



## A “Top Quality Service” Kind of Town

Renfrew is home to nearly 8,000 people, all of whom benefit from a full range of services and utilities. It is also the shopping and service centre for thousands of others who live in surrounding communities.

### **Government Services**

The Town’s municipal affairs are headed a Mayor, Reeve and five Council members. Council meetings are held every second and fourth Monday and are open to the general public. The Renfrew Town Hall located in beautiful Lowe Square, is right in the centre of town, along with the local court house and one of the two Ontario Provincial Police stations.

Renfrew is in the provincial and federal riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the largest riding in the province of Ontario. Offices of the MPP and MP provide constituents with assistance on all issues that might be of concern, ranging from birth certificates and passports to taxation matters and government grants. Renfrew also has an Ontario Ministry of Transportation office, an Ontario Service Centre and a Human Resources and Skills Development Canada office to help its residents cope with life’s other challenges

Family and Children’s Services of Renfrew County administers locally for the Children’s Aid Society by managing the area fostering program and other services for families in need.

### **Emergency and Health Services**

Officers from the Renfrew Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have the 24-hour-a-day responsibility of patrolling the streets of Renfrew, the Renfrew section of the Trans-Canada Highway and its neighbouring areas. Renfrew is proud to be known as a comfortable and safe community.

Renfrew’s Fire Department, centrally located near Town Hall, has a team of over 20 full-time and volunteer firefighters. The team is equipped with two pumper trucks, a ladder truck, the Jaws of Life apparatus and a heavy rescue unit.

The Renfrew Victoria Hospital (RVH) has a medical staff complement of over 450 professionals, modern equipment and superior systems that provide quality health care to the area residents. RVH also has a full range of emergency and ambulatory services including a helicopter landing pad for incoming emergency patients or those needing airlift to Ottawa other communities. The hospital services include general day surgery, a rehabilitation centre, cardiology treatment programs, pulmonary diagnostics programs, a birthing room and a state-of-the-art CT scanner. The 14-station Dialysis Unit is staffed by two nephrologists, and helps to support satellite units in Pembroke and Barry’s Bay. There is also a Supported Housing/Assisted Living program that offers Renfrew’s seniors a safe, affordable alternative to residential care.





In addition to the hospital, the town has a diversity of health clinics, including chiropractors, physiotherapists, dentists and counsellors. Complementary service agencies located in the hospital area include the Bonnechere Manor, Groves Park Lodge, Quail Creek Retirement Centre and Hospice Renfrew.

The Renfrew County and District Health Unit provides additional health services to the area's individuals and families. These services include well-baby clinics, seminars, pre-natal classes and inoculation services. There is also a health nursing service available for at-home visits.

The Sunshine Coach Service is a valuable charitable organization that provides regular specialized transportation services to mobility challenged residents in Renfrew and the surrounding area. This organization provides access to local appointments, school, employment, shopping and recreational activities.

### **Education and Childcare**

Renfrew's schools fall under two County boards of education with five elementary schools and two high schools in town. Renfrew has a reliable day care facility as well as many qualified in-home day care providers.

Kids Corps is a satellite agency operating for the Ontario Early Years Centre. There is a full calendar of drop-in play dates, classes, special Mom and Baby programs, a book lending library and many other services.

### **Utilities**

The municipally-owned Renfrew Hydro on the Bonnechere River generates over 10 percent of the town's electrical power with the remainder coming from Hydro One, the provincial supplier.

Renfrew has a new water filtration and sewage treatment plant as well as regular curbside garbage and blue-box pickup services. The municipal landfill site includes a hazardous waste disposal area.

### **Local Services**

The 1930's era refurbished O'Brien Theater not only features all currently released films, but is also home to the only fully operational theatre organ from this period in Canada.

Each summer, the Renfrew Farmer's Market is open in the centre of town, drawing hundreds of people to stalls of fresh vegetables, honey and delicious country baking.

Renfrew has all of the professional and consumer services that one would expect to find in any modern town as the extensive Business Directory listing on the Renfrew Industrial Commission website attests.

