



Renfrew County 2022

Ontario
Winter Games

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l'Ontario



Only 9 months until the Opening Ceremonies of the Ontario Winter Games!

Feb 24-26 and March 3-6, 2022

In just nine short months, the Renfrew County 2022 Ontario Winter Games will kick-off with the Opening Ceremonies, when we will welcome 3500 athletes, coaches and managers to our beautiful region! The local organizing committee is hard at work behind the scenes making sure that these are the best Ontario Winter Games ever! 9 months may seem like a long time, but for us it's just around the corner and the committee couldn't be more excited. We've been busy planning, booking venues and hotels, sourcing merchandise and getting our social media platforms and website online, among many, many other things.

The 27 different sports will take place in 9 different communities, and 19 venues across all

of Renfrew County and into Ottawa-west. It will be a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful region to the rest of Ontario.

Check out our teaser video to get inspired!

[Watch Video: It's Coming!](#)



Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of any major sporting event, and Renfrew County 2022 is no exception. We anticipate that we will need 750-1000 volunteers when the games kick-off next February 24, and some even before then. Please share the link with anyone you think would be interested in getting involved as a volunteer.

We promise it will be a rewarding and fun experience!

[Register to volunteer](#)

Meet our Local Organizing Team

Each month we will introduce you to a few of our Chairs who are working tirelessly behind the scenes planning the games. This month we focus on 3 Chairs: Chris Pleau, Tim McKee and Laurie Serran.

Chris Pleau: Volunteer Chair

Chris was one of the first people to sign up as a volunteer for the Games, so it's appropriate he is our Volunteer Chair, responsible for recruiting and managing all of our 750-1000 volunteers. It's a big job! Chris currently lives in Laurentian Valley with his family, and has spent most of his life in Renfrew County.



While he is an electrician by trade, Chris is an avid supporter of the community and has volunteered in multiple different events over the past 35 years. He has a fondness for helping out with sports events and is thrilled to be a part of the Local Organizing Committee of Renfrew County 2022.

In addition to helping put on the best games ever, Chris is looking forward to working alongside an amazing group of volunteers, while meeting new and old friends. Chris feels there is nothing more valuable to a small community than a volunteer. Here is one of his favourite volunteering quotes:

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." – **Sherry Anderson**

If you would like to volunteer with the games please register with this link: [GAMES VOLUNTEER](#)



Tim McKee: Marketing & Communication Chair

Tim is our extremely talented and enthusiastic Marketing and Communication Chair. Tim has a varied background that includes 17 years in the army reserves and over 10 years of experience in digital media marketing. When asked if he would like to join the organizing committee, Tim responded:

"I suspect this role will come with great perks like late night meetings, tight deadlines and the satisfaction of seeing the joy experienced by the youth who get to be participants! All that to say, I'm in."

Tim also has personal experience with the Ontario Games, having participated in the Summer Games in 1983 where he was a silver medalist in high jump! As a relatively new resident to Renfrew County, he wants to give back to the community and he knew first hand that volunteering with the games would be a great way to do this.

In his free time, Tim and his wife Cindy enjoy traveling and Geocaching and have found caches in 40 different countries.

Join Tim's Team:

Do you have marketing or communication experience or other skills you'd like to share? Tim is looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to join his team. Specifically, Tim is in need of a translator, a graphic artist, and a content creator for web content. As we get closer to the games, he will need 20 photographers and 2 or 3 more Social Media/Web Content writers. If you would like to join Tim's team [register here](#).

Laurie Serran: Sponsorship Chair

Originally born in Renfrew, Laurie has spent her whole life in Renfrew County. She currently lives in Laurentian Valley with her family, where she has been an active part of the community for the past 27 years. She has worked in financial services for the past 38 years and is presently a Certified Financial Planner at Frank Carroll Financial.



In her own words:

I grew up with parents that were very active in volunteering in our community and I have continued that tradition by trying to give back as much as I receive. This is a wonderful opportunity for our County and there was no question that I wanted to be involved as soon as they asked for volunteers! I also LOVE sports so it was an easy decision. I love the County I live in and I want to be able to help showcase it to other Ontarians, support our future Olympic athletes, as well as assisting in the recovery of some of our small businesses post Covid. I absolutely love being part of a team with a common goal and this team is very enthusiastic and engaged, which is amazing. I haven't been involved in Ontario games but I have been involved in various volunteer committees and fundraising drives over the past 45 years

including: Pembroke minor hockey, minor baseball, Columbus House fundraising committee, and the Pembroke & Area Fiddling and Stepdancing Contest. I am passionate about baking and I once made 700 butter tarts in 3 days for Christmas gifts for family and friends!! One of my favourite sayings is by Henry Ford - "If you think you can or you think you can't - you're right!"

If you would like to join Laurie's committee or you would like to get involved as a sponsor of the Games, please contact Laurie: laurie.renfrewcounty2022@gmail.com
