



Quality of Life

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Modern Conveniences With Small Town Charm

Set in the heart of the Ottawa Valley, Renfrew is a friendly, affordable community with much to offer people of all ages.

Surrounded by pristine forests and waterways, it offers a sanctuary from hectic everyday life to its nearly 9,000 residents. The quality of life offered here makes it a desirable place to call home – from top level government services, health care and education, to recreation, sports and entertainment.

Monitoring the streets of Renfrew and surrounding area in vehicle and on foot patrol is the Ontario Provincial Police Renfrew Detachment, with two offices in town. These officers help make Renfrew one of the lowest crime-rate communities of its size in Canada. Rounding out Renfrew's security

squad are our full-time and volunteer firefighters, running a 24-hour operation.

When it comes to health, Renfrew's superb medical services are here to provide you with the care you need. The Renfrew Victoria Hospital has been serving our community for over 100 years and currently has over 20 Physicians and 25 clinics specializing in everything from ophthalmology to pediatrics.

There is full diagnostic support within the hospital including staff radiologists, as well as a state-of-the-art dialysis unit. Our land ambulance service is ready to respond to any emergency situation. We also have a helicopter pad on hospital grounds for patients needing transport by air ambulance to receive the best possible care.

Quail Creek Retirement Centre provides its residents with personal and housekeeping needs while Bonnechere Manor and Groves Park Lodge Nursing Homes have round-the-clock bedside care.

A new addition to Renfrew is our Hospice which provides 24-hour end-of-life nursing care to people who are experiencing life-threatening or terminal illness.

Well-trained teachers and superior programs ensure that Renfrew's school system opens minds to the world. With two school boards (Catholic and public), Renfrew has four elementary and two high schools. Elementary schools are in close proximity to residential areas and street-crossing guards are on duty daily to ensure safety.



Quiet neighbourhoods



Family entertainment



Historic churches

Renfrew has over 12 different religious denominations, each with their own place of worship. Walk through any of the area's churches and unlock the history of the town. Many are still the original structures from when the town was founded.

There are more than 100 retailers in Renfrew to cater to every consumer need, including familiar franchise operations and unique specialty shops. Businesses include consignment shops, fashion, grocery stores, hardware and building supply stores, and Renfrew even has its own chocolatier!

The town acts as the commercial hub for the area, not only drawing residents from the surrounding communities, but also from nearby Quebec towns and villages.

Founded in the early 1800's, Renfrew is steeped in heritage and tradition. Our McDougall Mill Museum, gracing the banks of the Bonnechere River, holds three floors of artifacts, many from Renfrew's early Industrial days. Situated in O'Brien Park, the museum overlooks the town's historic Swinging Bridge, one of only two remaining in Canada.

Another historical site is the O'Brien Movie Theatre, which first opened in 1930. It contains a world-class sound system, an ornate interior and luxurious seating.

With its opening almost 80 years ago, the theatre attracted national attention and remains an important centre of entertainment for the community. In addition to serving light refreshments, showing the latest films on the market and hosting a bi-monthly film club, the O'Brien Movie Theatre is also home to Canada's largest still-operational theatre organ.

Renfrew offers many great opportunities for leisure, from golfing on one of the seven area 18-hole courses in the summer to skiing at Calabogie in the winter, to great fishing any season.

Our Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre is home to many sports, including skating, hockey, tennis and baseball. The Millennium Trail is great for walking, biking, jogging and cross-country skiing. Or you can stop by the Curling Club or join a volleyball league.

If you're looking for a pick-up game of basketball, try the Recreation Centre. You could even work out at one of our many physical fitness centres. If it's simply playtime you're looking for, bring the kids to any of our area playgrounds, or cool down at the Splash Pad.

If you're looking for something a little quieter, why not stop by the Renfrew Public Library; one of the busiest spots in town, used and enjoyed by many. It also provides state-of-the-art

computer equipment, meeting space, reference material and has an active children's library on the lower floor.

For a sense of community, a chance to meet people, and the opportunity to explore your interests, why not join a group, service club or organization? Take part in one of the many arts and crafts clubs, take extra courses at one of the schools, act in the Renfrew Little Theatre or go on picture excursions with the Photography Club.

When it comes to community service and charitable works, residents of Renfrew are quick to join in, donate or volunteer their time to helping others. It is a tradition with long roots, reaching back to 1859 when the Masonic Lodge was founded in Renfrew. The Oddfellows, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Horticultural Society, Lions Club, Lionettes, Kiwanis, Kinsmen, Kinettes and the Renfrew Legion quickly followed.

Today, Renfrew has a group, service club or organization for everyone. For those interested in working with children, you can become a Big Brother or Big Sister, a Brownies and Guides leader or Cubs and Scouts leader.

So if it's a safe and close-knit community with strong values, affordable living and quiet neighbourhoods you're looking for, Renfrew is the place for you.



New homes on gracious lots

Small town hospitality with urban amenities



Modern elementary and high schools