

January 2018



Chamber Office

Thank you to all Members who have paid their 2018 Membership fee. If you have not received your membership invoice please let the Chamber office know. 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

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

Events Planned For 2018

2018 Events are in the works!

Tuesday March 6, 2018 - Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting - Details to follow soon

Friday April 20 and Saturday April 21 - Home, Garden & Leisure Show - Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre

Thursday May 31 - Annual Community Awards Celebration - Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre

Wednesday November 14 - Newcomers' Night - Renfrew Royal Canadian Legion

Annual Community Awards, Thursday May 31, 2018

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce annually host the *Community Awards* to recognize businesses and individuals that have demonstrated outstanding customer services, community involvement and other notable achievements. One of the most prominent events of Renfrew and Area communities, the *Community Awards* attracts a large audience of business leaders and leading members of our society. This years celebration will be held on Thursday May 31, 2018 at the Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre. Nominations are now being accepted. Click on the link below for the Nomination form. www.renfrewareachamber.ca

Bill 148 - Changes

Some substantial Employer / Employee changes occurred on January 1, 2018. Click the link below for more information regarding Bill 148.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/plan-fair-workplaces-and-better-jobs-bill-148>

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce



Canadian Chamber of Commerce - Access to up-to-date information that affect Canadian Businesses. Visit the Canadian Chamber of Commerce website... <http://www.chamber.ca>



The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking Applications to fill vacancies on its Board of Directors 2018-2019.

The Board meets each month on the third Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

Interested members should contact Gail at 613-432-7015 or info@renfrewareachamber.ca by February 22, 2018.

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking strategic, experienced and committed members to join the Board of Directors. Under the guidance and direction of a strategic board, the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce, plays a pivotal role in supporting the growth of our existing business base as well as new and emerging businesses.

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce needs outstanding leaders; individuals who have the proven ability to exercise independent, objective and sound judgement. The Chamber is seeking individuals to strategically direct the affairs of the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce.

As the ideal Board Director, you are able to demonstrate the following key competencies which are essential to the role:

- Member in good standing;
- Strong business acumen and forward thinking;
- Thinks and acts strategically;

Members are invited to our monthly Board meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chamber office from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Members are invited to join one of our committees. Why not consider joining the Networking & Events team and help plan upcoming events, or the Community Development committee or perhaps the Membership & Marketing committee. All these committees are vital to the Chamber to ensure that the Voice of Business is heard in Renfrew and surrounding area.

Mission Statement

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce is a member organization delivering value to our business community with a focus on advocacy, education and networking. We will be recognized as the Voice of Business for Renfrew and surrounding area, dedicated to working with stakeholders to help our community thrive.



Welcome to the team!!



Business Retention and Expansion

Victoria Thomas is Town of Renfrew's newly hired Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) Coordinator. Ms. Thomas comes to Renfrew from the Township of Greater Madawaska, where she held the position of Deputy Clerk/Community Affairs Officer. As the BR+E Coordinator, Victoria will be rolling out a project sponsored in part by the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) aimed at helping the Town of Renfrew and community to understand local business needs and respond – so that businesses stay, grow, and become more competitive in our community.

BR+E is a community-based economic development program with a focus on supporting existing businesses. It provides a systematic approach to assist communities in developing strategies to support businesses, retain and create new jobs and opportunities. BR+E uses an in-depth, four stage process to assist communities in developing and implementing concrete action plans.

Victoria will be working closely with the Project Leadership Team and Volunteers to conduct interviews with local business owners. Data from the business interviews will be collected and analyzed resulting in a primary report drafted. The information collected during the business interviews will be presented at a one day BR+E retreat open to all interested stakeholders. The retreat will highlight current challenges facing local business owners and ideas for potential solutions will be presented and discussed. Following the BR+E retreat, a final report will be developed including a realistic and measurable Action Plan. The intent of the Plan is to solidify existing business and community partnerships, foster new collaborative efforts and strengthen the local economy.

A detailed overview of the BR+E program can be found at: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/edr/bre/index.html>

If you have any questions and/or would like to get involved with the Business Retention and Expansion project please contact Victoria at vthomas@renfrew.ca or 613-432-4848 ext. 119/613-639-3057.



Tell us how Canada can better support entrepreneurs to start-up, find customers, make sales, and grow stronger companies. It takes **just 15 minutes**, and you'll be **entered to win a prize package valued at \$2,000** to gain exposure for your business! Share your voice [here](#).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6KiDyybf1_jxslrUXyqne6YjRjQINTkAgLNP2tpa38f3D3A/viewform?

myFM's Home Garden and Leisure Show

Please contact Jean Hughes, Account Executive at myFM for further information regarding Registration for this popular Community event! Tel: 613.432.6936 ext 2112 or email: jeanh@MBCmedia.ca



myFM's Home Garden and Leisure Show

Ma-te-way Activity Centre

April 20 & 21, 2018

RENTAL AGREEMENT



Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Product or Service Exhibiting: _____

of Tables _____ # of Chairs _____ Requires Electricity YES NO

Returning Vendors – Same booth as last year YES NO Other (if available) _____

2018 Home Garden and Leisure Show Booths

1 – 10 x 10 booth - \$350.00 + hst \$ _____

2 – 10 x 10 booths - \$650.00 + hst _____

3 or more – 10 x 10 booths - \$300.00 each + hst \$ _____

PAYMENT

____ Cheque payable to myFM Radio (payment must be made to reserve your space)

VISA, Mastercard, AMEX payment card # _____ CVS: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Amount: \$ _____

No refund will be issued without written notification of cancellation before March 31, 2018. Any booths NOT PAID IN FULL by March 31st may be CANCELLED. Each exhibitor, at it's own cost is expected to procure and maintain in full force and effect during the time of this agreement a Comprehensive General liability Insurance Policy with a combined single limit of no less then one million dollars. (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury or death and for property damage. IMPORTANT: All participants are expected to have tables set up and prepared by NOON Friday April 20th. All participants are expected to participate until 5pm on Saturday April 20th. Should any participant choose to tear down their table early, without making previous arrangements a \$100 penalty will be administered. All electrical devices MUST be CSA and CUL approved –NO dollar store extension cords. PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING – Late entrants may not get the benefit of the advertising media.

____ I/We have read and accept all the enclosed rules and regulations in this rental agreement and agree to it's terms.

Signing Officer: _____ Date: _____



Downtown Renfrew (BIA) Welcomes New Office Manager

Fresh Faces & Big Ideas **BIA Office Manager:**

“Hello! My name is Kaitlynd Topham, and I have recently taken over here at Downtown Renfrew for Tammy. Many years ago, I was the Co-Op student here, and this was where I fell in love with this town. I am so excited to take on the challenge of filling the giant shoes Tammy has left for me. I have so many ideas on ways to keep our Downtown the beautiful, exciting place it is. I know 2018 will have us face many new challenges, but with communication and support we can have continued success. I look forward to working with all of the businesses here in Downtown!”



Highway 60 - Downtown Reconstruction - SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS

[Please click the link below if you want to receive e-mail communications regarding information and updates pertaining to Renfrew's Downtown Reconstruction Project.](#)
www.renfrew.ca

[An Offer from a Chamber Member - Employment Networks](#)

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Employment Networks is an employment service open to everyone seeking a job!

From defining a great job choice to mastering the techniques of job search and interviews, we provide coaching and resources to help you to achieve positive employment results!

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As an Employment Ontario program, services are fully funded by the provincial government and delivered locally. Confidentiality is assured. Tell us your hiring plans and we can start recruiting right away. We will pre-screen and refer candidates that meet your requirements. You interview them and you choose. The final decision is always yours.

With Employment Networks, you receive consultation, recruitment, and hiring assistance at no charge....

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Community Events

FREWFEST 2018

JANUARY 19-21

MA-TE-WAY PARK - RENFREW

Friday January 19

- 9:00am Public Skating sponsored by Rusty Blades
- Skating and Shinny on Outdoor Rink, Sliding on Toboggan Hill, Beavertails (\$)
- 5:30pm Glow stick Snowshoe
- 6:30pm Renfrew Public Library Trivia Fundraiser (\$)
- 8:00pm CCHL Tier 2 Hockey: Renfrew Jr B Timberwolves vs Ottawa West Golden Knights
(Adults \$5, Youth under 16 – free admission)

Saturday January 20

- 7:00am-5:00pm Ice Fishing Derby (Adult \$10, Children under 12 free)*at Renfrew Boat Launch
- Skating and Shinny on Outdoor Rink, Sliding on Toboggan Hill, Beavertails (\$)
- Snow Sculpture Contest (along Ma-te-Way Park Drive)*Judging at 4:00pm
- 11:30am-6:30pm Renfrew and Area Senior Home Support Bake Sale and Chili Fundraiser
- 12:00pm-6:00 Indoor Activities – Kids Programming, Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Colouring Contest and Activity Area
- 2:00pm Toboggan Races (meet at sliding hill)
- 12:00pm – 4:00pm Ol Bogies Vintage Snowmobile Show
- 4:00pm Bonfire with Marshmallows
- 5:45pm Fireworks Display (near ball diamond)
- 6:00pm Public Skating sponsored by Sport Renfrew –players from Jr B Timberwolves will be on ice

Sunday January 21

- Sliding on Toboggan Hill, Skating and Shinny on Outdoor Rink, Beavertails (\$)
- 11:30am Little Rays Reptile Wild Ontario Show
- 12:00pm Hot Dog/Soup Lunch (first 100 people receive coupon for free lunch)
- 1:00pm Public Skating sponsored by Renfrew Lions Club



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Fundraiser/Dance

Friday January 26, 2018

Renfrew Armouries • Doors Open @7:00pm

WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT RENFREW VICTORIA HOSPITAL'S



ONCOLOGY UNIT
/DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY



Community Events

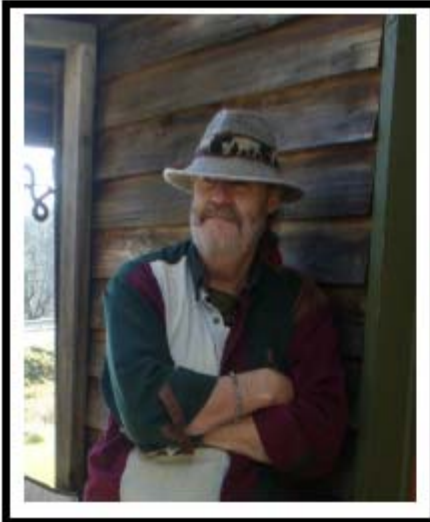


RENFREW TOWN HALL

presents the art of

JOHN ROBERT BRADLEY (FREEHEART STUDIOS)

(Jan ... to ...Mar.....2018)



Having lived in Burnstown for the past five years, I recently moved to the warm and welcoming Town of Renfrew. Here, I have become keenly aware that there are many in this area who have a great need to access the services of a family doctor.

I'd like to help the Renfrew & Area Health Services Village in their effort to advertise for and bring new medical talent to the thousands who are currently 'going without' this fundamental health service.

Therefore, I am donating 50% of all sales from my three-month show here at the end of March.

Please help us all in this immensely beneficial endeavour. Thank you all for your participation... your new, local "artist in a turret"!

Contact artist for pricing:
jrbradley1953@hotmail.ca

John Robert Bradley

I am also offering

ART WORKSHOPS IN RENFREW

WEEKENDS STARTING JANUARY 27TH, UNTIL MARCH 18TH

ARTS AND CRAFTS ROOM AT THE RENFREW RECREATION CENTRE

10:30 AM UNTIL 12:30 PM (SOME MATERIALS PROVIDED)

CLASSES INCLUDE

- **INK SKETCHING**
- **INK AND WATER COLOURS**
- **LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURE**
- **AND OF COURSE CANADIAN LANDSCAPE PAINTING.**

Renfrew & Area Chamber Member Benefits Available



Discounts of 30% on shipments within Canada and to worldwide destinations, 25% on imports into Canada and 75% (starting at) on freight shipments services with the [UPS® Savings Program](#). 'Get More' Member Card from [The UPS Store®](#)



First Data Discount Program - Offering Chamber members preferential credit card and debit card transaction rates: Contact Gail at the Chamber office for more information regarding this Chamber member benefit.



Esso Fuel Discount Program - Offering you 3.5 cents/litre off posted pump price at all Esso stations in Canada. For more information on the Esso Business Card Program visit www.essofleetoffers.com/CHAMBER

Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan®

Chambers Plan is pleased to introduce a new guaranteed issue benefit plan for firms with only 1 or 2 employees! The plan includes Business Assistance Services, Best Doctors, Life Insurance, Health Care and Dental (certain maximums apply). No medical evidence required and you're guaranteed coverage, even if you've been declined in the past.

For more details and/or a no obligation quote please contact info@doucettinsurance.ca
Or call 613-253-2410/1-800-507-7463.

Group Dental & Health Insurance Enjoyed by 25,000 Canadian Businesses

Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan has been protecting Canadian firms for over 40 years. From Victoria to St. John's, over 25,000 small to medium-sized businesses use the Chambers Plan to protect their employees with comprehensive [group benefits](#) including [dental](#) and [health insurance](#) – making it **Canada's #1 employee benefits plan for small business**.

Thousands of [small business owners](#) join the Chambers Plan each year because it's the [simple, stable, smart choice](#) for their business: combining accessibility, flexible options and pooled benefits that **add stability** to their employee benefits.

Firms stay with the Chambers Plan year after year because the Plan combines unsurpassed value with excellent customer service at the national and local levels.

Made For Small Business: Accessibility & Flexibility

Over 25,000 businesses purchase group benefits from the Chambers Plan. Comprehensive benefit packages apply to home-based businesses and [small business firms](#) – with **no industry restrictions**. For-profit businesses with three people and up are eligible for guaranteed coverage.

Flexible group plans are also available for [larger firms](#) with up to 35 employees. All plans start with employee life insurance. Your [Chambers Plan advisor](#) can help you select the right options for building as comprehensive a plan as you wish to meet your exact needs and fit your budget.

For additional information visit their website at <http://www.chamberplan.ca>



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