April 2014

Chamber News

AGM Report

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual General Meeting on March 25, 2014. Outgoing President Rob Campbell noted that 2013 was a successful & busy year and Chamber membership increased. He also noted that four new committees were added to the Chamber: Executive Committee, Membership & Marketing, Networking & Events and Community Development.
The 2014/2015 Board or Directors consists of President Kent Tubman, Vice President Angela Kluke, Secretary-Treasurer Mike Coulas, Directors: Joy Curry, Amy Rule, Leslie Osborne, Jason Marshall, Mel Blimkie (BIA), Dave Lemkay (RIC), Byron Hermann (CABA), Michael Donohue (Admaston-Bromley), Margaret Whyte (Horton), Bruno Kierczak (Greater Madawaska) and Past President Rob Campbell.

Note from Kent Tubman

I am excited about what your Chamber of Commerce has planned for you in the upcoming months including networking events to meet new business people and rekindle old friendships, the annual awards gala to celebrate our outstanding businesses & community in addition to cost-cutting programs to help improve your bottom line.
I invite you to get involved with your Chamber of Commerce by attending an event, volunteering on a committee, writing an article for our newsletter of showcasing your business at Newcomers Night.
Being an active, vibrant member of your Chamber of Commerce is good for you, your business and your community.
See you on the street!

New at the Chamber Office

We are really excited to welcome Gail Laird as Chamber Manager. This Renfrew resident has been quite active in local business and community fundraising events and she brings a wealth of experience to our organization. Drop in to say Hi to Gail at our downtown Renfrew office Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Special Note: 2014 Membership fees are now due. Need a copy of your invoice? Please call Gail at 613-432-7015 or info@renfrewareachamber.ca

Home Show Report

The weather didn't co-operate but the 10th Annual Home & Leisure Show, brought to you by myFM Radio in partnership the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce, and was a success. The show was a one stop shop for anyone looking to renovate, invest in leisure products or improve their home decor. With over 50 vendors there was something for everyone. Make sure you check out renfrewtoday.ca to view all the 2014 home show highlights. If you or your business would like to participate in the 2015 Home & Leisure Show, e-mail tammy@myfmradio.ca or call 613-432-6936 ext. 125.

Renfrew & Area Chamber Member News

New Benefit for Renfrew Chamber Members

Flagship™
Instantly compare courier rates.
All-in-one place, and save.

We are pleased to announce that as a member of the Renfrew Chamber you now have access to discounted shipping rates through Flagship Shipping Solutions that can significantly reduce your overall courier costs.

Flagship™, one of Canada's leading online discount shipping solutions for small to medium-sized businesses, provides a convenient online portal that makes it easy to compare discounted brand-name courier rates, choose your preferred courier (Purolator, UPS or FedEx) and save on every shipment.

You can create a free, no obligation account in minutes by calling 1-866-320-8383

Make sure you tell them that you are member of the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Merchant Services

Credit Card Processing to Help Drive Business Success

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce and First Data, a leader in the electronic payment processing industry, have partnered to bring you exclusive benefits to help grow your business. Together we are ready to help you with preferred pricing and products tailored to suit your needs.

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	Interac Debit®	$0.05/Transaction
	Ask us about Amex®	
Monthly Account Fee	$5.00	

*additional processing fees may apply

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"You Are Invited"

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to open the door and experience the value of membership.

The Chamber's mission is to be the "Voice of Business" in Renfrew and surrounding area, dedicated to working with stakeholders to help our community thrive.

Please feel free to visit our website at **www.renfrewareachamber.ca** or drop into the office at 161 Raglan St. S. or call **(613)432-7015** where we are available to discuss how membership can benefit your business.

Congratulations To Deslaurier Custom Cabinets

Deslaurier has been named one of Canada's best managed companies. This award recognizes 50 privately owned and managed companies for their outstanding business performance and for their innovative management. The winning company is noted for building a sustainable, long-term business and for investing in their employees.

Office / Manufacturing Space for Lease

Have you out grown your current business location and want to expand? Listed below are a couple of buildings for lease that may suite your growing business needs.

- 555 Hall Avenue East Renfrew - Office Complex / Manufacturing
- 627 Fortington Street, Unit 1, Renfrew - (Movie Gallery)

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Budget Car and Truck Rental

Budget Car and Truck Rental and TIAC have teamed up to provide TIAC Members with more savings!

Members will receive a minimum 5% discount off of the lowest available discountable time and mileage retail rates. A discount up to 10% will also apply to moving trucks / vehicles at participating Budget locations through Canada only. For more information please visit TIAC's website or contact the TIAC office for the Budget Corporate Discount number.

Email: jtaylor@tiac.travel

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)

Establishes rules for the sending of commercial electronic messages (CEMs) and the installation of computer programs. CASL also prohibits the unauthorized alteration of transmission data. The rules that apply to CEMs come into force on July 1, 2014 while the rules governing computer programs take effect Jan. 15, 2015, followed by the private right of action on July 1, 2017.

PowerPoint Presentation Provided by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Council of Canada http://bit.ly/1eZGyZ2

International Trade Day 2014

The Future of North American Competitiveness, Presented in Ottawa, Ontario May 14, 2014 by

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LA CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE DU CANADA

Registration will be available soon. To view the preliminary agenda, visit http://bit.ly/1dfELUY

Sunday May 4, 2014 at 2:00 pm Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support and The Canadian Grand Masters Fiddler's Association are hosting "Randy Foster's Fiddler's Extravaganza" at the Renfrew Legion. Entertainers include Dennis & Riely Harrington, Bruce Armitage, Randy Foster and the Enright & Donahue Families. Tickets available at Renfrew Seniors' Home Support and the door. Cost $12 (lunch will be served).

The Great Downtown GARAGE SALE

Renfrew, Ontario - Saturday May 3, 2014

(rain date May 10, 2014)

Just $10.00 per space for this event. For information or to book your table call Christina at 613-432-8300