



Quick Facts

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All About Renfrew

HISTORICAL

- ▶▶ The Town of Renfrew celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008.
- ▶▶ Renfrew was named after a town in Scotland, and was originally called Renfrewville.
- ▶▶ Town founder M.J. O'Brien and son Ambrose created the NHA, the precursor to today's NHL.
- ▶▶ Renfrew was a logging and mining town that began to flourish with the arrival of the railroad in 1872.
- ▶▶ Every 25 pound shell Canada supplied to the First World War came to Renfrew to be filled with explosives developed here.
- ▶▶ Dr. Charlotte Whitton, the first female mayor of a large Canadian city (Ottawa) was born in Renfrew.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- ▶▶ Renfrew is home to one of the two only remaining swinging bridges in Canada.
- ▶▶ Every fall the Renfrew Fair comes to town – as it has done for over 150 years. It is one of the oldest fairs in the country.
- ▶▶ Storyland and Logos Land are two area family parks with rides, slides and adventures for kids of all ages.
- ▶▶ The historic O'Brien Movie Theatre has the latest releases and is home to Canada's largest operational theatre organ.
- ▶▶ Annual celebrations include: Canada Day, the Santa Claus Parade, Rural Ramble, the Bluegrass Festival and more. There is a festivity for every season!
- ▶▶ The local farmers market runs from late June to October and features everything from fresh produce to home baking.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

- ▶▶ Renfrew is surrounded by over 2,500 km of groomed snowmobile trails.
- ▶▶ There are two premier ski resorts nearby, a curling rink located in town and ice-fishing is a local favourite pastime.
- ▶▶ Boat, camp, waterski, fish or swim in one of the over 4,000 waterways around Renfrew; it is the vacation destination!
- ▶▶ For the avid golfer, Renfrew is the place to be with two prestigious 18-hole courses and many more in the surrounding area.
- ▶▶ The Ottawa River is known as the mecca of paddling. There are two different channels and dozens of rapids with many resorts and campsites along the river.
- ▶▶ The Bonnechere Caves is an amazing natural wonder located a short-drive from Renfrew with caves full of fossils.



Historic McDougall Mill Museum



Annual festivities mark each season



Whitewater Rafting

SERVICES

- ▶ **Restaurants and Accommodations:** From fine dining to fast food, Renfrew has a wide array of restaurants perfect for business meetings or family gatherings. There are also a number of hotels, motels, suites, b&bs and even housing available for short and long-term stays in the area.
- ▶ **Meeting Space:** There are a number of venues that provide meeting space for large or small gatherings including local hotels, town hall, the library, area churches and more.
- ▶ **Library:** With Internet, fax, photocopy, reference services and meeting space, the Library provides modern information resources along with an extensive collection of adult and children's books, movies and CDs.
- ▶ **Fire and Police:** Renfrew is policed by the O.P.P. with two offices in town with a fleet of cars and along with marine equipment to patrol local waterways. The Renfrew Fire Department has a team of full-time and volunteer firefighters, modern equipment and is located in the centre of town in the Renfrew Fire Hall.
- ▶ **Health Care:** The Renfrew Victoria Hospital, with over 450 staff, state-of-the-art equipment and a recent expansion, provides quality health care including many specialty clinics and a dialysis unit.
- ▶ **Media:** Get all the local news through the Renfrew Mercury newspaper, Cogeco Cable television or on the air with MyFM radio.
- ▶ **Clubs:** There is a group for every interest here from the Camera Club to Kiwanis, the Lions Club to the Renfrew Art Guild.
- ▶ **Education:** There are two local school boards, each with a high school and two public schools in town. Both boards also have rural schools and adult education.

LABOUR FORCE AND UTILITIES

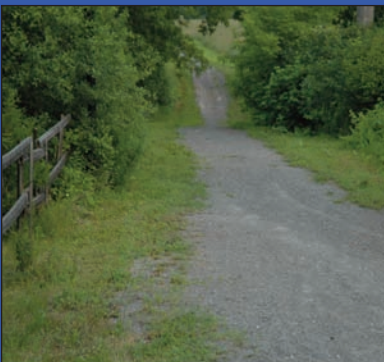
- ▶ **Employers:** There are well-established businesses employing hundreds of workers here along with smaller industries and businesses offering speciality services. Times Fiber, Estate Hardwood Flooring, Magellan Aerospace Corporation and ETM Industries are just some of the major local employers.
- ▶ **Skilled Workforce:** From the skilled trades to university-educated, the workforce in Renfrew is diverse, trained and talented. For those looking to hire to those looking for work, a perfect match can be made.
- ▶ **Entrepreneurship:** Opportunity abounds here with the Renfrew Industrial Commission, Renfrew County Community Development Corporation, Enterprise Renfrew County and HRDC all here to help businesses start and grow.
- ▶ **Industrial and Commercial:** The Renfrew Industrial Park, located in the east-end, is home to numerous new businesses and is expanding rapidly. There are still many business opportunities available in the industrial and commercial sector from serviced land to commercial and industrial buildings to lease or own.
- ▶ **Real Estate:** New home construction is at an all-time high. Affordable real estate, beautiful new and established neighbourhoods and a central location make Renfrew a desirable place to call home.
- ▶ **Water and Sewer:** A newly built water and sewage treatment plant services the town with users charged for water in and out.
- ▶ **Hydro:** Hydro electricity is distributed by Renfrew Hydro with 10% by Renfrew Power Generation and 90% by Hydro One.
- ▶ **Government:** Local levels of government include the municipality of the Town of Renfrew, the regional government of Renfrew County, and an elected MPP and MP.



Tennis at Ma-Te-Way Park



Town Hall in Lowe Square



The Millennium Trail



Children's Splash Pad



Renfrew Public Library



Industrial land and buildings are available