



Chamber News

September 2012

ABOUT US

- Since 1908, the Renfrew & area Chamber of Commerce has been an active and progressive
- non-profit voluntary organization promoting the civic, commercial, industrial and tourist development progress of this great community.
- The Chamber is a catalyst and a volunteer organization where business and professional people work together for the common good.
- Year-round promotion of Renfrew and the area as a destination for tourist and busi-



SPOTLIGHT ON

Tammy Logan— Manager



Mayor's breakfast

Working TOGETHER; today & tomorrow



COME & MEET YOUR MAYOR

As elected officials, you have their commitment to provide quality service, To tax fairly, to spend prudently and to manage wisely. You also have their commitment to work together in the best interest of our community and work together in the spirit of cooperation, honestly and with integrity, because the residents of Admaston/Bromley, Greater Madawaska, Horton and Renfrew deserve nothing less. The goals of each township are to carry on with improvements to services, attract new businesses, encourage visitors and provide an exceptional quality of life to all who live, work, and play in our wonderful community.

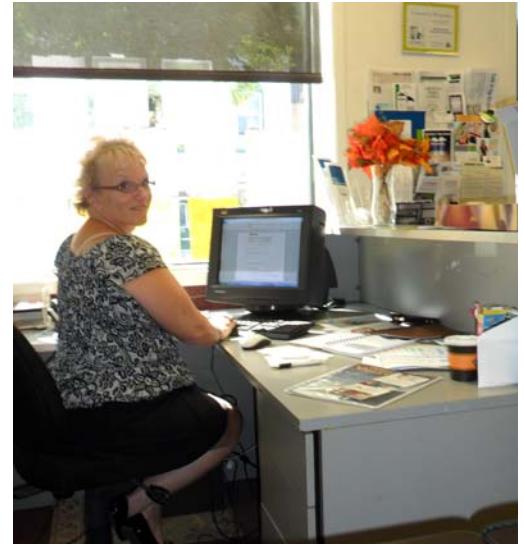
Please register before September 21, 2012
\$15.00 for members / \$20 for non-members
(613) 432- 7015 info@renfrewareachamber.ca

September 25, 2012 8 a.m.
Rocky Mountain House, 409 Stewart Street Renfrew



WELCOME

The Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce two new employees. Co-op student from Opeongo High is Natasha Wright And Bev Wilson who is with us for a 6 month contract though the JCP Program.



With the cost of gasoline rising ...As a Chamber member you can apply today.
Save 3.5 cents per litre on fuel costs

Imperial Oil is pleased to offer the opportunity for employees of Canadian Chamber of Commerce member businesses to enroll in the Esso Business Card program.

The Esso Business Card program is a convenient and secure way for your employees to control and manage fuel expenses.

This program offers a rebate of 3.5 cents per litre on fuel purchases at over 1,850 Esso stations across Canada!

462 CHENAUX RD, RENFREW, 344 WHITE LAKE RD ARNPRIOR , 1412 PEMBROKE ST. PEMBROKE

Call the Chamber office at (613)432-7015 or visit <http://www.essofleetoffers.com/CHAMBER> to apply.

A TASTE OF GERMAN OPERA

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE RENFREW & AREA HEALTH SERVICES VILLAGE
AN INCOMPARABLE FOOD & MUSIC EXPERIENCE

KATHLEEN RADKE, SOPRANO
RORY MCGLYNN, TENOR
NICK RODGERSON, PIANO

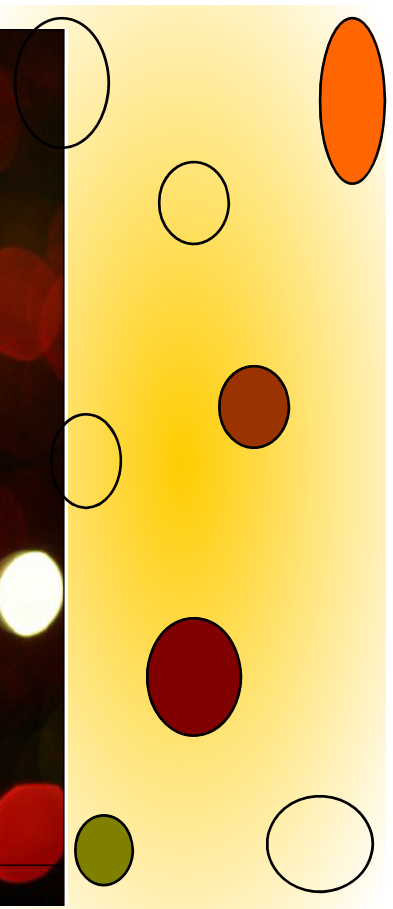
OCTOBER 11, 2012
6:30 PM

TICKETS ARE \$120 PER PERSON
**BEVERAGES, TAXES AND GRATUITY ARE NOT INCLUDED*

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
CASTLEGARTH RESTAURANT & FOOD SHOP
90 BURNSTOWN ROAD
WHITE LAKE, ON K0A 3L0

(613) 623-3472

INFO@CASTLEGARTH.CA



Funding data is starting point for nation-wide discussion

Last February, Don Drummond reached for his sledgehammer, not his scalpel, when he delivered his blunt message that “business support programs are fragmented and lack clear and coherent objectives.” This fragmentation of business funding programs has historically made it difficult for governments to track funding allocation and outcomes, and this has in turn resulted in government funding being largely left out of the public discussion on how to grow an innovation economy.

Like most OECD-style economies, Canada relies on a mix of public and private sources of capital to support corporate growth and R&D. We often speak of venture capital to support business growth, but public funding is omitted from the discussion despite its important contribution to the economy.

According to Industry Canada, last year \$1.51 billion was invested in 504 companies through VC activity—in contrast, a single program, the Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED), provided approximately 25,000 companies with \$3.5 billion to finance R&D.

Public sector funding programs are overlooked because they have been so difficult to quantify or even find. The Funding Portal has tackled this issue for Canadians by creating a national funding portal and expert funding service. Appropriately, it was built by the private sector, which has the most to gain from more streamlined access to this funding.

We now know, for example, that Canada has some 4,000 programs disbursing about \$24 billion each year to support business growth and R&D—about 20 times more than the Canadian VC marketplace.

Last winter the Commission on the Reform of Ontario’s Public Services published a Report, commonly referred to as the Drummond Report, on public service performance in the Province. When it came to industrial support programs, the Report was critical of the “hodgepodge” of business funding programs spread across several ministries.

“This creates significant challenges for tracking and evaluating program costs against outcomes. As data on outcomes are often poor and inconsistent, it is unclear whether the programs are achieving any economic benefits for Ontario,” the Commission indicated in the Report.

On this point the Drummond Report mirrored the previous findings of the federal Jenkins Panel Report on federal support for R&D: “Canada’s landscape of programs that support business innovation is densely populated ... but many programs are not as well known to businesses as they should be.”

Earlier this summer, The Funding Portal launched a suite of Data and Analytics products to allow government and industry to obtain custom reports on Canada’s \$24 billion public funding marketplace. These reports are of interest to industry associations developing industry pre-Budget “asks,” to industry players seeking information on funding per industry sector or location, and to government to improve accountability for these substantial investments of taxpayer funds.

FedDev Ontario, a federal government Agency aimed at strengthening the southern Ontario economy, has now taken the initial step in leading the way for government as the first agency to acquire funding data from the Portal.

Now that reliable tools exist for quantifying Canada’s industrial support funding, this previously murky marketplace can form part of the public dialogue. Understanding what governments invest in today is the logical starting point for a dialogue about whether governments should spend more.

In spring 2013, The Funding Portal will launch The Funding Summit, an annual forum for government and industry, punctuated by the release of the Portal’s Annual Report. Let the dialogue begin

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21

Renfrew Chamber 9 & Dine
Renfrew Golf Course
Call (613)432-7015 to register

September 21 to 27th

Smile Cookie Campaign
Tim Horton's
(both Renfrew Locations)
Proceeds to Renfrew & Area Senior Home Support



September 29 & 30

Festival of the Senses
In and around the villages of
Calabogie & Burnstown
Www.festivalofthesenses.ca

September 29 & 30

Madawaska Valley Studio Tour
www.madawaskastudiotour.com

September 22

25th Anniversary Celebration
A hot buffet live entertainment and
fun casino and celebrate the 25th
year. Advance Tickets available at
Aikenhead's Drug Store and Home
Support.
AFAC Wing 433, 164 Argyle St., S
\$15.00

October 1

National Senior's Day
Senior drop in at the Chamber of
Commerce office from 10-2
161 Raglan St. S.
Renfrew, ON
Coffee & Cookies FREE draw.

November 10

Hoot for Hospice
More details to follow

November 16

Cougars Conquering Cancer Annual
Dinner/Dance Fundraiser
Co Co Jarry's



TWILIGHT HEALING CIRCLE

On September 23rd all of you with great energy, love and intention can join us at the swinging bridge in the park for an opportunity to feel and send good thoughts to people you know who are

suffering in anyway.

Listening to people today there seems to be a great deal of distress, trauma and sadness, so with the help of many people and their good intentions, energy and prayers transition/transformation can be made easier for all types of concerns.

Believing in the law of attraction is one of the reasons this is being organized. The power of love is so amazing. Collectively through our energy we can make a difference for a whole lot of people.

Let's make a difference. Believe!

All drummers welcome

When: Sunday September 23 at 7:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday September 30)

Where: The park at the swinging bridge in Renfrew

If you need more information please call

Diana Wakely at 433-3635 or Mary Etmanski at 432-5322



Begin your Autumn adventures with the Rural Ramble

Nature's tapestry sets the stage for the annual Rural Ramble - a free self-guided driving tour set against the beautiful backdrop of Autumn in the Ottawa Valley.

You'd be hard pressed to find a more beautiful place than the Ottawa Valley in the fall. One of only two regions in the world with the unique combination of climate and topography that results in brilliant fall foliage, the Valley is a magnificent place to enjoy throughout the autumn months. Glorious colours and crisp, cool weather make it an excellent season for exploring the countryside.

The Rural Ramble is a celebration of rural living at its best. Every year thousands of visitors flock to the region to bask in the glow of the brilliant fall colours and experience the Ottawa Valley first hand. The 2012 Rural Ramble will be a free online event, running from September 1st to October 31st, allowing Rural Ramblers to customize their own fall touring experience!

We welcome you to wander our website, select the Rural Ramble sites that interest you the most and plan your very own personalized Rural Ramble Route. The Rural Ramble is the perfect opportunity for the cultivation of new friendships and Valley hospitality. Come back to the countryside with us!

2012/2013 Tourism, Hospitality and Retail Labour Force Study

Is your business having an issue with finding the right employees or retaining employees? In the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Finance data projects the shortfall in the availability of workers in Ontario to reach an estimated high of 1.8 million by 2031, depending on our level of population growth. Without effective action at the local, provincial and national levels, we will face a future with large numbers of unskilled workers looking for jobs that require skills they do not possess, and a large number of jobs that will go unfilled.

In order to address this issue in Eastern Ontario, the 1000 Islands Region Workforce Development Board, Labour Market Group of Renfrew & Lanark, and the Government of Canada are working together with associations and organizations such as the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) to identify future employment requirements, specifically in the Tourism, Hospitality and Retail industries, and to use this information to develop solutions to potential skill shortages.

As a valued member of the OVTA, we would appreciate your participation in this process by completing a short questionnaire, available online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TourismRetail_LabourStudy

The questionnaire will take approximately five minutes to complete. The information generated from responses such as yours will help identify skilled occupations within the industry along with current and future employment needs in the counties of Renfrew and Lanark. A public awareness campaign to inform youth and the general public of these projected employment opportunities will follow.

Please keep in mind that the information collected as part of this study will be held in strictest confidentiality, rolled up into aggregate form and will not identify any single employer in the region.

Thank you once again for your participation in this project. By working together, we can help meet the current and future employment needs of your industry.

OVTA & The Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark Counties



Buy a cookie. Help make a difference.

From Sept. 21st to Sept. 27th, 2009, buy a **Tim Hortons Smile Cookie** for \$1.00 and the entire proceeds will be donated to local charities!



All participating stores only

25th Anniversary

You are invited to celebrate

Renfrew and Area Seniors' Home Support's

*25th Anniversary
of service to the local community*

*Join us for a Hot Buffet,
live entertainment and fun casino (no money exchanged)*

*Saturday September 22nd, 2012
at the AFAC Wing 433
164 Argyle St. S*

*Reception: 6:15 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.*

Tickets \$15.00 each

*Tickets available at Aikenhead's Drug Store or
Home Support Office
Reserve tickets by calling 613-432-7691*

Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday September 18th, 2012



The OVTA, in partnership with the Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa and the Petawawa Civic Centre, are pleased to offer the following two workshops for tourism business members and stakeholders on **Tuesday, September 25** in Petawawa:

Volunteer Recruitment & Management

As we know, volunteers are the heart and soul of most organizations and events and many of us face similar challenges when it comes to recruiting and managing volunteers. In this session, participants will learn about various recruitment methods, common barriers to volunteering and strategies to avoid burnout and keep volunteers coming back.

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

The new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act came into effect on October 17, 2011, and provincial changes are expected to be proclaimed this January. All federally and provincially registered not-for-profit organizations will be required to ensure compliance with the new acts. Learn about what these changes mean for you and your organization.

Costs (all fees include lunch, breaks and HST):

Half Day (1 workshop) = **\$54.17**

Full Day (both workshops) = **\$71.46**

Full Day (RCMN Members only) = **\$59.94**

(RCMN is offering each museum a \$10 subsidy when you register for the full-day workshops. Offer valid for one attendee per museum. Additional attendees must register at the regular full-day rate.)

<http://guestlistapp.com/events/122979>

The Renfrew Curling Club is proud to announce it is hosting the Tim Hortons Masters Provincial Championship from Wednesday, January 9th to Saturday, January 12th. Both Men's and Women's teams from regions all over the province will be competing for the 2013 title. Needless to say, there will be tremendous excitement, attention and exposure during the four-day competition.

The organizing committee is seeking sponsors for this wonderful opportunity for the club and the community. Sponsorship will play a key role in making the 2013 Master's an unqualified success.

Call Chris Buckley to see how you can play a direct role in the community.

613-433-1780

Tim Hortons Provincial Masters Championship

Hosted by; The Renfrew Curling Rink

January 9th - 12th, 2013

95 Xavier Street

Renfrew, Ontario

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