Centre, 1 Ma-te-
Way Drive, Renfrew, ON

Thursday, September 14, 2023 to
Thursday, October 12, 2023

Options to choose a 5-week session
package for \$50 + HST or pick and
choose which classes work with your
schedule for \$15/class + HST.

Please bring a yoga mat, set of
handheld weights, and water with
you to each class.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

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the Recreation Centre. Or call
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\$40
person

Children are FREE
with an adult



Monday,
September 4

1-4 pm

 **Ma-te-Way Trail**
1 Ma-te-Way Drive

Rain or Shine



Join Forager Chef, **Matthew Brearley** of
Castlegarth Farms to **connect with nature** and
learn to **identify wild edibles** and **mushrooms**.



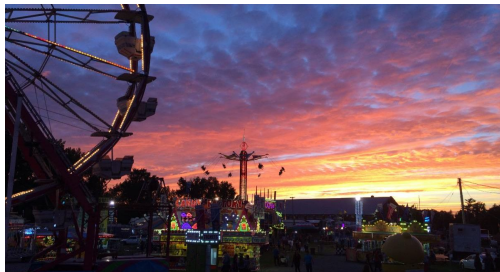
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168th Annual Renfrew Fair Returns *Sept. 7th to 10th, 2023*

The Renfrew Fair is an exciting four days filled with activities such as: Beef Shows, Heavy & Light Horse Shows, 4-H & Interclub Shows, Swine & Lambs, many more Livestock events, Exhibits, Art, Domestic Science, Women's Institute Displays, Floriculture, Fruit, Vegetables, Junior Classes, Needlework and so much more. Perhaps you enjoy the famous bacon on a bun, mouth watering candy apples, popcorn, fully serviced meal, or a splendid piece of fresh fudge. Come and enjoy the Renfrew Fair! You will be sure to find something for everyone of all ages to enjoy a traditional country fair.

**Learn more about the Renfrew
Fair**



Playground at Ma-te-Way Park is CLOSED effective immediately

New Play Structure Coming to Ma-te-Way Park

Ma-te-Way Park is getting a new play structure. The current play structure will be closed for the coming weeks during the replacement process.

The Town of Renfrew received \$129,000 in grant funding through the Commemorate Canada – Reopening Fund to support the installation of the new play structure.

Mayor Tom Sidney says, “This is another great addition to Ma-te-Way Park and more families will be able to enjoy the new play structure that has accessible features for years to come.”

The existing play structure at Ma-te-Way Park was closed to the public on August 10th, 2023, and the new equipment is expected to be fully installed and ready to use early in September.

All other amenities at Ma-te-Way Park including the Rotary Splash Pad, the natural playground next to the splash pad and the skate park will remain open during the construction of the new play structure.

Joffrey/Haig/Dufferin Road Construction



An update on the reconstruction of Joffre Avenue, Haig Avenue and Dufferin Street was provided during the Town of Renfrew Infrastructure, Public Works, and Asset Management Committee meeting on August 1st, 2023. Renfrew Town Council awarded the \$2.96-million contract for the project in August of 2022 and contractors started work on the three roads in May of 2023. Acting Director of Infrastructure and Public Works,

Connor Jamieson, says, “The project is on track to be completed by October 27th, 2023, and is currently on budget.” The project includes storm sewer installation and watermain replacements with crews starting to prepare the road for paving and the installation of concrete curbs. Residents who want to stay informed on the ongoing road projects in the Town of Renfrew can email projects@renfrew.ca to receive updates.

The Town of Renfrew thanks all residents for their patience as work continues to improve local roads and infrastructure.

Garbage & Recycling in Renfrew

NEW WASTE MAGNET MAILED IN AUGUST

A new waste calendar was mailed to homes in Renfrew mid-August. The old calendar contained an error and is not to be used after September 1st, 2023. Magnetic versions of the waste calendar will be distributed in the Renfrew Mercury flyers with additional copies available at Town Hall, the landfill or the Recreation Centre.

Updated 2023 Waste Collection Calendar

Please use this version as of September 1, 2023.

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| Garbage/Co-mingled Recycling |
| Garbage/Fibre Recycling |
| Household Hazardous Waste Depot Closes August 26, 2023 |
| Leaf & Yard Waste Pickup Weeks of: Oct. 9, Oct. 23 & Nov. 6 |
| Leaf and Yard Waste pickup will occur throughout the scheduled week and may not correspond with your garbage/recycling collection day. |
| The Renfrew Landfill will be closed on the following statutory holidays: Sept. 30, Nov. 11 and Dec. 26 |

Curbside Recycling Collection Update

The Town of Renfrew's residential bluebox recycling program is now managed and funded by Circular Materials via their contactor Topps Environmental Services. This change is part of the provincial government's move to producer responsibility which aims to build efficient and effective recycling systems to minimize waste and ensure materials are reused again and again. This transition will result in no change to the material you can recycle or your current recycling schedule.

For general information regarding Waste Management, Landfill Operations, the Hazardous Household Waste Depot, or to determine your collection day please contact the Development and Environment Department at 613-432-8166 or visit the garbage and recycling section of renfrew.ca

To report a missed garbage or recycling collection please call Topps Environmental Solutions at 613-257-1195 or email help@toppsenv.com

For Other Departments please call:

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Town Hall | (613) 432-4848 |
| Parks & Rec. | (613) 432-3131 |
| Fire Dept. | (613) 432-2811 |
| Library | (613) 432-8151 |
| Landfill | (613) 432-0731 |
| Public Works | (613) 432-8166 |
| After Hours Emergency | (613) 432-6446 |

2 bag limit for Residential curbside garbage pickup. Additional bag tags are \$3.00/tag.

Garbage and Recycling must be curbside by 7 a.m. on the day of collection.



Provide Feedback on Some Ongoing Projects

Town of Renfrew Official Plan Review

The Town of Renfrew Official Plan is the primary policy document that guides growth and development within the Town and contains the goals, objectives and policies that direct future growth, along with policies related to the management of natural heritage features and natural hazard features. The current Official Plan was last reviewed in 2018 and another review is now required in accordance with the Planning Act.

[Official Plan Review](#)

Master Servicing Plan Review

The Town of Renfrew is seeking to better understand its existing potable water, stormwater, and wastewater system's conditions and to assess its ability to service future growth areas.

The Master Servicing Plan will review opportunities to optimize the performance of existing infrastructure, while developing a timeline for future expansion requirements to meet anticipated growth needs.

[Master Servicing Plan](#)

Council Corner

August 8th, 2023 Council Meeting Summary

Renfrew Town Council has awarded contracts for a new municipal tractor with attachments and new fitness equipment for the fitness centre at Ma-te-Way. Council also adopted a tree canopy policy, and received updates from several external boards.



[Read the Council Meeting Summary](#)



College Campus Fire Safety Tips

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

Fact

- ⚠ Fires in dormitories are more common in the evening, between 5-11pm, and on weekends.
- ⚠ Roughly five out of six fires in dormitories are started by cooking.

Smoking Sense

If you smoke, smoke outside and only where it is permitted. Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays. Don't smoke in bed or when you've been drinking or are drowsy.



Renfrew Public Library Program Update - August 2023

We have an exciting lineup of events for you to enjoy this September at the library. Mark your calendars and join us for these fantastic activities. Check

out a snapshot of some of our programs below:

Weekly Programs for Little Ones, Registration Dates: September 1st – 12th

- Exciting News for Parents and Caregivers! Registration is OPEN September 1st to 12th for our engaging weekly programs designed especially for your little ones. Don't miss out on the chance to provide your kids with fantastic learning and play opportunities. Whether it's storytelling, arts and crafts, or interactive sessions, we've got it all covered!

League of Occasional Gamers, September 14th, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

- Get ready for an exciting gaming experience at the League of Occasional Gamers event! Bring along your favorite tabletop games and come join the fun in the library. We've got plenty of tables and space to accommodate you and your friends.

Kinetics Dance Classes, Starting September 21st, Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

- Easy fun movement perfect for all bodies and dance levels. A great way to start stretching and dancing! Hosted by Meredith Blaney!

Drop-in Knitting and Crochet Club, Every Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

- Calling all knitting and crochet enthusiasts! Every Thursday, join us at the library for our drop-in Knitting and Crochet club. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a cozy knitting session. This is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow crafters, share patterns and tips, and unwind in a friendly and supportive environment. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced knitter, we welcome everyone to join us for an hour of creativity and camaraderie. A special guest will be joining us on September 28th to help share instructions on how to crochet!

To register for a program, visit www.bookwhen.com/renfrewpl or email info@renfrewlibrary.ca or call 613-432-8151 ext. 603.



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