

*September 2023*  
**NEWSLETTER**



**New Play Structure Open at Ma-te-Way Park**



The new play structure at Ma-te-Way Park in Renfrew is officially open. Through the Commemorate Canada – Reopening Fund, the Town of Renfrew received \$129,000 in grant funding to support the installation of the new play structure.

Mayor Tom Sidney says, “The Town of Renfrew is grateful for the financial support from the Government of Canada for this new park that has a number of accessible features.”

In addition to features like an accessible swing, the new play structure equipment also includes a zip-line, multiple slides, monkey bars, a rock-climbing wall, a look-out tower, interactive activities for children, and more.

Councillor Jason Legris, the Chair of the Fire, Recreation and Community Services Committee, says, "This equipment will benefit our community for many years and it's wonderful to see families already out and enjoying the new play structure."

The play structure opened for the public to use on Saturday, September 9th, 2023.



## Clerks Department Offering Marriage Ceremonies at Renfrew Town Hall

The Town of Renfrew Clerks Department is now offering marriage ceremonies.

Clerk Victoria Charbonneau says, “The first wedding at Town Hall took place on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and we are excited to offer this service for anyone looking to get married.”

Civil ceremonies will be conducted by a Marriage Officiant of the Town of Renfrew. Couples wishing to be

married in Renfrew must have an Ontario Marriage License issued by the Town of Renfrew or another Ontario municipality.

The ceremonies take place at the Town of Renfrew municipal office located at 127 Raglan Street South in Renfrew, Ontario, and can be held Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. subject to the availability of the Marriage Officiant. The fee for a marriage license is \$125 for residents and \$150 for anyone who is not a resident of Renfrew. The cost to have a wedding at Renfrew Town Hall is \$250 plus taxes and that covers staff time and resources needed to facilitate the ceremony.

Two witnesses are required to be present during the ceremony and if you do not have a witness, the Town may be able to provide them for the ceremonies conducted at Town Hall. Up to 25 guests can be accommodated in the Council Chambers for marriage ceremonies and the couple is welcome to supply flowers.

Anyone looking to start the process of getting married can email **cerrett@renfrew.ca** or call 613-432-4848 and ask to speak with someone from the Clerks Department. Additional information is available online at





## Puck Drops on 2023/24 Season for Renfrew Wolves

Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney and Councillor Kyle Cybulski were on hand to help drop the puck at the home opener for the Renfrew Wolves.

[Get more information here.](#)

*photo credit: Renfrew Wolves/Facebook*

## Battle of the Valley - Friendly Wager Between Renfrew and Pembroke

Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney and Pembroke Mayor Ron Gervais have entered a friendly wager called the “Battle of the Valley” that will consist of a best of five series this season between the Renfrew Wolves and the Pembroke Lumber Kings.

Whichever team prevails will see the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Reeve from the losing side wear their opponent’s jersey to the next possible Council meeting.

The two Mayors agreed to do the friendly wager for the first-time last season with the Renfrew Wolves winning the best of five series.

**BATTLE OF THE VALLEY**

**WOLVES** RENFREW **VS** **PEMBROKE LUMBER KINGS**

The winner of the best of five season series will see the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Reeve from the losing side wear their opponent's jersey to the next possible Council meeting.

[Read more about the Battle of the Valley](#)



## Renfrew Town Council Proclaims September 22nd as Recovery Day

Recovery Day supports individuals with substance use disorders, looks to remove barriers of stigma and discrimination, demonstrates positive outcomes, and celebrates the many diverse pathways to increased wellness.

[Read more about Recovery Day in  
Renfrew](#)

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## Fall Hydrant Flushing

The Town of Renfrew is conducting valve turning and hydrant flushing from October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The work will take place overnight for ease of access to the valves from traffic, to not disrupt peak water usage times and to keep water discoloration issues at a lower risk. As part of the routine maintenance, the hydrants will be opened to discharge water and clear watermains. This procedure ensures that all hydrants and valves are working properly and identifies other problems that may be present. The areas that could potentially see water discoloration are:

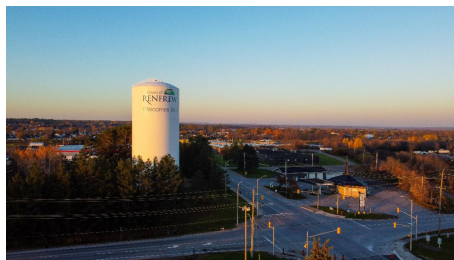
- Raglan Street South
- Arith Boulevard
- Pine Avenue
- York Street
- Colerain Drive
- Buckridge Crescent
- Simpson Avenue
- Grant Boulevard
- Masey Crescent
- James Crescent
- Vanier Crescent
- James Avenue
- Wade Avenue
- Centennial Drive
- Opeongo Road

**NOTE:** Residents are asked to refrain from running washing machines or dishwashers when flushing is taking place nearby. You may notice brownish sediment in the water. To clear this brown water, let a COLD WATER tap run for a short period of time until clear water returns. Please DO NOT use your

hot water until you have clear water again. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Development & Works at 613-432-8166. The Town of Renfrew thanks you for your co-operation.

## Important Dates for Renfrew Residents

- Property Tax Due Date: October 31st, 2023
- Water/Wastewater Due Date: October 16th, 2023



## New Tandem/Plow Truck

While winter is still a few months away, the Town of Renfrew Public Works department is excited to have received their new tandem/plow truck!!

## Upcoming Events and Activities

### The Kairos © Blanket Exercise

This FREE training lead by The Circle of Turtle Lodge will help us to educate local people about the true history of this area. It is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**Tuesday, September 26**

1:00 pm-4:00 pm



Scan to register.



### Creating Your Own Land Acknowledgment

This FREE training lead by The Circle of Turtle Lodge via Zoom will discuss the local history, and participants history for each individual to create their own land acknowledgment.

**Thursday, September 28**

1:00 pm-3:00 pm



Zoom Link



National Day for

**TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**



**Orange Shirt Day**





Alexa Robbins



Kayla Robbins



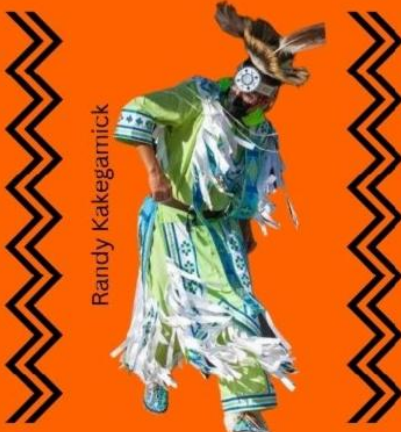
Sonny Robbins

11 AM-  
12 PM

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
30



Spirit Wolf Singers



Randy Kakegamick

**Ma-te-Way Park**  
1 Ma-te-Way Drive, Renfrew, ON

Outside by Kallies Pavilion.  
Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.



EVERYONE WELCOME



**BUSSING AVAILABLE**

From Town Hall to Ma-te-Way Park at:  
10:00 am, 10:20 am, 10:40 am.

\*Accessible bus at 10:30 am



## Free Skating at Ma-te-Way

Enjoy some FREE SKATING at the Ma-te-Way arena.

**All skates are free and do not require registration.**

### Seniors & Tots Skates

- Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Public Skates

- Saturdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**FREW & TOBER**  
 Craft Beer & Food Truck festival  
 RENFREW, ONTARIO  
 2023



**21 OCTOBER 11AM - 9PM FREE ENTRY**

**FOOD VENDORS ✦ CRAFT BEER/SPIRITS ✦ LIVE MUSIC**

**LOW SQUARE - DOWNTOWN RENFREW**

Town of **RENFREW**  
 ONTARIO - CANADA

**PA DAY CAMP**  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Ages 5-11 years old  
**Drop Off** 8:30 am  
**Pick Up** 3:30 pm  
 \*Late pick up option of 4:15 pm for additional charge.

**\$40**

Recreation Centre  
 67 Argyle St. S.

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



**PA Day Camp**

The Town of Renfrew has you covered on Friday, October 6th, with

Town of **RENFREW**  
 ONTARIO - CANADA

**PICKLEBALL**  
 NON-COMPETITIVE, FUN, & SOCIAL

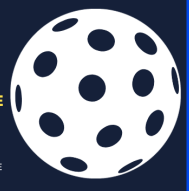
**\$2 + HST**  
 2-HOUR SESSION

**MONDAY AFTERNOONS**  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25-  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

**GYMNASIUM-RECREATION CENTRE**  
 67 ARGYLE ST. S. RENFREW

THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO PLAY IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE SPORT, OR IF YOU LIKE TO PLAY RECREATIONALLY. COME GET SOME EXERCISE AND SOCIALIZE!

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



**Pickleball**

Play pickleball at the Renfrew Recreation Centre on Mondays from



a PA Day Camp.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

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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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OVCATA OTTAWA VALLEY CYCLING AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE

Town of **RENFREW** ONTARIO • CANADA

# 10 KM

**WALK** 

**RUN** 

**CYCLE** 

Sunday  
October 15

**10:00 am Registration**

 **Ma-te-Way Park**  
1 Ma-te-Way Dr. Renfrew

  
**HOSPICE**  
RENFREW  
CARE COMFORT COMPASSION

10 km is primarily on the two trails in Renfrew: **Millennium Trail**, and **Algonquin Trail**.  
Enjoy a BBQ following your trek! \$10-Entry Fee donated to Hospice Renfrew

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

Cows on Hall Avenue!



Have you seen the cows on Hall Avenue? We sure have! The Town of Renfrew is aware that a small herd of cows are roaming the grass and fields around Deslaurier Custom Cabinets on Hall Avenue. By-law has been notified and have brought this to the attention of the owner of the animals. Drivers are encouraged to be careful in the area and report any cow (or other animal concerns) to Municipal By-Law Enforcement Services (MLES) at [bylaw.mles@gmail.com](mailto:bylaw.mles@gmail.com) or 613-281-3773.

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## Garbage & Recycling in Renfrew

NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR MAGNET MAILED IN AUGUST



# 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](mailto:help@toppsenv.com)

For Other Departments please call:

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.



**The Renfrew Landfill will be closed  
Saturday September 30, 2023  
in observance of the  
National Day for Truth  
and Reconciliation**





# poop Happens!



Do your duty and  
clean up after your pet



-  1. oooooops...
-  2. please don't leave me
-  3. put the bag on your hand
-  4. take the poop
-  5. tadaaam!
-  6. throw away

**Important step!** 

Pet waste bags dispensers now conveniently located in  
Downtown Renfrew. Find them in front of the Post Office  
and in front of Scott's Hardware.

Help keep our community clean and beautiful!

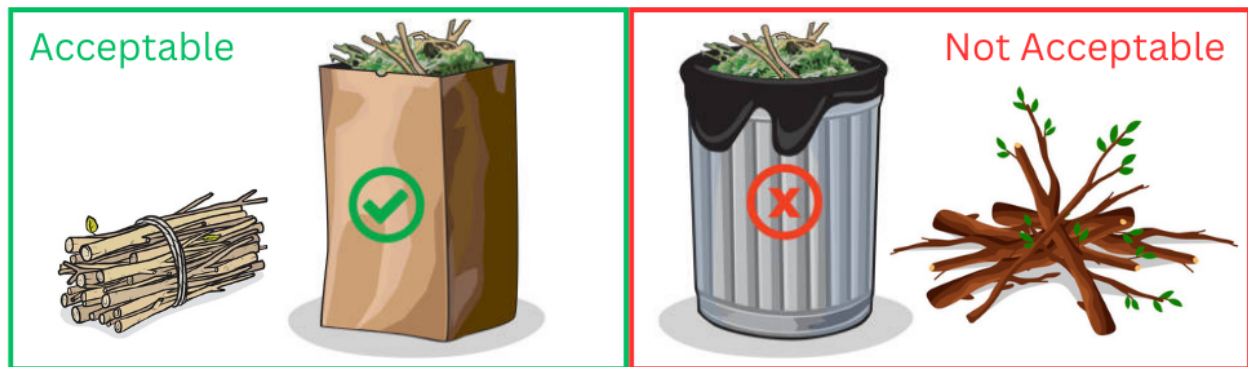


# CURBSIDE LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICK-UP

will occur the weeks of October 9th,  
October 23rd and November 6th.

Pick-up will occur throughout the week and may not correspond with your garbage and recycling pick-up day.

Acceptable yard waste containers include biodegradable paper bags and bound bundles that do not exceed 1.5 m (5') in length or 0.6 m (2') in diameter. Leaf and Yard waste material cannot exceed 25 mm (1") in diameter and bags or bundles cannot exceed 50 lbs. Un-bundled branches and twigs will not be collected. Please have your yard waste at the curb by 7 am on Tuesday of the pick-up week.



Leaf and Yard waste is accepted at the Renfrew Landfill year round

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Limited  
Spots  
Remaining!



Turn your food waste into a nutrient rich soil amendment  
with a Food Cycler appliance.

Residents of the Town of Renfrew are invited to participate in a 12 week in-home waste diversion study using a Food Cycler appliance.

Why should you participate?

- Reduce your environmental footprint.
- Produce a nutrient rich soil amendment for your plants and gardens.
- Reduce the amount of odours from your kitchen garbage.
- Produce less garbage.
- Get a food cycler appliance for ~60% off the retail price. The appliance is yours to keep after the study is complete!

For more information  
contact Renfrew  
Environmental Services:  
Phone: 613-432-8166x307  
Email: [aspringer@renfrew.ca](mailto:aspringer@renfrew.ca)

or visit [renfrew.ca](http://renfrew.ca)  
(search for "food cycler")

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Provide Feedback on Some Ongoing Projects



# **PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

## **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

and

## **Waterfront Master Plan**

Wednesday October 25, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Renfrew Visitor's Information Centre

190 Mask Road, Renfrew

Help us shape the future of Renfrew's Parks, Recreation and Programming



## **Notice of Surplus Property**

The Town of Renfrew has provided notice of the potential surplus and future sale of 210 Ready Avenue and Town owned property on Seventh Street as per Section 2 of the Sale and Disposition of Surplus Land Corporate Policy. The Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee is recommending Renfrew Town Council declare the lands as surplus to the Town's needs and to proceed to sale through an Expression of Interest process.

**Surplus Properties  
Report**

## **By-Law Services Review**

The Town of Renfrew is seeking public input into the provision of by-law services. Renfrew has a number of by-laws that are currently being enforced by a third party contractor, Municipal Law Enforcement Services (MLES). The Town is seeking public input on local by-law enforcement to review this service and determine how it will be provided in the future.

**Surveys are to be completed by  
September 29th, 2023.**

**By-Law Services  
Survey**





## Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) Town of Renfrew O'Brien Road (Highway 60) Reconstruction

### INTRODUCTION

The Town of Renfrew has retained Jp2g Consultants Inc. and BT Engineering Inc. to design the reconstruction of O'Brien Road (Highway 60), from Mask Road to Wrangler Road. The project is being completed with financial contributions through the MTO's Connecting Link funding program. The improvements will be in accordance with the recommendations of the previously completed Hall Avenue Environmental Assessment (EA) Study (2015), and the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Study (2022) which will include a roundabout at Innovation Drive/Wrangler Road/O'Brien Road intersection. The construction is scheduled to take place in 2024, in order to comply with the requirements of MTO's funding program.



### STUDY PROCESS

The roundabout at Wrangler Road/Innovation Drive/O'Brien Road (Highway 60) received environmental clearance from the Hall Avenue EA Study (2015). Projects that involve localized operational improvements and/or the construction of intersections and roundabouts within the existing right-of-way are exempt from the Municipal Class EA (2023) process. As such, formalized public consultation is not required; however, the Town is still going ahead and presenting the preliminary design to the public for comments.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE

The Town wants to ensure that anyone with interest in the projects has the opportunity to provide input. An in-person PIC is being held as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Renfrew Visitor Information Centre  
190 Mask Road, Renfrew, ON K7V 3Z4

There is an opportunity at any time during the Class EA process for interested persons to provide comments. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (S.37). Personal information you submit will become part of the public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

For more information or if you wish to be placed on the study's mailing or emailing contact list, contact either:

**Steve Webster P.Eng., Consulting Engineer**  
**Vice President**  
**Jp2g Consultants Inc.**  
12 International Drive  
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5  
Phone: 613-735-2507  
Email: [stevew@jp2g.com](mailto:stevew@jp2g.com)

**Connor Jamieson, C.Tech.**  
**Project Manager**  
**Town of Renfrew**  
127 Raglan Street South  
Renfrew, ON K7V 1P8  
Phone: 613-432-8166  
Email: [cjamieson@renfrew.ca](mailto:cjamieson@renfrew.ca)

# Council Corner

## August/September Council Meeting Summaries

Renfrew Town Council has received updates on water and wastewater, the development of an urban provincial park, Caboose Day in Renfrew, reviewing lighting at the swinging bridge 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



Fire Prevention Week  
Oct. 8-14, 2023

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

[Learn More About Fire Prevention Week](#)



# Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.™



**FIRE  
PREVENTION  
WEEK™**

**fpw.org**

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## Renfrew Fire Department New Facebook Page

The Renfrew Fire Department has a new Facebook page!  
Be sure to like and follow the page for updates.

**Check Out the Renfrew Fire Department Facebook  
Page**



# Renfrew Public Library Update - October 2023

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

## **League of Occasional Gamers, October 12th, 4:00 – 8:00 PM: Settlers of Catan**

- Get ready for an exciting gaming experience at the League of Occasional Gamers event! Join in the featured game of the night Catan and 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.

## **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet Club Special Guest, Thursday September 28th, 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!

## **Community Activity Days, Tuesdays starting October 10th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

- At Renfrew & Area Connection Center: 161 Raglan St. On a weekly rotation starting October 10th there will be games, art practice and discovery at the Connection Center for adults. Snacks will be provided too! Brought to you by Community Living Renfrew, Renfrew & Area Connection Center and the Renfrew Public Library. (Please register ahead)

## **Ontario Culture Days, October to November**

- Sidewalk Chalk: (In Front of the Library) Tuesday October 3rd, 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Community Haiku: (Library Study Room) Thursday October 5th, 1:30 – 2:30 & 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Saturday Film Club: (Library Program Room) October 14th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: The Bookkeepers

## **Halloween Pumpkin and Mask Decoration, Tuesday October 24th, 3:00 – 4:00 PM**

- Teens can stop by, make a mask for Halloween and pick up a pumpkin to kick off our pumpkin decorating contest!

## **Pizza, Pies & Puzzles, Saturday October 28th, 12:30 – 2:30 PM**

- Join families in the challenge of consuming a large pizza, eating a pie,



drinking a large pitcher of beverage plus building a 300-piece puzzle!  
(Please register ahead, family teams of 4 members)

To register for a program, visit [www.bookwhen.com/renfrewpl](http://www.bookwhen.com/renfrewpl) or email [info@renfrewlibrary.ca](mailto:info@renfrewlibrary.ca) or call 613-432-8151 ext. 603.

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