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**February 2024**  
**TOWN OF RENFREW NEWSLETTER**

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Renfrew Home Hardware Gymnasium Now Open



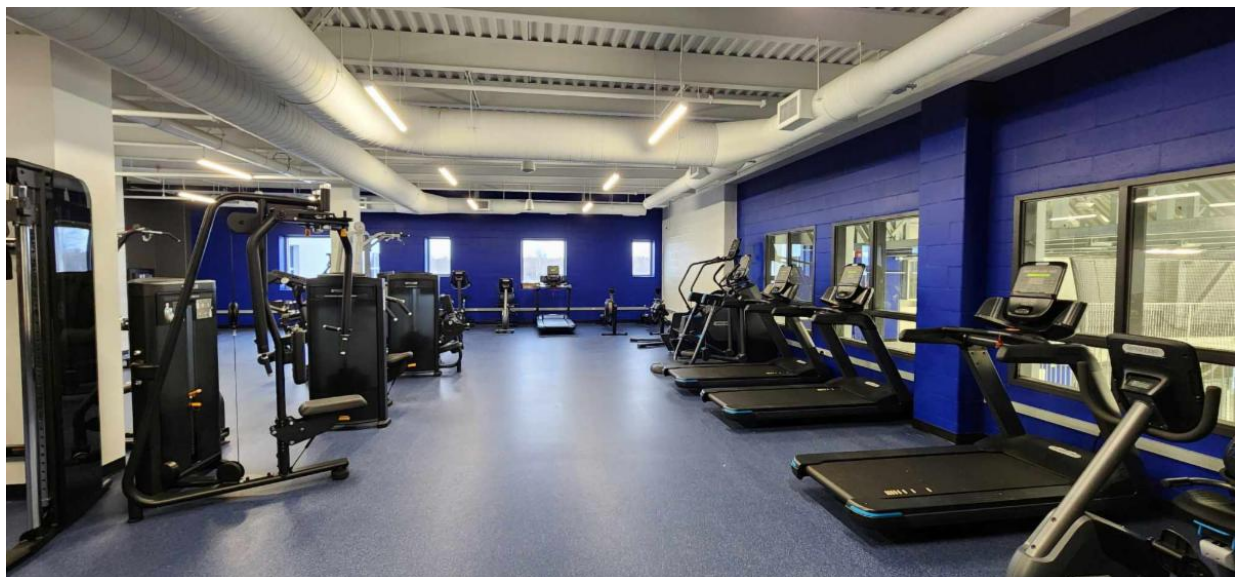
The new Renfrew Home Hardware Gymnasium inside the myFM Centre Recreation Complex at 1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive is ready for the community to enjoy.

The gymnasium court has painted lines for basketball, volleyball, and badminton, is approved size for competitive high school basketball and also has three rows of collapsible bleachers that can accommodate up to 144 spectators.

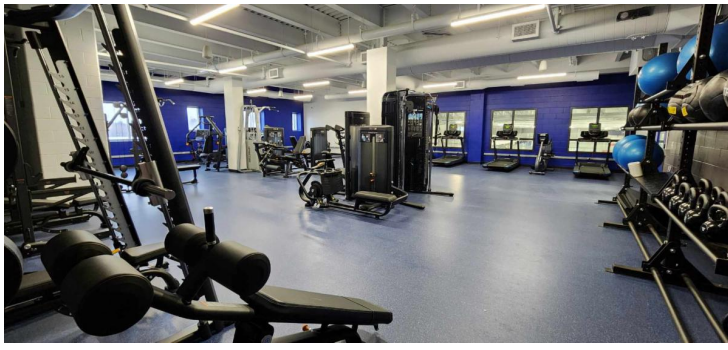
The gymnasium includes shock absorbing hardwood floors, high ceilings and will have free play opportunities for the public to use when the space is not being programmed or used by local groups. Programming started in the new Renfrew Home Hardware Gymnasium on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.

[Read more about the Renfrew Home Hardware Gymnasium](#)

## McGrimmon Holdings Fitness Centre Open







## HOW TO ACCESS THE FITNESS CENTRE

Key fobs for the McGrimmon Fitness Centre can be purchased from the customer service representative on site at the myFM Centre.

### COST FOR MEMBERSHIP

- The cost to use the McGrimmon Fitness Centre is \$12 for a daily drop in, \$50 for a month, \$125 for three months, \$225 for six months and \$350 per year. Passes for the new fitness centre will be available for the public to purchase starting Monday, February 26th, 2024.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

- The McGrimmon Fitness Centre will be open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and closed on holidays.

### HOW TO CONTACT STAFF

- Email: [recreation@renfrew.ca](mailto:recreation@renfrew.ca) or Phone: 613-432-3131 ext. 701.

[Contact for more information](#)

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## Events in Renfrew



# CULTURAL EXCHANGE EVENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9  
10AM TO 2PM @ MYFM CENTRE**



Join us in celebrating diversity, unity, and the richness of cultures at the first-ever Cultural Exchange Event, presented by the Town of Renfrew in collaboration with Local Immigration Partnership - Lanark & Renfrew.

## Engaging Activities for All Ages!

- Saturday, March 9, 2024
- 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- Community Hall – myFM Centre: 1 Ma-te-Way Drive

Free Admission

**MARCH BREAK CAMP**

Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15. **Ages 5-11**

**\$200.00/Week**

Drop Off: **8:30am**  
Pick Up: **3:30pm**

1 Ma-te-Way Dr, Renfrew  
**myFM Centre - Youth Centre**

LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE AT 4:15 PM FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE

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

## March Break Camp

Sign up now for the March Break Camp that runs from March 11 to 15 and is for ages 5 to 11. Explore nature, participate in sports, sledge hockey, arts and crafts and more!

**Sister Songs** Virtual Songwriting Sessions

Sister Songs is a gateway into the world of musical expression. Covering topics of harmonics, melody and sensory writing, Sister Songs is a beginners guide to crafting beautiful music. Hosted by songwriter and performer, May Davis, this program guides you towards crafting a song that you can be proud of through four weeks of songwriting fundamentals.

Fridays March 8 - April 12  
(No Class March 15 or 29)  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**\$140/4-Week Session**

- For Female-Identifying Individuals
- Ages 16+
- Virtual Classes through Zoom
- Basic Knowledge of an Instrument Recommended
- Registration Required

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Click [HERE](#) to register online.

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

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Building Thrive and Community

International Women's Day  
**WORKSHOP**

RECONNECT WITH YOUR INNER WOMAN

**\$45**  
+HST

Must Register

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Soul Searching Quest
- Empowerment Goals
- Femme Focus Goals
- Dream Building

Friday, March 8th  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
\*Doors open at 6 pm

myFM Centre  
Community Hall  
1 Ma-te-Way Dr., Renfrew

WILHELMENA HARDY  
Facilitator

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

### Empowering Women Workshop

Join facilitator Wilhelmena Hardy who will instruct you to engage in self-analysis, challenge your mindset, and unlock your full potential in a supportive and empowering environment.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

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



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**BADMINTON**

Home Hardware  
Gymnasium  
myFM Centre - 1 Ma-te-Way Dr.

**THURSDAY  
EVENINGS**  
Beginning March 7

**6:00 PM -  
9:00 PM**

**\$4.50/NIGHT**

Questions? Contact the Programs Team | [programs@renfrew.ca](mailto:programs@renfrew.ca) | 613-432-4848 x 118

### Badminton

Try badminton in the new Renfrew Home Hardware Gymnasium on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm. The cost is \$4.50 per night and drop-ins are accepted if spots remain.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

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

## Frewfest Winter Carnival a HUGE Success

The Town of Renfrew hosted the Frewfest Winter Carnival over the Family Day long weekend from February 17th to 19th, 2024. The Community Services Department had three full days of fun filled activities including horse drawn sleigh rides, puppet shows, scavenger hunts, the Zoo Crew, public skating and much more. Check out some of the pictures below.





# MARCH SKATE SCHEDULE

myFM Centre, 1 Ma-te-Way Park Dr. Renfrew

All skates will take place on Deslaurier Rink #1

- Friday, March 1, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm Senior & Tot Skate
- Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:30pm - 6:30pm Public Skate
- Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:00pm-3:00pm Public Skate
- Friday, March 8, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm Senior & Tot Skate
- Saturday, March 9, 2024 5:30pm - 6:30pm Public Skate
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:30am - 12:00pm Senior & Tot Skate
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:30am - 12:00pm Senior & Tot Skate
- Friday, March 22, 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior & Tot Skate
- Saturday, March 23, 2024 5:30pm - 6:30pm Public Skate
- Sunday, March 24, 2024 2:00pm - 3:00pm Public Skate
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 10:30am - 12:00pm Senior & Tot Skate
- Saturday, March 30, 2024 5:30pm - 6:30pm Public Skate




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# PROGRAM



# GUIDE



MARCH  APRIL  MAY

## Locations



- **myFM Centre**, 1 Ma-te-Way Dr.
- **Renfrew Public Library**, 13 Railway Ave.
- **Visitor Information Centre**, 190 Mask Rd.

### **\*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

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## 2024 Budget

The \$69.32 million budget was passed at the Council meeting on February 27th , 2024, and includes a tax levy of

\$11.1M for tax supported operating expenses, \$2.9M for water, \$2.7M for wastewater and \$52M in capital work. Water and sewer rates will increase by 2.5 percent with the Town portion of taxes to have a \$183.97 impact per \$100,000 in property assessment. Members of the public had the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions at the Public Budget meeting on February 20th, 2024.



## Town of Renfrew Budget Q&A

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 for Pre-Authorized Payments  
Here](#)

## Community Art Workshop & Mural





As part of the Town's Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives (CSMARI) project, **Jimmy Baptiste** of **Atelier Dopamine** has been engaged to co-create with the community for a mural inside of the Visitor Information Centre. Jimmy led a workshop on Wednesday, January 31st from 4-6pm at the Visitor Information Centre to collect themes, drawings, poems, words, and more from those who attended. The community will be invited to help with the start of the mural early in March before Jimmy himself will wrap up the mural in the middle of the month. Take a look at the first draft of the mural that will be designed in the Visitor Information Centre below!



[Read More About the Mural Project](#)

# Dominion, Lynn & Eighth St. Project Update



The Town of Renfrew hosted a drop-in public information centre for a watermain, sewer, sidewalk and road reconstruction project on February 7th, 2024. The proposed work is planned along Dominion Street, Lynn Street and Eighth Street. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the design of the project and identify what to expect during construction. Representatives from the Town and the design consultant were on site to discuss the project and to answer questions.

[Learn more about the Dominion, Lynn & Eighth Street project](#)

## Purchase Your 2024 Pet Tags

The Town of Renfrew, requires that all dogs and cats must be licensed and wearing a tag. By licensing your dog or cat, Animal Control services will make every effort to reunite you with your lost pet. Tags are valid from January 1st to December 31st.

[Purchase Pet Tags Here](#)

## Purchase Your 2024 Burn Permits

Burn permits are issued under the recreational open air burning by-law. The annual permits expire on December 31 of each year. Homeowners can apply for burn permits online by following the link below or by calling the Renfrew Fire Department at 613-432-2811 to set up an appointment during regular office hours (Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) when the Fire Chief or designate is available.

[Purchase Burn Permits Here](#)





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

For Town Departments please call:

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

Garbage and Co-mingled Recycling
Garbage and Fibre Recycling
<b>Leaf &amp; Yard Waste</b> Weeks of: Apr. 15, Apr. 29 & May 13 Weeks of: Oct. 7, Oct. 21 & Nov. 11 Leaf and Yard Waste pick up will occur throughout the scheduled week and may not correspond with your garbage/recycling collection day.
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Depot</b> OPENS: May 4, 2024 CLOSES: August 31, 2024

2 bag limit for residential properties.

Please have waste curbside by 7 am on the day of collection.

Please visit [renfrew.ca](http://renfrew.ca) for additional waste collection information.

Wednesday Dec. 25, 2024 pick up will occur on Tuesday Dec. 24, 2024

Thursday Dec. 26, 2024 pick up will occur on Saturday Dec. 28, 2024

Wednesday Jan. 1, 2025 pick up will occur on Saturday Jan. 4, 2025

## Council Corner

### January/February Council Meeting Summaries

During the months of January and February the Town of Renfrew hosted a series of budget meetings including a public question and answer session and was updated on

operations at the new myFM Centre in Ma-te-Way Park. Staff also discussed a mural project at the Visitor Information Centre, a change in hours at the landfill, and an update on the relocation of operations from the Recreation Centre on Argyle Street to the new myFM Centre Recreation Complex.



**Read Recent Council Meeting Summaries**





## Joint Police Service Board Recruitment

The Town of Renfrew is seeking applications from community members for a Joint Police Service Board. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) police services boards are responsible for determining objectives and priorities for police services, in consultation with the detachment commander, establishing local policies on police services, participate in the regular selection of the detachment commander, receive regular reports from the detachment commander and monitor the performance of the detachment commander.

Please send an expression of interest with your relevant experience and a current police record to Carolyn Errett - [cerrett@renfrew.ca](mailto:cerrett@renfrew.ca) or 613-432-4848. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

**Complete an online application**



# NOW HIRING SUMMER STUDENTS

- ✓ Summer Camp Leader
- ✓ McDougall Mill Museum Interpreter
- ✓ Reading Club Counsellor
- ✓ Records Management
- ✓ Household Hazardous Waste Depot Attendant
- ✓ Maintenance & Operations Assistant
- ✓ GIS Technician
- ✓ Tourism Information Officer



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

## A Message from the Renfrew Fire Department



Known as the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible odorless, colourless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards.

Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

**March with the Renfrew Public Library**



### **Climate Café!**

- Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM - Noon

### **Cultural Exchange Day**

- Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### **Myth Busting Gender Affirming Care**

- Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM **OR** 6:30 PM

### **March Break Madness**

*March 11th - March 15th*

- **LOOK UP, LOOK DOWN, LOOK ALL AROUND THE TOWN ALPHABET SCAVENGER HUNT!**
- **TINY ART CONTEST!**
- **TAKE & MAKE PACKAGES!**

### **TINY ART PROJECT**

- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - Noon

### **IT'S WONKA TIME!**

- Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

### **INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO!**

- Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

### **Literacy Programming For Little Ones:**

- Register for the spring session March 18th to 22nd.

*Register for library programs at:*



# Register for Renfrew Public Library Programs

## Updates from Community Partners



We are pleased to  
Welcome Guest Speaker  
**Dr. Denis Cauvier**

Who will be speaking on the  
topic of Business Resilience



The Annual General Meeting will immediately follow our  
Guest Speaker. Members are invited to stay for the AGM.

The 2023 Financial Statements, and the  
2024 Budget will be presented.

The 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors will be voted in.

[info@renfrewareachamber.ca](mailto:info@renfrewareachamber.ca) 613-432-4848 ext. 181

### RENFREW & AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BREAKFAST NETWORKING EVENT

Join us at themyFM Centre (Ma-te-Way), 1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive, Renfrew  
On Tuesday March 5, 2024, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

A Continental Breakfast will be available starting at 7:30 a.m.  
with Guest Speaker beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Tickets are \$30.00 per person**

Meet Dr. Denis Cauvier – Global Expert Leadership/Talent Management

During the last three decades Dr. Cauvier has spoken in-person or online to over 2.3 million people in 57 countries from small groups to audiences over 27,000 around the world and shared the stage with some of the biggest names in the industry. Denis is acknowledged internationally as a Global Talent Management Expert.

As President/CEO of three companies, Dr. Cauvier understands the realities, challenges & opportunities faced by senior executives in today's turbulent economy and has guided his clients through three previous global recessions. Dr. Cauvier is an Adjunct Professor with ESC Clermont Graduate School and IPAG University Business School. As a recognized global Talent Management expert Dr. Cauvier brings over 33 years of consulting experience from the field, researching and implementing the best business ideas, practises and case studies from around the world. He takes this global perspective and creates localized solutions for his audiences thus providing them with competitive strategic advantages. Denis creates practical methods of attracting; pre-screening, selecting, leading, developing, engaging and retaining exceptional people and was named YPO 2012 & 2013 Global Speaker Resource.



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# BUSINESS ADVISORY DAY

**MARCH 6**

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# Downtown Renfrew BIA 2024 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Mayor's Christmas Window Challenge Winner



## BIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2024-2026

The executive for the 2024-2026 Board Of Management was decided at the February 12th BIA Board Meeting.

**Chair: Ben Oakes (Sunlife)**

**Vice Chair: Lorraine Vincent (Haven Salon)**

**Treasurer: Mel Blimkie (A Sense of Country)**


**Director: Lisa Vincent (Ella's Keeping Company)**

**Director: Jenna Blair-Parachoniak (Megram Consulting)**

**Council Representative: John McDonald**

**Council Representative: Jason Legris**

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