

June 2018



[Chamber Office](#)

Town of Renfrew - Business Retention and Expansion

On Tuesday June 19, 2018, the Chamber attended the B R & E Task Force Retreat held at Batstone's Northern Ramble. A Preliminary Report was presented from the 35 businesses that completed the survey. The morning session was very informative with some great discussions amongst business owners and the Town of Renfrew. Working as a group, priorities were determined for Economic Development with an action plan and with target dates. Thank you to Victoria Thomas and the B R & E Leadership committee for pulling this information together and inviting the Chamber to attend the retreat. We look forward to the final report expected the first week of September 2018. I will forward more details of the Preliminary Report when the information becomes available.

Town of Renfrew - Economic Development - Downtown Development Open House

On Wednesday June 20, 2018, the Chamber attended a Downtown Development Open House at the Ma-Te-Way Centre. The evening started off with updates from Reeve Emon discussing the Hwy 17 Expansion & a Fibre Optics update. Updates were also given on Parks & Recreation and Infrastructure.

We were introduced to Rob Thompson Hotels who presented the Development Concept for the Post Office. A Boutique Hotel which will include suites and lofts built on the second and third floors of the Post Office, similar to ones built at the Kemptville Suites Boutique. The new owners ensured the attendees that the Post Office Heritage will be kept and maintained.

The next presentation was done by Rakan Abushaar owner of the former Bargain Shop space. The development concept presented was a mixed commercial - residential idea, which included an elevator being installed, retail rental space and a courtyard on the first floor, a Banquet Hall on the second floor. On the third floor there are plans to some apartments.

Stay tuned as more information is made available to the Chamber office. Exciting times ahead for Renfrew's Downtown corridor!

[Chamber Member News](#)

Renfrew Printing - New Ownership

Congratulations to Jean Hughes who has recently purchased Renfrew Printing.

Jean offers the following services:

Graphic Design, Commercial Printing, Faxing, Photocopying and Scanning.

Drop by the store at 173 Raglan Street South or call (613) 432-6449 or visit their website at:

<http://www.renfrewprinting.ca/>





An Offer from The Town of Renfrew

Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce members, I would like to share with you an advertising opportunity for Renfrew's Bluegrass Festival. We hope that you will consider sponsoring the Festival and using your Event pass to come out and enjoy this wonderful festival and be part of making it great. Event passes are \$80 for entertainment from July 12 – 15.

SILVER

Investment: \$250 plus HST

BENEFITS

- Logo on event poster and flyer
- Logo on event program
- Logo on the sponsor page of the event website
- Event Pass (1)

GOLD

Investment: \$500 plus HST

BENEFITS

- Logo on newspaper advertising
- Logo on event poster and flyer
- Logo on event program
- Logo on the sponsor page of the event website
- Logo on thank you ad
- Event Passes (2)



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The Renfrew Mercury

The Renfrew Mercury, in conjunction with the Town of Renfrew will be filling 1,000 tote bags to hand out at the 2018 Bluegrass Festival, being held at Ma-Te-Way July 12-15th.

Aside from the Explore book, Town of Renfrew Map and the Renfrew Passport, I will be accepting other marketing material or products until Tuesday, June 26th at 3pm.

Interested participants can contact me at 613-432-3655 or email me at stephanie.jamieson@metroland.com

You can also drop the items off to the Renfrew Mercury office located at 35 Opeongo Road until the 26th.

Stephanie Jamieson
Advertising Consultant



State of the Economy

In this edition of [5 Minutes for Business](#), our Chief Economist, Trevin Stratton, Ph.D., examines Canada's economic performance up to the mid-point of 2018 and considers what the latter half of the year might have in store for us. Trevin examines such topics such as tariffs, trade talks, pipelines, and electoral change.

The good news is that the economic growth we've experienced seems like it'll continue. The bad news is that, as predicted in our [Crystal Ball Report](#), the uncertainty in regards to certain economic issues is weighing on business investment. Canada's economic performance in the first half of 2018 demonstrates that one of the few certainties in today's economy is an enduring state of uncertainty. Read [5 Minutes for Business](#) to find out more.

For more information, please contact [Trevin Stratton](#), Ph.D., Chief Economist.

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Chamber Office



Would you like to host a Networking Event and showcase your business? Contact Gail at the Chamber office to discuss moving forward with your networking event.

tel. (613) 432-7015 or info@renfrewareachamber.ca

Do you have a Facebook page, or a special event taking place? Let the Chamber office know. Social media is a fantastic way to spread the word for events!, and we will help spread the word!

Like us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/RenfrewAreaChamberofCommerce/>

*******A Final Notice will be sent to members who have not paid their 2018 Membership Fees*******
Membership fees can be paid by Cheque, Debit, and Credit Card.

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Please keep the Chamber office updated with any changes in your business.

Have you moved locations, have a new email, new contact person etc. It is important to keep up to date on your membership so that you receive up to date information from your Chamber.

Community Events

Downtown Renfrew presents

SATURDAYS *in the* SQUARE

family friendly events & activities

Join us at Low Square!

May 5- The Great Downtown Garage Sale

May 12- Mothers Day in the Square & Raffle* (10am)

May 19- Downtown Amazing Race* (10am)

May 26- Plant a Garden* (10am)

June 2- Art In the Square with the Renfrew Art Guild

June 9- Yoga in the Square w/RO (10am)

June 16- Fathers Day in the Square & Raffle* (10am)

June 23- Free Movie at O'Brien Theatre (10am)

June 30- Carnival Games (10am)

July 7- Saturday Science (10am)

July 14- Music in the Square

July 21- Superhero Training Day (10am)

July 28- Board Games & Bingo (10am)

August 4- The Water Olympics (10am)

August 18- Ice Cream Saturdaes (1pm)

August 25- Yoga in the Square w/RO (10am)

September 1- Back to School Bash (10am)

*Please Register in advance to ensure supplies.
Events are free but small purchases may be available.

Events are subject to change, and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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*Please Contact Kevin or Kym Cherry
to register or for sponsorship information.*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 	3	4 1:30pm - 3:30pm Savvy Communication Are we saying and understanding the same thing?	5 1:00pm - 3:00pm Resume 101 Learn to do it yourself	6
9	10	11 1:00pm - 3:30pm Interview Empowerment Techniques to prepare you for a successful interview	12 9:30am - 11:30am Health & Safety Training Complete WHMIS 2015 and WH&S in 4 Steps online	13
16	17	18 10:00am - 2:30pm Smart Serve Certification (1/2 hour lunch break) <i>*25.00 Fee</i>	19 9:30am - 11:30 am Job Search Basics for Job Seekers 50+ Update your job search approach	20
23	24 9:30am - 11:00am SC Info Session Find out if this program can help you train for a new career	25 1:30pm - 3:00pm Accessible Customer Service Standard Training Online certificate training on employer service standards and assisting customers with disabili-	26 1:00pm - 3:00pm Resume 101 Learn to do it yourself	27
30	31 9:30am - 11:00 am Online Job Search For Beginners Where do I start? Where do I go?			See reverse side for this month's workshop descriptions.



Call **ontrac** to Register!
231 Argyle Street South, 2nd Floor, Renfrew
613-432-3424 www.getontrac.ca



1 Innovation Drive, Renfrew, ON K7V 0B5
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Renfrew & Area Health Services Village is a non-profit organization whose mandate is to recruit Family Physicians to Renfrew & Area.

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