



Welcome to Renfrew — Come Live In Vacation Country

Surrounded by pristine countryside with hundreds of rivers and lakes, wide open fields, forests and incredible wildlife, Renfrew is a friendly, affordable place to live and work.

Only a short 40-minute drive from the nation's capital, Renfrew is nestled in the Ottawa Valley and boasts a quiet way of life, with the peacefulness of country living and all the conveniences of an urban lifestyle.

Renfrew's desirable locale on the Trans-Canada Highway 17 makes it an ideal place to call home or run a business.

With the recent four-lane expansion of the highway, Renfrew is an easy commute to Ottawa and is within easy shipping distance from Kingston, Montreal, Toronto and even the border of the United States.

CELEBRATING ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY in 2008, Renfrew has a long, proud and exciting history.

The area's first settler arrived in 1820, and in 1858 the town was officially founded by businessman, entrepreneur and railroad and lumber baron M.J. O'Brien.

O'Brien's success in the railroad sector was a natural tie to the lumber industry. He took advantage of the area's proximity to the nearby Bonnechere and Ottawa rivers to ship logs down the waterways and built railroads to transport the lumber.

He also loved hockey, and together with his son Ambrose, formed the National Hockey Association (NHA), which later became today's NHL. Thus Renfrew's distinguished heritage includes being the Birthplace of the NHL. The Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Maple Leafs both have roots in teams originally supported by the O'Briens, and the historic O'Brien Cup was the precursor to the Stanley Cup and is on display at the Hockey Hall of Fame. Ambrose O'Brien was also inducted in 1962, in recognition of his contribution to the game of hockey.

Built on this strong foundation and proud history, today Renfrew continues to grow and flourish.

THE RETAIL AND HOUSING SECTORS ARE BOOMING with new home and business development steady and strong. Still, Renfrew has retained its small-town charm with quiet, safe and friendly neighbourhoods.

There are more than 3,000 single-family homes in town on fully-serviced, landscaped lots and more are continuously being constructed. Housing prices are very affordable, giving those looking to buy the opportunity to own their dream home.





THE TOWN'S SERVICES ARE OF THE TOPMOST quality, including a state-of-the-art and centrally located hospital.

In addition to having over 100 treatment beds, the Renfrew Victoria Hospital answers all of the community and surrounding area's needs with a wide range of health care services.

RENFREW HAS A STRONG EMPLOYMENT BASE of skilled workers in sales, service, tourism, government, business and the trades. Entrepreneurship is encouraged and thrives here, with many new and expanding businesses complimenting the well-established industries and retail stores.

Shoppers can find everything they need in the commercial mall area and downtown. Wide sidewalks, flower boxes, benches and free weekend parking all ensure that shopping here is always a pleasure.

There are also many recreation and leisure options for those looking to get involved in community activities. Along with area clubs to join, there are sports teams for all seasons and service organizations like the Lions Club and Kiwanis.

ENTERTAINMENT ABOUNDs with fine dining, casual and family restaurants, the historic O'Brien movie theatre, bowling, music, art and many area celebrations and festivals.

Storyland is a great summer escape for families and draws crowds from across the country. Logos Land's amusement park and water slides are only minutes away, and the region is crisscrossed with snowmobile trails in the winter months.

Renfrew and area is renowned for its boating, camping and year-round fishing, and the downhill and cross-country ski facilities are breathtaking.

There are parks and playgrounds, baseball diamonds and tennis courts, soccer fields, running and walking paths, volleyball nets and outdoor skating rinks.

Renfrew is a great place to call home no matter what your stage of life; whether starting a family or ready to retire.

