

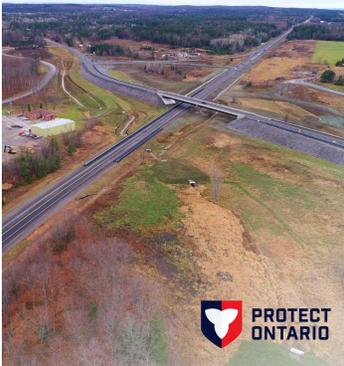


Business Information

This electronic communication is a resource providing businesses and interested parties with relevant information about funding sources, events, resources, and other local municipal information.

RFP Issued for Highway 17 Expansion Design

Widening Highway 17



The Ontario government issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design the expansion of Highway 17 from two to four lanes between the Town of Renfrew and Arnprior. Highway 17 is a critical link in the Trans-Canada highway system and a vital trade corridor, connecting communities across Eastern Ontario and supporting the movement of people and goods throughout the region. The province is twinning 22.5 kilometres of Highway 17 running from Scheel Drive near Arnprior to three kilometres west of Bruce Street near the Town of Renfrew. The first stage of the expansion project was completed in November 2023, when the province finished construction of a new bridge and interchange at Highway 17 and Calabogie Road.

Grants, Funding and Opportunities

Petawawa Community Improvement Plan (CIP): up to \$5,000 for various upgrades including:

- Accessibility
- Signage
- Exterior Building Upgrades
- Landscaping
- Parking Lot Improvements

Enabling Accessibility Fund: \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 in funding for accessibility upgrades

- Application period is **open** until March 12, 2026

Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grants: \$10,000 to \$200,000 in funding

- Application period is **open** until March 4, 2026

Community Foundation Grants: Funding available for charitable organizations

- Application period is **open** until March 20, 2026

Market Diversification & Trade Resiliency: Funding for ag-producers and processors

- Application period is **open** until March 17, 2026

Garrison Petawawa to see 1,000 new residential units

Thousands of new residential units will be constructed for members of the Canadian Armed Forces across Canada including here in Petawawa. 1,000 new residential units, primarily one and two bedroom units in apartment buildings are planned for Petawawa.



This large scale housing project will provide significant economic benefits to the community over the next several years with an increased demand for local trades, transportation services, accommodations, fuel, food services and other community level spending associated with major construction programs.

[Read Full Media Release](#)

Upcoming Business Webinars & Events

Caffeinated & Connected
Petawawa Business Networking
Free Registration: Includes Coffee & Light Snack!
Hosted at Ottawa Valley Coffee Petawawa
Monday, March 9, 2026 from 9:00am to 10:00am

- **March 6** | 11:30AM-1:30 PM: [2026 International Women's Day Luncheon](#)
- **March 9** | 9AM-10AM: [Caffeinated & Connected-Petawawa Business Networking](#)
- **March 9** | 10AM-11:30AM: [Hiring Foreign Workers Information Session](#)
- **March 10** | 8:30AM-12PM: [Networking breakfast for French-speaking entrepreneurs](#)
- **March 19** | 12PM-1:30PM: [Navigating Inter-Provincial Trade in Canada](#)

2025 Consumer Holiday Shopping Trends

Moneris data services has released the 2025 holiday shopping trends.

- Black Friday led the season for overall volume
- December 23 reached 95 per cent of Black Friday volume, driven by last-minute gift buying
- December 22 reached 94 per cent of Black Friday volume as shoppers finalized purchases
- Cyber Monday ranked eleventh, generating about 79 per cent of Black Friday volume, showing continued relevance
- Boxing Day underperformed again, with less than half of Black Friday volume in 2025

[View 2025 Holiday Shopping Trends](#)

Council Requests Speed Reduction on Doran Rd.



Petawawa Council has requested the County lower the speed limit on Doran Road. The request is to see the speed dropped from 80 km/h to 60 km/h at Airport Road and further lowered from 60 km/h to 50 km/h at Derek Drive. The Town has also requested the County conduct a traffic study along Doran Road from Highway 17 to Murphy Road. Businesses located along or near Doran Road will be kept informed as updates become available.

Enterprise Renfrew County Looking at Fee for Service



Enterprise Renfrew County offers supports, funding and training for local businesses. Due to limited funding from the province, the organization is proposing a fee for service starting in 2026 and expanding in the following years. The proposal would see \$75 charges each for business plan and financial plan reviews. Business advisory fees would also be introduced starting at \$25 for 30-minutes. Through the funding agreement with the province, the County is mandated to provide one complimentary service call per client and is permitted to implement fees for additional consultation services. Renfrew County Council will vote on the proposed fee schedule at their next meeting.

[Read Proposal from Enterprise Renfrew County](#)

Business Networking - Planning

We're looking ahead to 2026 and would love your input. Your feedback helps us design business networking events that are relevant, valuable, and worth your time. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on preferred event formats (morning coffee socials, lunch-and-learns, after-hours mixers), topics of interest, ideal days and times, and any creative ideas you'd like to see introduced.

PLEASE CLICK THE OPTION THAT SUITS YOU BEST. THE GREEN BUTTONS BELOW NEED TO BE CLICKED TO SUBMIT RESPONSES.

What time of day would you like networking events to be?

Morning (8am-10am)

Afternoon (12pm-2pm)

Evening (6pm-8pm)

Other

What months work best with you?

Summer (June, July & August)

Fall (September & October)

Holidays (November & December)

Winter (January, February & March)

Spring (April-May)

What would you like to do at networking events?

Casual Networking (no planned activities)

Meet New People (ex. business speed dating)

Coffee & Breakfast Mingling

Drinks, Apps & Social Hour

All the above

Other

Send us your Networking Suggestions & Ideas Today!

Town of Petawawa

Petawawa Business Advisory Network
1111 Victoria St. Petawawa, Ontario
Phone 1-613-687-5536

Petawawa Businesses be sure to use **Shop Petawawa** to drive additional sales to your businesses' shopping and social platforms. Need help using this FREE resource? Want to advertise your business event or celebration?

Contact **Christine**



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Local Business Resources Social Feeds

- [Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation](#)
- [Enterprise Renfrew County](#)
- [Invest Renfrew County](#)
- [Ottawa Valley Tourist Association](#)
- [Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization](#)
- [Petawawa Employment Services](#)
- [Labour Market Group Renfrew County and Lanark](#)

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