



## Modern Conveniences with Small Town Charm

Surrounded by pristine forests, farmland and waterways, Renfrew is a friendly, affordable community to its nearly 8,000 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.

**Emergency services:** The Ontario Provincial Police monitor the streets, trails and waterways of Renfrew and area, helping to make Renfrew one of the safest communities of its size in Canada.

The Renfrew Fire Department, which staffs 11 full-time and 12 volunteer firefighters, runs a 24-hour operation from its well-appointed Fire Hall in the downtown core. The department is complete with two modern pumper trucks, a 75-foot ladder truck and a heavy rescue unit.

**Health care:** 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 and a state-of-the-art dialysis unit. Our land ambulance service, staffed with both Primary and Advanced Care Paramedics can respond to any emergency, and we have a helicopter pad at the hospital to address air ambulance transfer needs.

Quail Creek Retirement Centre provides its residents with personal and housekeeping needs, while the Bonnechere Manor and Groves Park Lodge Nursing Homes have round-the-clock bedside care. A recent addition to Renfrew is our Hospice, providing 24-hour end-of-life nursing care to people experiencing life-threatening or terminal illness.

**Education:** 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 a total of five 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.

**Churches:** There are over 10 different religious denominational churches in Renfrew, each with a unique history of service to the community.

**Commerce:** Renfrew enjoys robust activity as the commercial hub for the area, drawing residents from adjacent communities and from nearby Pontiac County in Québec. There are more than 100 retailers in Renfrew catering to every need. Shoppers are attracted to the vibrant, tree-lined main street and to the new large retail outlets along O'Brien Road. Renfrew is "open for business!"





**Historical sites:** Founded in the early 1800s, Renfrew is steeped in heritage and tradition. The McDougall Mill Museum in O'Brien Park overlooking the 1896 swinging bridge over the Bonnechere River holds three floors of artifacts, many from Renfrew's early Industrial days.

The O'Brien Movie Theatre opened in 1930, and contains a world-class sound system, an ornate retro interior and modern seating. In addition to showing the latest films and hosting a bi-monthly film club, the theatre is also home to Canada's largest operational theatre organ managed by the Ottawa Theatre Organ Society.

**Recreation:** Renfrew is an accommodation and service centre to many great leisure and adventure activities found in the area, from white water rafting and kayaking at the world-famous Ottawa River rapids or golfing on one of the eight area 18-hole courses to skiing at nearby Calabogie Peaks, Pakenham or Mount St. Marie in Quebec. There's great fishing in any season. Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre is home to many sports, including skating, hockey, tennis and baseball. The Millennium Trail along the historic Ottawa, Arnprior, and Parry Sound Railway right-of-way is great for walking, biking, jogging and cross-country skiing.

The options are endless: from organized league sports like baseball, volleyball or hockey to dropping in at the Recreation Centre, a fitness spa or the public summer splash pad, Renfrew is a fun place for children and adults alike.

The Renfrew Public Library provides state-of-the-art computer equipment, meeting space, reference material, and a quiet area reading room and has an active children's library and interactive programs.

**Community:** Community services and charitable activities are hallmarks of the Town of Renfrew, reaching back to when the Masonic Lodge was founded in 1859. The Oddfellows, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Horticultural Society, Lions Club, Lionettes, Kiwanis, Kinsmen, Kinettes and the Renfrew Legion followed suit over time and all continue with solid community service and support.

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, or you can take part in one of the many arts and crafts clubs, act in the Renfrew Little Theatre, go on picture excursions with the Photography Club or join the Art Guild.

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

