



# Renfrew

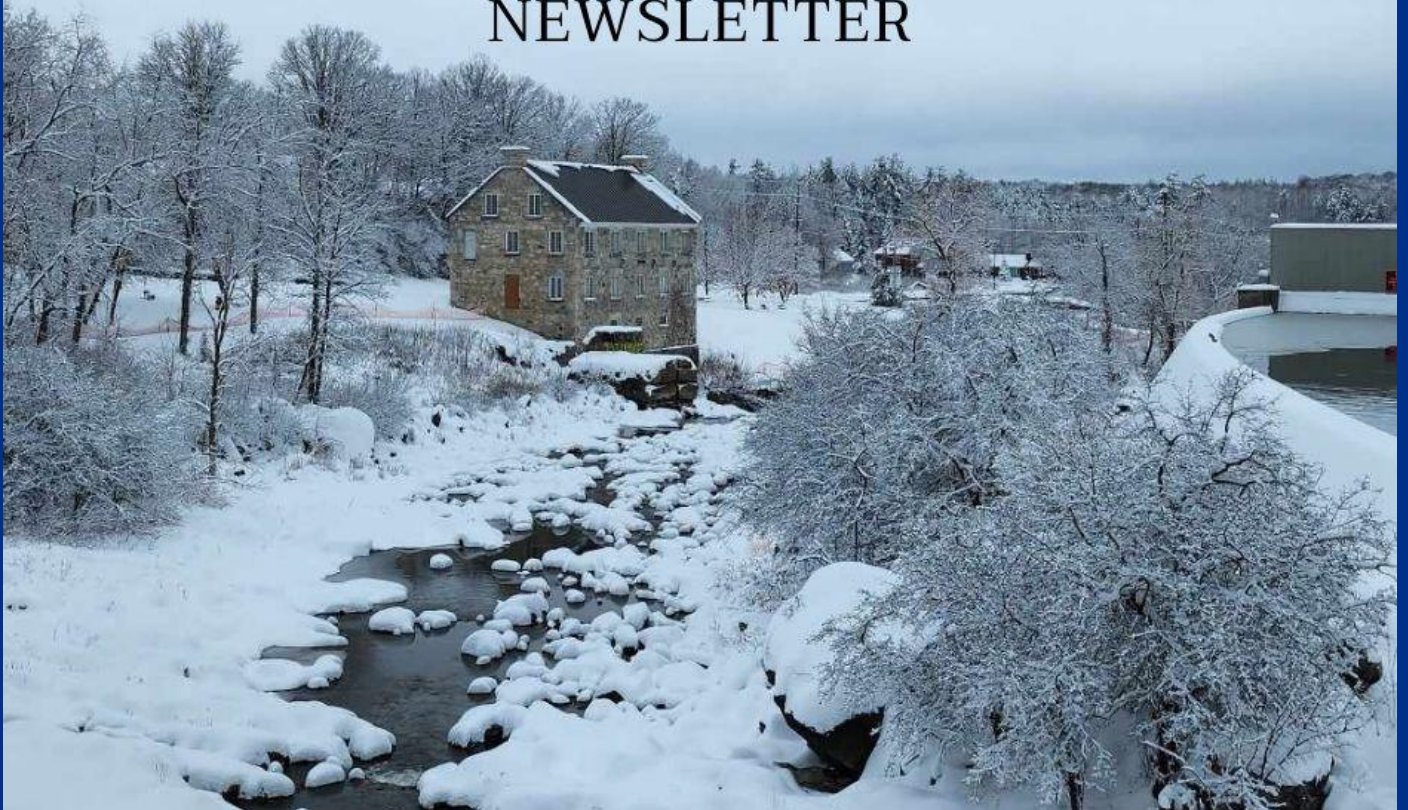
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# December 2023

TOWN OF RENFREW  
NEWSLETTER



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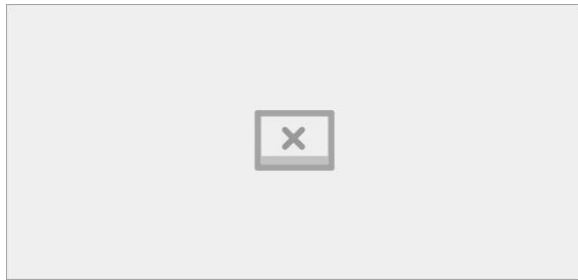
Sledding Hills in Renfrew Open



Following the recent snowfall, the Town of Renfrew has opened the sledding hill at Ma-te-Way Park!

Please note that use of all sledding hills in Renfrew are at your own risk.

Enjoy safely and responsibly!



## Town of Renfrew Live Streams the 2023 Renfrew Santa Claus Parade

For the first time ever, the Town of Renfrew live streamed the annual Santa Claus parade on social media. The parade was also live on YourTV.

Councillor Andrew Dick was the host of the parade this year.

The annual Santa Claus parade rolled through downtown Renfrew on December 2nd, 2023 and was organized by the Town of Renfrew Community Services Department.

Thank you to everyone for coming out and a special shoutout to **XSite Enterprises of Eastern Ontario Inc.** for being the title sponsor this year.

Staff Donate to Renfrew

# Food Bank

Staff with the Town of Renfrew collected items for the Renfrew Food Bank.

The donations were dropped off early in December to help ensure everyone in our community has a wonderful holiday season!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who brought in a few items and made a donation.

[Read more about the Renfrew Food Bank](#)



## Events in Renfrew

**Renfrew**  
**FREW YEAR'S EVE**  
FAMILY EVENT  
**FREE** Sunday, December 31  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
myFM Centre, 1 Ma-te-Way Dr. Renfrew

- Breakfast
- Public Skating
- Magician
- Pizza
- Noon Year's Eve Countdown

Questions? Contact Janyne [jfraser@renfrew.ca](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca) 613-432-4848 x118

### Frew Year's Eve

Frew Year's Eve takes place annually in the morning on December 31st. This is a Family Friendly event that is FREE to attend. Everyone is welcome!

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

**Renfrew**  
**Winter Break Mornings**  
INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Tuesday, January 2 Recreation Centre
- Thursday, January 4 myFM Centre
- Friday, January 5 myFM Centre

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
\$20/child per morning  
CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS OLD

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### Winter Break Activity Mornings

Make new friends, explore your creativity, get outside, and have a blast during your Winter Break!

[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](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca)



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**PICKLEBALL CLINIC**  
FOR BEGINNERS

**FREE**  
REGISTRATION  
MANDATORY

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Gymnasium-Recreation Centre  
67 Argyle St. S. Renfrew

Questions? Contact Janyne | [jfraser@renfrew.ca](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca) | 613-432-4848 x118

### Pickleball Clinic

Join a 2-hour pickleball clinic on Sunday, January 14th, 2024, from 10AM to 12PM,

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](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca)



**13 First Aid**

**STAY SAFE!  
HOME ALONE  
COURSE**

Recommended for youth between the ages of 9-13.  
Whether in their community or on their own, participants will be given better tools to Stay Safe! in a variety of different situations.

**Wednesday, January 3**  
9:00 am - 2:30 pm

**\$70**

Visitor Information Centre  
190 Mask Rd.

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### Red Cross First Aid

Stay Safe! Home Alone Course instructed by a Canadian Red Cross instructor from 13 First Aid.

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](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca)



**NEW YEAR  
NEW ME**

**HEALTHY LIVING  
PROGRAM**

Check out different programs throughout the month of January focused on healthy living!

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**RESOLUTIONS**

- HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP
- DANCERCISE WITH OLGA
- ESSENTRICS® WITH KIMBERLY
- GUIDED SNOWSHOE
- SOUND BATH HEALING
- ADULT BOOK TASTING

**2024**

Questions? Contact Janyne | [jfraser@renfrew.ca](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca) | 613-432-4848 x118

- Saturday, January 6 from 1-2 pm: Healthy Eating Workshop -[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- Monday, January 8 from 7:30-8:30 pm: FREE Dancercise with Olga -[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- Tuesday, January 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm: FREE Essentrics® with Kimberly -[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- Saturday, January 13 from 10-11:30 am: FREE Guided Snowshoe at Ma-te-Way Park - Registration not mandatory
- Sunday, January 14 from 6:00-6:30 pm: Sound Bath Healing-[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- Thursday, January 18 from 6-7:30 pm: Adult Book Tasting[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



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## Free Skating in December at the myFM Centre

[1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive, Renfrew](#)

[\*\*www.renfrew.ca\*\*](http://www.renfrew.ca)





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WINTER 2023/2024

# PROGRAM GUIDE

DECEMBER ❄️ JANUARY ❄️ FEBRUARY



**Register Online:**

[app.univerusrec.com/renfrewpub/courses/](http://app.univerusrec.com/renfrewpub/courses/)



**Call:**

613-432-4848 ext. 118



**Visit:**

Recreation Centre-67 Argyle St. S.



**Email:**

[jfraser@renfrew.ca](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca)

Scan to  
register online



**\*Resident fee applies to those that live in:**

Town of Renfrew, Township of Admaston/Bromley, Horton Township,  
Township of Greater Madawaska, Township of McNab/Braeside

**TAX TIME**



## Sign up for Monthly Pre-Authorized Payments

The Town of Renfrew offers pre-authorized payment plans for taxes and water/wastewater charges.

- Residents can sign up for monthly tax installments which will be split into 11 equal payments and processed each month on the 15th with the exception of December.
- Water/wastewater payments are based on actual billing and will be withdrawn on due dates shown on your bill.

[Sign Up Here](#)

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**Provide Feedback on Some Ongoing Projects**

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***Bright ideas?***

***Let's hear them!***

Take the Arts, Heritage &  
Culture Survey



## Renfrew Culture, Arts & Heritage Survey

Share your ideas for the Town's first ever Cultural Plan!

Tell us how you, your family and friends experience Arts, Culture and Heritage in Renfrew now, and what you would like to see and do here in the future.

Tell us how the Town can support Arts, Culture and Heritage in the Town for Tourism, Business and Social growth.

A digital survey is now open and will take less than 15 minutes of your time to complete. In January, there will be opportunities in-person to engage further in this conversation.

Your voice counts! Scan the QR Code or follow the link below.

Thank you for participating in this survey! Please share it with friends!

**Complete the  
Survey**





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# 2024-2035 Strategic Plan



## Council Adopts Strategic Plan - Road to 2035

At the Special Council meeting on December 19th, 2023, Council adopted the Road to 2035 – Town of Renfrew Strategic Plan.

The plan includes a vision, mission, and corporate values for the Town of Renfrew.

**VISION:** The Town of Renfrew will foster growth and attract new residents and amenities by adapting to change while retaining its small-town roots with excellent quality of life.

**MISSION:** The Town of Renfrew delivers quality services and maintains reliable infrastructure in a financially sustainable manner while building a safe and inclusive community.

Over 300 comments were received with 44 action items identified and 10 strategic priorities.

## Renfrew Road to 2035 Strategic Plan



### Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon acclaimed as Renfrew County Warden for 2024

Peter Emon, Reeve for the Town of Renfrew, has been acclaimed as County of Renfrew Warden for 2024.

Warden Emon was nominated by Councillor Michael Donohue and Councillor Jennifer Murphy seconded the nomination, which was affirmed by County Council during the Inaugural Session on

December 12. Following the official swearing-in ceremony, Warden Emon outlined his major themes and goals for the next year:

- Addressing the housing and homelessness crisis;
- Fostering economic development and growth, including developing an economic development strategy;
- Building on the success of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre and promoting it as a model of care to be adopted across the province;
- Lobbying for the further expansion of Highway 17 through Renfrew County.

“Ahead of us we have a lot of hard, but exciting and rewarding work,” Warden Emon said during his inaugural address. “It’s the most exciting time to be in municipal government in my 30-plus years. We are forming policy and building community; creating and expanding opportunities for everyone to succeed and thrive. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of that.”

*\*Photo - Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon was sworn-in as County of Renfrew Warden for 2024 during the Inaugural Session of County Council on December 12. He was nominated by Councillor Michael Donohue (right) and Councillor Jennifer Murphy seconded the nomination. Photo credit County of Renfrew \**

[Read More  
Here](#)



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## Winter Parking Restrictions

Overnight winter parking restrictions in Renfrew state no person shall park on a street/highway from December 1st to March 31 between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and if vehicles restrict winter maintenance operations they will be towed at the owner's expense.

### Winter Parking Restrictions in Renfrew

A reminder that overnight winter parking restrictions in Renfrew started December 1st and will continue until March 31st.

Vehicles that are restricting winter maintenance operations between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Town of Renfrew thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

[Read More About the Parking  
Restrictions](#)



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Curbside garbage and recycling collection will occur as normal over the holiday season.

Please ensure your holiday wastes meet the waste collection standards:

- Breakdown and bundle your cardboard. Oversized and loose cardboard will not be collected.
- Gift wrap containing foil embossing or sparkles is not recyclable.
- Please put recyclable used gift wrap your blue bin. Recycling in bags is not accepted.
- There is a 2 garbage bag limit for residential properties. Additional bags require a bag tag which are available for purchase for \$3 at Renfrew Town Hall, Landfill, Library and Recreation Centre.



Visit the Garbage and Recycling page of [renfrew.ca](http://renfrew.ca) for the Renfrew Landfill's holiday hours



# Renfrew Landfill Holiday Hours

Saturday December 23 - 8am - 11:30am

Tuesday December 26 - Closed

Wednesday December 27 - 8am - 4pm

Thursday December 28 - 8am - 4 pm

Saturday December 30 - 8am - 11:30 am

Back to regular hours on Tuesday January 2



## Council Corner

### November/December Council Meeting Summaries

Council received an update on a hotel feasibility study, a tree planting program, updates regarding the Ma-te-Way third party review, a tourism events grant policy, was updated on the Emergency Plan and much more. Follow the link below to read recent Council meeting updates and summaries.



[Read Recent Council Meeting Summaries](#)

# WINTER DRIVING EMERGENCY KIT

Non-perishable food and water



At least half a tank of gas



Salt, sand or kitty litter



Extra windshield washer fluid



Winter appropriate clothing



A snow brush and ice scraper



A warm blanket



A flashlight and extra batteries



Jumper cables



A phone charger

## STAY SAFE WITH THESE 10 ITEMS

Canadian weather can be unpredictable, especially in the winter. Slippery or snow covered roads, reduced visibility and bitter cold are all conditions that can make driving difficult and even dangerous during cold weather. Winter also brings an increased risk of getting stuck in your car, so dress warmly before heading out.

For more tips to learn about winter driving risks and preparing an emergency kit for your car follow:

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201012-en.aspx>

## A Message from the Renfrew Fire Department



This winter, make sure you're prepared for the unexpected on the roads. It's time to put together your emergency winter driving safety kit. The Renfrew Fire Department urges you to take a moment and assemble your winter driving safety kit today. Pack essentials like a warm blanket, non-perishable snacks, a flashlight, jumper cables and a first aid kit. It's not just a kit; it's your lifeline in the cold. . Be ready for whatever winter throws your way. Because when you're prepared, you're protected. This message is brought to you from the Renfrew Fire Department.

[Check Out the Renfrew Fire Department Facebook Page](#)

# TOWN HALL HOLIDAY HOURS




FRI. DEC. 22	CLOSED
MON. DEC. 25	CLOSED
TUES. DEC. 26	CLOSED
WED. DEC. 27	8AM-4PM
THURS. DEC. 28	8AM-4PM
FRI. DEC. 29	8AM-4PM
MON. JAN 1	CLOSED
TUES. JAN 2	8AM-4PM



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