



Renfrew

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November 2023

TOWN OF RENFREW
NEWSLETTER



Council Approves New Logo for Renfrew

The Town of Renfrew is rolling out a new logo and branding materials. The new branding was developed in collaboration with Syntax Strategic Marketing, whose President and CEO is from Renfrew.

“We are excited to unveil the new branding for



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the Town of Renfrew,” says Mayor Tom Sidney. “The logo has an updated look and reflects the growth and modernization in our community while highlighting our rich history.”

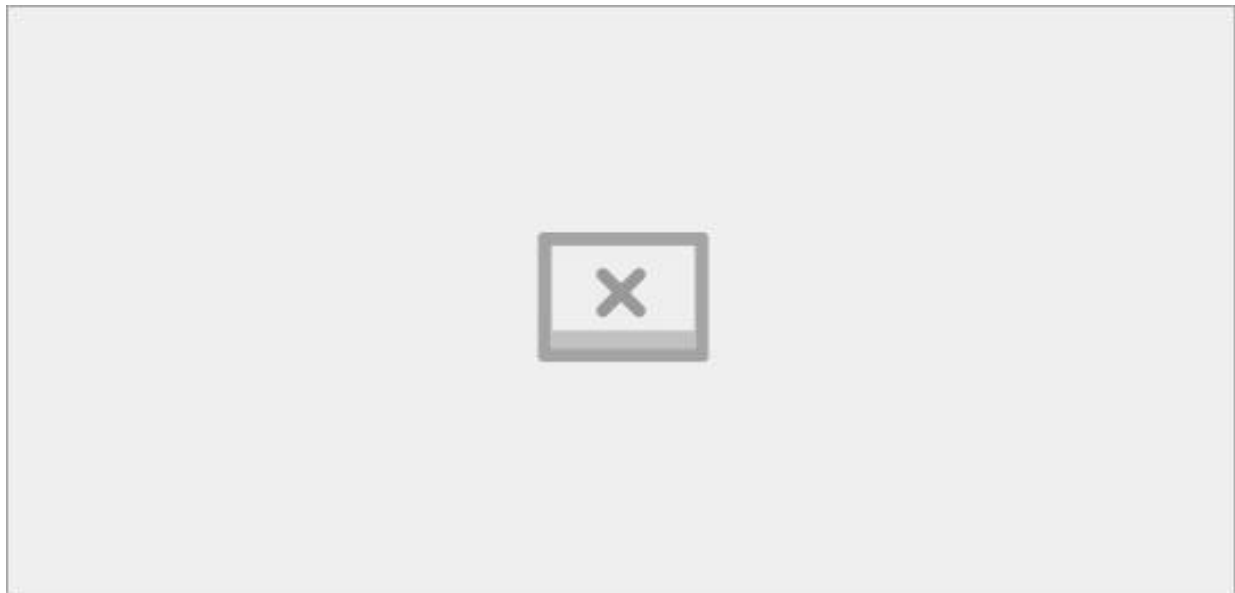
The branding initiative started with a survey in July 2023, circulated to members of Council, staff, and representatives from the local business community. Based on feedback received, Syntax presented concepts to committee members in August, followed by a public survey in September.

“The changes to our visual identity will continue to enhance civic pride and create a brand that attracts visitors, new residents, employers and investors,” says Reeve Peter Emon.

The official motto for the Town of Renfrew will remain “Let It Flourish”, with the new slogan “Bridging Charm and Convenience.”

“The new logo and branding will start to roll out in the coming months,” says CAO Robert Tremblay. “The wayfinding sign concepts will be phased in over several years with feedback from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.”

The use of the revamped logo, slogan, wayfinding signage concepts and branding was endorsed by Renfrew Town Council on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023.



[Read More About the New Logo and Brand Here](#)

First Snowfall of the Season in Renfrew



It didn't last long, but Renfrew saw the first snowfall of the season.

On October 30th, 2023, a light dusting of snow covered the Town.

Winter maintenance staff and snowplow operators are ready for the season!

Renfrew Remembers





Renfrew in Remembrance Day Video

The Town of Renfrew was featured in a Remembrance Day ceremony. The Royal Canadian Legion was in Renfrew back in August to film part of the video.





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Register your float before Thursday, November 23

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Start Time 6:00 pm

The parade will leave from the Renfrew Armouries, and travel downtown Renfrew on Raglan St. S. before ending at Munroe Ave.

Visit Renfrew County Voices who will be set up along Railway Ave. starting at 4:00 pm:

- Candy
- Hot Chocolate
- Renfrew Polar Express Float
- Collecting Letters to Santa
- Heaters on site

Warming Station 5:30-7:30 pm
Community Living (326 Raglan St. S.)

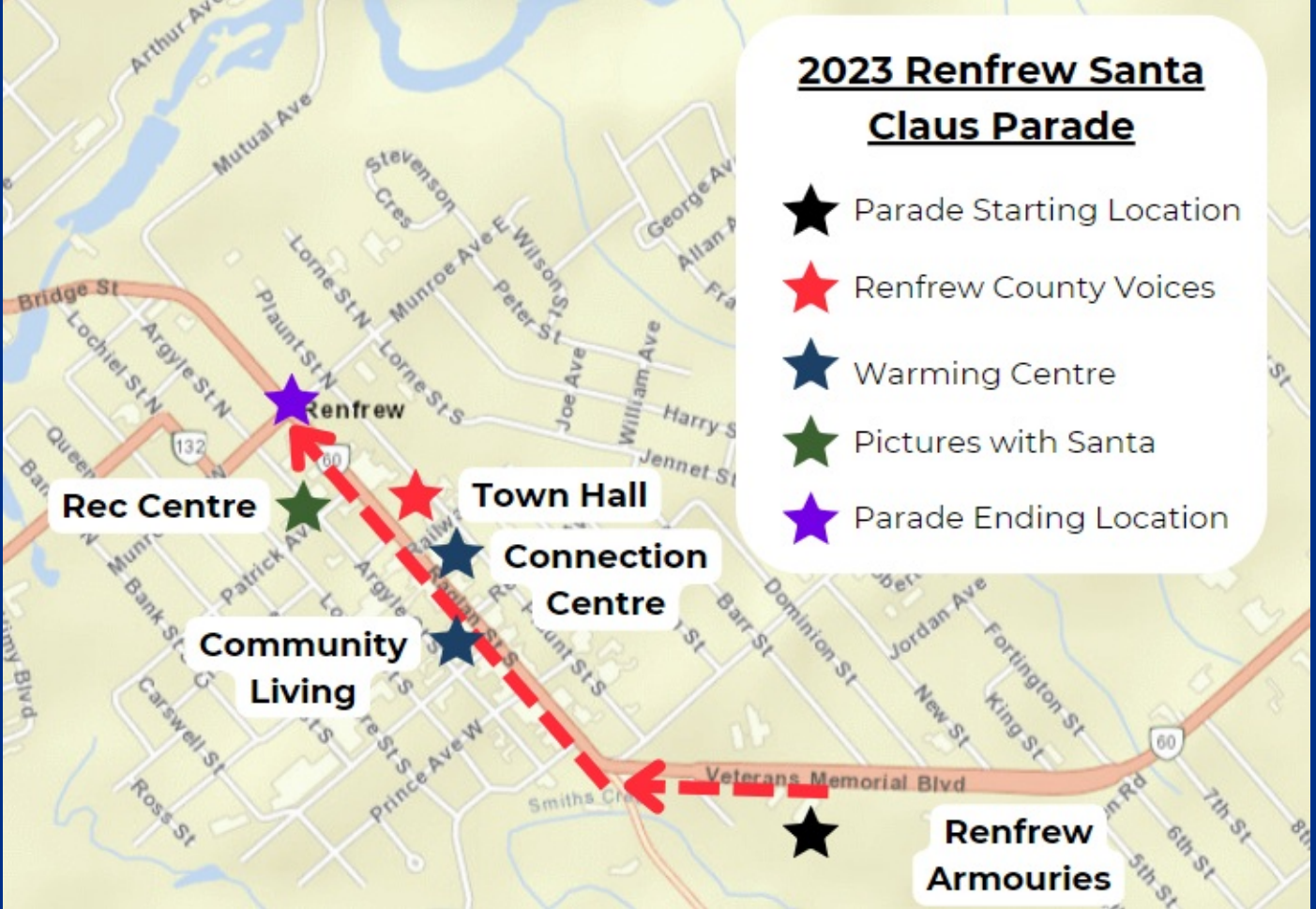
Visit with Santa following the parade at the Recreation Centre (67 Argyle St. S.) until 9:00 pm:

- Pictures with Santa
- Colouring and Crafts
- Goodie Bags
- Hot Chocolate
- Collecting Letters to Santa
- Collecting donations to Renfrew & District Food Bank



2023 Renfrew Santa Claus Parade

- ★ Parade Starting Location
- ★ Renfrew County Voices
- ★ Warming Centre
- ★ Pictures with Santa
- ★ Parade Ending Location



[Read More About the 2023 Renfrew Santa Claus Parade](#)

Workshops in Renfrew

FREE

African Roots Dance

Saturday, December 9
10:00 am - 11:45 am
myFM Centre
1 Ma-te-Way Dr.

Dancercise with Olga

Monday, December 11
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Recreation Centre
67 Argyle St. S.

Essentrics® with Kimberly

Tuesday, December 12
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Recreation Centre
67 Argyle St. S.

Dance/Fitness Workshops

African Roots Dance, Dancercise and Essentrics classes are available in Renfrew.

[Click HERE to register online.](#)

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ORNAMENT MAKING

WORKSHOPS with Collette Budden

- Sculpt
- Mold
- Cast

Visitor Information Centre
190 Mask Rd

ADULT ONLY Thursday, December 7 6-8 pm \$35/registration	CHILD & ADULT COMBO Sunday, December 10 2-4 pm \$45/registration
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Questions? Contact Janyne jfraser@renfrew.ca 613-432-4848 x118

Ornament Making

Adult only class December 7th and all ages class on December 10th, 2023, at 190 Mask Road, Renfrew.

[Click HERE to register online.](#)

You can also register in person at
the Recreation Centre. Or call
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Sunday, December 31, 2023

2024 NEW YEAR'S EVE Masquerade Dinner & Dance

 **myFM Centre**
1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive, Renfrew

New Year's Eve Masquerade Dinner & Dance

DATE: Sunday, December 31, 2023

LOCATION: Upstairs Hall at myFM Centre, 1 Ma-te-Way Drive, Renfrew

- 6:30 pm Doors Open
- 7:00 pm Roast Beef Buffet Dinner by Schmidt's Catering
- 8:30 pm Live Music with Richmond Ramblers Band

Tickets are \$60/each. Limited tickets available. Half of the tickets are already gone!
Must pre-purchase before event.

Purchase your tickets at the following locations:

- Renfrew Town Hall, 127 Raglan St. S.
- Renfrew Recreation Centre, 67 Argyle St. S.
- Renfrew Public Library, 13 Railway Ave.

Questions? Contact Janyne Fraser

jfraser@renfrew.ca

613-432-4848 x 118



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**Free Skating in
December at the
myFM Centre**

1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive, Renfrew

www.renfrew.ca



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WINTER 2023/2024

PROGRAM

GUIDE

DECEMBER ❄️ JANUARY ❄️ FEBRUARY



Register Online:

app.univerusrec.com/renfrewpub/courses/



Call:

613-432-4848 ext. 118



Visit:

Recreation Centre-67 Argyle St. S.



Email:

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**

Construction/Roads Update



Joffre/Haig/Dufferin

Project considered substantially complete with minor clean-up to be completed in Spring 2024.

Approved Budget: \$2.9M

Project to be approximately \$200,000 below budget.



Maloney Road Culvert

Project considered substantially complete with minor clean-up to be completed in Spring 2024.

Approved Budget: \$713,013.67

Project to be approximately \$100,000 below budget.



Gillan Road Rehabilitation

Project considered substantially complete.

Approved Budget: \$749,871.69

Project to be approximately \$50,000 below budget.



Lochiel/Argyle

Minor clean-up taking place before winter shut-down.

Approved Budget: \$11.5 million

Project on budget with target completion in Fall 2024.

Provide Feedback on Some Ongoing Projects

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SURVEY



Renfrew

YOUR OPINION

MATTERS

Provide feedback on the Town of Renfrew strategic plan, including the mission, vision and corporate values.

SURVEY OPEN

until
Dec. 1, 2023



www.renfrew.ca

Strategic Priorities Survey

Provide feedback on the Town of Renfrew strategic plan, including the mission, vision and corporate values. A public survey is available. Please submit responses by December 1st, 2023.

**Strategic Priorities
Survey**



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Community Support, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Initiatives Project

VIRTUAL FOCUS GROUP



Online via Zoom



Dec. 1st, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.



Register online at www.renfrew.ca

The Town of Renfrew is launching a Community Support, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Initiatives Project. The project is being led by the Town of Renfrew Community Services Department in partnership with Kate Monahan from The Quiet Guiding Company and Becky Wright from Milestone Consulting.

Virtual Focus Group

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“The Town of Renfrew is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming community,” says Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney. “This initiative will help make Renfrew a safe, welcoming and accepting community for all.”

As part of the project, a three-year plan will be created to guide the town and create awareness around anti-racism, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. This initiative will also include staff training, community programs and an art project.

VIRTUAL FOCUS GROUP

DATE: December 1st, 2023

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Virtual via Zoom

“By engaging local residents and stakeholders, the Town of Renfrew will develop short and long-term strategies to align with priorities that have been identified by community members,” says Director of Community Services Kelly Thompson. “The focus groups will present an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts on what makes a welcoming community and highlight strengths and challenges currently experienced in Renfrew.”

The Town of Renfrew is grateful for grant funding received through Heritage Canada to undertake the Community Support, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Initiatives Project.

Virtual Focus Group



Photo Credit: Local Immigration Partnership - Lanark & Renfrew

Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon sole nominee for 2024 County of Renfrew Warden

Town of Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon has been nominated for a second consecutive term as the Warden for the County of Renfrew. The Warden fulfils the role as head of council. During the 2024 term, the Warden intends to continue pressing ahead on key issues of importance to County Council and the residents of Renfrew County.



“It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve as Warden. My fellow councillors have been and continue to be very supportive,” Warden Emon said. “They work hard, contribute ideas, passion and energy to seeking resolutions and solutions which will benefit our community.”

Nominations for Warden closed on November 10, 2023, and no other members of County Council put forth their name as a candidate for the position. Warden Emon has served in municipal government for 35 years and has recently been able to dedicate more time to the job since retiring from a 40-year career as a public servant in community services. This will be his sixth term serving as Renfrew County Warden.

[Read More Here](#)



Ontario Making Progress to Widen Highway 17 Between Renfrew and Arnprior

The Ontario government has completed the first phase of work to widen Highway 17 from two to four lanes between the Town of Renfrew and Arnprior, with the opening of a new interchange at Calabogie Road. Work completed in Phase 1 of the project included building a new interchange to carry Calabogie Road traffic over Highway 417, a new carpool lot north of the highway, access roads and new ramp connections.

"The completion of this interchange is great news for Renfrew County and demonstrates that our government is serious about making travel easier for the 14,000 drivers who rely on this stretch of Highway 17 every day," said John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

The next phase includes building three more interchanges and widening 22.5 kilometers of Highway 17 from Scheel Drive to three kilometers west of Bruce Street

[Read More About the Highway 17 Expansion Project Here](#)

Are you tired of having food scraps stink up your garbage bin?
Too cold to use your backyard composter?
Have houseplants that you need to buy fertilizer for?
Looking to reduce your Environmental Footprint?
Want to get a great deal?

Get a Food Cycler Appliance from the Town of Renfrew!



At the click of a button the Food Cycler Appliance turns most food waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment for your houseplants or garden.

Offer available to residents of the Town of Renfrew.

Resident cost is \$175+HST (65% off retail).

For more information contact the Town of Renfrew at 613-432-8166x307 or email aspringer@renfrew.ca



Council Corner

October/November Council Meeting Summaries

Council approved new branding materials and the use of a new logo, received updates on work required at the landfill, approved a

community improvement grant for a new business, received updates on the strategic plan and more. Follow the link below to read recent Council meeting updates and summaries.



[Read Recent Council Meeting Summaries](#)

A Message from the Renfrew Fire Department



Firefighters Association Collecting Donations During Santa Claus Parade

The Renfrew Professional Firefighters Association will be walking in the Santa Claus parade on December 2nd, 2023. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. and monetary donations will be collected for the annual boot drive with donations going towards the

Renfrew snowsuit fund. Any donation no matter how big or small makes a difference for the little ones in need in our community. Walkers will be on both sides of the street. Also be sure to watch out for Santa who will be catching a ride with the Renfrew Fire Department!

Winners of the Renfrew Fire Department Colouring Contest Announced

The Renfrew Fire Department recently held a colouring contest that was open to all ages!

The contest ran during the month of October.

Director of Emergency Services and Renfrew Fire Chief Mike Guest congratulated the two winners at the Fire Hall, located at 152 Plaunt Street South.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the contest.



Congratulations Maddy - Age 8



Congratulations Hazel - Age 2

Check Out the Renfrew Fire Department Facebook Page



Renfrew Public Library Update

We have an exciting lineup of events for you to enjoy at the Renfrew Public Library. Mark your calendars and join us for these fantastic activities. Check out a snapshot of some of our programs below:

Renfrew Santa Claus Parade

Date: Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown Renfrew

- Renfrew Public Library will be in the 2023 Santa Claus Parade! Catch us there to help celebrate the start of the holiday season, and Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!

White Ribbon Vigil

Date: Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Low Square, 127 Raglan Street South

- Join Renfrew Public Library and the Town of Renfrew as we come together at a candlelight vigil to honour the National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women. Featuring speakers from Bernadette McCann House. Candles will be available by donation, or bring your own. Warm drinks and resources will be available in the library afterwards. Pre-registration preferred, but not required.

Holiday Evening and Solstice Walk

Date: Thursday, December, 21st, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Renfrew Public Library, 13 Railway Avenue

- If you're musically inclined, bring your instrument and gather with fellow music enthusiasts for an informal jam session. It's an opportunity to improvise freely, share your talents, and have a great time making music together.

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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