

December 2017



[Message from Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors](#)



The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to wish you, your families and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year. Your continued support of your Chamber, through membership, participation and sponsorship, makes a real difference in maintaining and enhancing the local business environment.

The Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce is the Voice of Business, working together for the common good of our community.

[Chamber Office](#)

[Christmas Office Hours](#)

The office will be open the following days:

Monday December 18 to Friday December 22 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Office will be Closed:

Monday December 25 to Monday January 1, 2018

Regular office hours resume on Tuesday January 2 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



**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.

The 2018 Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce Membership invoices have been sent out. If you have not received your membership invoice please let the Chamber office know. A one years Chamber membership is \$175.00, but if paid before the end of December 2017, your cost is \$150.00. Membership fees can be paid by Cheque, Debit, and Credit Card. Take advantage of a \$25.00 discount and save on your yearly membership.

[info@renfrewareachamber.ca](mailto:info@renfrewareachamber.ca)

[Chamber Members on the Move](#)

**Renfrew and Area Seniors Home Support Inc.**

214 Raglan Street South, beside the Golden Age Activity Centre.

Their mailing address will be:

P.O. Box 919, Renfrew, ON K7V 4H3

All the best in your new location!

## Community Events

Lets skate and Celebrate Canada 150 at Ma-te-Way Activity Centre from 1:00pm-3:00pm on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

A logo for Renfrew's Canada 150 Celebration featuring a stylized maple leaf in shades of orange and red.

**RENFREW'S  
CANADA 150  
CELEBRATION**

***Frew Year's Eve***

Celebrate the final event of Canada 150  
at Ma-te-Way Activity Centre

***December 31, 2017***

1:00pm-6:00pm Public Skating  
1:00pm-2:00pm Little Ray's Reptile Show  
3:30-4:30pm Magic with Michael Bourada  
4:30pm-5:30pm Pizza Dinner  
6:00pm ***Fireworks Display***

Mark your calendar and plan to  
attend this family fun free event

\* Limited seating available for shows.  
Pizza dinner will be served while supplies last.

Town of  
**RENFREW**  
www.renfrew.ca

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at  
613 432-3131 or jcaidwell@renfrew.ca

## A Note from a Chamber Member



Red Cross First Aid and CPR courses will be held in Renfrew on December 28 & 29. Child and youth courses - Babysitting and Stay Safe workshops, will be held the first week of January. You, your employees and the children in your lives can learn what to do in an emergency. Ottawa Valley First Aid is all about setting you up for success, making sure you understand and feel confident with the material and making it fun. Bet you didn't think a First Aid course could be fun did you? Let us show you how! Discounts are available for Chamber members.

Email [info@ottawavalleyfirstaid.com](mailto:info@ottawavalleyfirstaid.com) for more information or to register.

**Ottawa Valley First Aid**

**(343) 369-6218**

<http://ottawavalleyfirstaid.com>

## The Canadian Chamber of Commerce



### **The Comeau Case and Interprovincial Trade**



In this edition of [5 Minutes for Business](#), Aaron Van Tassel, our Business Law Committee Intern, examines the Comeau case, which will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada this week, and the lasting impact it could have on interprovincial trade. When Gerard Comeau crossed over to Québec from New Brunswick, where he lived, to buy a few cases of beer, he was in for quite the surprise. Coming back into New Brunswick, he was fined for transporting alcohol across the border. He contested the fine, unleashing a much larger debate on constitutional interpretation and free trade between provinces. But what impact could this week's decision have on you and your business?

Read [5 Minutes for Business](#) to find out. For more information, please contact [Aaron Van Tassel](#).

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

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



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