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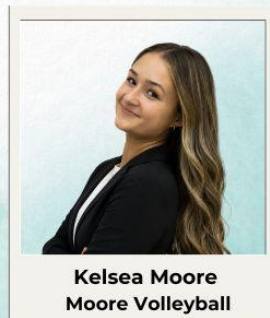
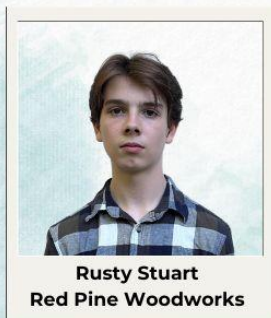
Celebrating Business!

As we move through the summer season, we're excited to celebrate the incredible momentum and entrepreneurial spirit happening across our region.

This year, we've had the privilege of supporting aspiring and established business owners through our Starter Company Plus and Summer Company programs, helping entrepreneurs turn their ideas into action and build strong foundations for success.

In this edition, we're shining a spotlight on our 2026 Summer Company students as they prepare to launch and grow their businesses throughout the summer months. You'll also find program updates, community highlights, upcoming opportunities, and ways you can support local entrepreneurs. We're grateful for the continued support of our partners, sponsors, and business community, and we look forward to sharing the exciting journeys ahead.

School's Out, Business Is In!



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Proudly Recognizing Our 2026 Summer Company Entrepreneurs!

Over the summer months, seven driven students stepped up to turn their entrepreneurial ideas into working businesses, marking a very successful Summer Company season. The Summer Company Program runs from June to September, and we're thrilled to celebrate these emerging entrepreneurs for their creativity, dedication, and the bright futures they're building for themselves.

Congratulations to:

- Nadia DeCarle of Riverscout Clay (City of Pembroke)
- Hudson Warner of Shine my Clubs (City of Pembroke)
- Bronwynn Dick of Green Thumb (Township of Admaston/Bromley)
- Kelsea Moore of Moore Volleyball (Township of Whitewater Region)
- Rusty Stuart of Red Pine Woodworks (Township of North Algona Wilberforce)
- Evelyn Finan of Garden Palette Goods (Township of Whitewater Region)
- Adelaide Lomore- Beaupre of Addie Made (Township of Laurentian Valley)

Meet these inspiring young entrepreneurs at vendor events across the region! Their creativity, ambition, and hard work are on full display as

they share their products and grow their businesses. Come out, show your support, and discover something unique!

Ready to launch your business next Summer? join the [2027 Contact List!](#)

Continuing Our Commitment to Entrepreneurs

A New Chapter in Business Support

Whether you're starting a business, growing an existing one, or exploring a new opportunity, Enterprise Renfrew County is here to help. Our experienced Business Consultants provide confidential business coaching and guidance to support entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey.

From business planning and market research to strategy development and problem-solving, we work alongside local business owners to help them achieve their goals and build successful, sustainable businesses. Enterprise Renfrew County has also implemented a [fee-based service model](#), offering access to a range of business support services tailored to the needs of entrepreneurs and businesses across the region.

Connect with [our team](#) today to learn how we can support your business success.



CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS COACHING

Ready to launch or take your business to the next level?
Contact us today to schedule your free consultation!

www.EnterpriseRenfrewCounty.com

Upcoming Webinars & Events...

SERVICES & FUNDING ORIENTATION

with... 

August 5, 2026
10 am to 11 am

Expert business advice on financing & funding for small businesses!



Meghan Sutherland
Business Development Officer

Michèle Gagnon
Community Development Officer

To register for this free webinar visit:
www.ENTERPRISE RENFREWCOUNTY.COM/WORKSHOPS-EVENTS

This webinar is delivered locally by Enterprise Renfrew County and funded in partnership with the Government of Ontario.



Grow, Modernize, Compete:

A Guide to the Retail Modernization Grant Program



Where Next Happens



Robyn Binsfeld
Business Development & Commercialization Manager

SEPT 09 10 - 11 AM
Free Webinar

To Register Visit:
www.EnterpriseRenfrewCounty.com/workshops-events

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SUCCESSION ONTARIO

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Whether you're planning to sell, transfer, or wind down your business, Succession Ontario Advisors provide the knowledge, resources and support network you need to take the next step with confidence. Start planning today...



Sarah Gobeil
Succession Ontario Project Coordinator

SEPTEMBER 29 10:00 TO 11:00 AM

To Register Visit:
www.EnterpriseRenfrewCounty.com/workshops-events

This webinar is delivered locally by Enterprise Renfrew County and funded in partnership with the Government of Ontario.





For more information and to register for a webinar or event, visit:

<https://www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com/workshops-events>

Thank you to our Sponsors !

At Enterprise Renfrew County, we are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors and community partners across the region. Their commitment to fostering entrepreneurship plays a vital role in making many of our programs, events, workshops, networking opportunities, and business development resources possible.

Through their generosity and investment in our local business community, entrepreneurs are able to access valuable training, mentorship, funding opportunities, and connections that help turn ideas into thriving businesses. Whether supporting youth entrepreneurs through Summer Company, helping business owners launch and grow through Starter Company Plus, or contributing to special events and educational initiatives, our sponsors help create opportunities that have a lasting impact throughout Renfrew County.

We sincerely thank our sponsors for believing in the potential of local entrepreneurs and for helping us build a stronger, more vibrant business community. Your support makes a meaningful difference, and we are proud to work alongside organizations that share our commitment to innovation, growth, and economic development in our region.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses interested in investing in the success of our entrepreneurial community. For more information, please check out our [sponsorship page](#) on our website.

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Good Things Are Growing: Exciting Updates From Our Partners



Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation Celebrates their 40th Anniversary!

Congratulations to [Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation](#) (RCCFDC) on celebrating 40 years of supporting entrepreneurship, business growth, and economic development across Renfrew County. As a valued partner of [Enterprise Renfrew County](#), Community Futures has played an important role in helping local businesses start, grow, and succeed. We are grateful for their decades of leadership, collaboration, and commitment to strengthening our communities, and we wish them continued success in the years ahead.

[Join their newsletter](#) to learn how Community Futures continues to support entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities across Renfrew County.



Explore the Ottawa Valley This Summer with the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Are you looking for ways to make the most of summer in the Ottawa Valley? The [Ottawa Valley Tourist Association](#) is your go-to source for festivals, markets, concerts, outdoor adventures, and [community events](#) happening throughout the region. Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or looking for something fun close to home, be sure to check out their summer events calendar and discover all that the Ottawa Valley has to offer.

If you own or operate a tourism-related business and are interested in increasing your visibility while connecting with others in the industry, consider [becoming a member](#) of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association. Membership offers valuable opportunities to promote your business and be part of a strong network dedicated to showcasing the region.

The only thing better than wandering the Ottawa Valley is knowing where to wander next! Follow OVTA on social media and subscribe to their newsletter for the latest updates and inspiration. (need link for Newsletter)



UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fore a Great Cause: Algonquin College Pembroke Campus & Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Join us for an evening of golf, networking, and community while supporting student success at the annual [Pembroke Campus Golf Tournament](#).

This special event brings together alumni, faculty, staff, community partners, and friends of the campus to connect, build relationships, and invest in initiatives that enhance the student experience.

With only 64 golfer spots available, this exclusive tournament offers a welcoming atmosphere and meaningful opportunities to make a lasting

impact. Register early to secure your place.

 August 29, 2026
 [Island Brae Golf Course](#)



Explore the Exciting Lineup of Events The Downtown Renfrew BIA Has to Offer...

Get ready for a summer full of fun in Downtown Renfrew! The Downtown Renfrew BIA is proud to support a season of exciting events, local experiences, and community gatherings that showcase the best of our downtown. Mark your calendars, bring your friends and family, and join us as we celebrate local businesses, live entertainment, and the vibrant community that makes Downtown Renfrew a special place to visit.



Grow Your Network with the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce's Monthly After-Hours Events

Who's Ready to Get Social?!

Join us for another one of our Monthly After-Hours Networking Events at Embers Fireplaces and Finishings in Renfrew! Connect with local business owners and community leaders from across Renfrew and the surrounding area while enjoying light refreshments in the beautiful Embers showroom. It's a great opportunity to build new relationships, share ideas, and grow your network in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Space is limited, so please register in advance by emailing info@renfrewareachamber.ca.

This event is open to all business owners and leaders in the Renfrew and Area. We look forward to seeing you there!

 Embers Fireplace and Finishings



Supporting Entrepreneurs Through Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS)

As entrepreneurs and business owners, wearing many hats comes with the territory—including ensuring your workplace is safe, healthy, and compliant. That's where Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS) can help.

WSPS is Ontario's leading not-for-profit health and safety association, providing practical resources, expert advice, training, and consulting services designed to help businesses build strong workplace safety practices from the ground up. Whether you're launching a new venture, growing your team, or looking to strengthen your existing operations, WSPS offers valuable support to help you navigate workplace health and safety requirements with confidence.

By helping businesses reduce risks, prevent injuries, and foster positive workplace cultures, WSPS enables entrepreneurs to focus on what they do best—growing their businesses and serving their customers.

To learn more about the tools, training opportunities, and business support available through WSPS, visit their [website](#) or contact their team directly at 1-877-494-WSPS (9777).

Ready to get started? Click here to [register for WSPS eCourses](#) and access valuable workplace health and safety training.



Women's Enterprise

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PARO Canada Webinar Series: Glow & Grow Your Business This Season

PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise is excited to offer a dynamic lineup of free online webinars designed to help women entrepreneurs learn, grow, and strengthen their businesses.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to take your business to the next level, these sessions provide practical tools, expert insights, and supportive learning opportunities in both English and French.

English Webinar Series: Glow & Grow

The Glow & Grow webinar series features a range of topics focused on building confidence and capability as a business owner. From foundational business skills to growth strategies, these sessions are designed to support women at every stage of their entrepreneurial journey. [Explore upcoming English webinars](#)

French Webinar Series

PARO also offers a dedicated French-language webinar series, ensuring accessible programming for francophone entrepreneurs across Ontario. These sessions cover similar business development topics in a supportive, accessible format. [Explore the French series](#)

The Funding Finder: Your Source for Grants, Funding Programs, and Business Growth Opportunities

Business Benefits Finder

Looking for funding or support for your business? The Business Benefits Finder is a free online tool that helps Canadian businesses identify government grants, loans, tax credits, wage subsidies, and other programs they may be eligible for.

FedDev Funding to Help Businesses Grow

Interest-free funding to help established Southern Ontario businesses expand, invest in new equipment and technology, boost productivity, and create jobs. | Applications are open.

Build Communities Strong Fund

The Government of Canada has launched the Build Communities Strong Fund to support modern infrastructure, strengthen communities, and build a stronger Canada. | Applications for projects starting April 1, 2027, or later must be submitted by August 6, 2026.

Retail Modernization Project Grant

Up to \$5,000 in funding is available to help Ontario-based retail businesses invest in technology that increases sales, streamlines operations, and improves customer experiences. | Applications are open.

SaveON Energy Efficiency Grants

Help your business save money and improve efficiency with support and funding for energy-saving equipment upgrades that reduce electricity consumption, lower operating costs, and support long-term sustainability. | Applications are open

Ontario Together Trade Fund

Financial assistance for small and medium-sized businesses affected by U.S. tariffs and trade-related challenges. | Applications are open.

We recognize that the land on which Enterprise Renfrew County is situated is the traditional, unceded, and unsurrendered territory of the Omàmiwinini (Algonquin) People. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples on the land on which we gather. We express our gratitude to have the opportunity to be present in this territory here today to learn, thrive, and grow together.

We are called to treat this land, its waterways, plants, animals, stories and Peoples with honour and respect. We

are committed to reconciliation and incorporate the Seven Grandfather Teachings of love, respect, bravery, truth, honesty, humility and wisdom into our daily lives.



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Starting or Growing a Business in Renfrew County?

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) is here to support you! Whether you're a new or existing entrepreneur, we offer free, confidential business coaching, monthly webinars, and training programs to help you succeed. Network, learn, and grow with us!

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