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Township Newsletter

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Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan

The Township of Russell has begun a process to review and develop a Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan. The Master Plan will provide guidance to the Township of Russell in establishing priorities for facilities, and programming linked to parks, recreation, and culture. It is an opportunity to engage the community to identify their current and future needs and improve well-being and overall quality of life. It is envisioned that the final Master Plan will be a highly useful planning tool that will enable the Township to respond to future needs and make informed decisions.



A community engagement process will take place in Fall 2025. There will be several opportunities for members of the public to contribute to the plan including an online survey for residents, an online survey for community groups, digital community input workshops, and staffed in-person engagement stations. More information about these opportunities and how to get involved will be posted on the Township's website at Russell.ca/PRCMasterPlan. We hope to hear from you!

Help Shape the 2026 Budget!

We are beginning the 2026 Budget planning process — and we want to hear from you!

We invite all residents to share their feedback to help guide the Township's financial priorities for 2026 and beyond. Your input will be presented to Council as part of the discussions on the 2026 Draft Budget.

Get Involved before September 8

- 1. Attend Our Public Consultation:** Join us on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to share your feedback directly with Council. If you wish to make a formal presentation during the meeting, please submit your materials to the Clerk's Office in advance at clerk.greffe@russell.ca.
- 2. Complete Our Short Survey:** Help identify spending priorities, tax preferences, and ideas for capital projects.
- 3. Submit Your Suggestions by Email:** Send your feedback or questions to the Clerk's Office at clerk.greffe@russell.ca.

More information and survey link at Russell.ca/Budget.



2025 Photo Expo

The winners of the 2025 Photo Expo will be revealed at the Autumn in the Country Arts Festival on Saturday September 13, 2025.

Stop by from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the big barn behind Russell Arena to view a photographic exposition including work from each participating photographer.

For full details: Russell.ca/PhotoExpo25.



Photo: Elizabeth Bahl-Séguin

Women's March

The Township of Russell is proud to host the 18th annual Prescott-Russell Women's March, in partnership with *Centre Novas – CALACS francophone de Prescott-Russell* and in collaboration with:

- Maison Interlude House
- United Way East Ontario
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Réseau des Femmes Immigrantes Francophones – RÉFIF-PR
- Leadership Féminin Prescott et Russell – LFPR.

We invite all women, girls, and allies to take part in this important community event called "Take back the night."

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Arrival at 6:00 p.m. / Walk begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Camille Piché Community Centre, 8 Blais Street, Embrun

This annual walk brings people together to raise awareness about violence against women, with a particular focus on sexual violence. Everyone is welcome to join and walk in support of safety and respect for all.



Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

I hope you enjoyed a summer of rest, fun, and connection with family and friends. With students back in school and parents juggling after-school activities and busy evenings, I am always inspired by how our community comes together—

whether it's neighbours helping each other with rides to practices or volunteers supporting local events and programs.

That spirit of collaboration is at the heart of everything we achieve. Whether improving roads, building recreational spaces, planning for growth, or securing grants, these successes happen because of strong partnerships with our federal and provincial governments, the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, local businesses, community groups, and residents like you. Each conversation we have and each table we sit at builds toward the kind of community we all want: connected, thriving, and ready for the future.

This collaborative approach will also guide us as we begin our 2026 budgeting process. As our community continues to grow, Council and staff remain committed to managing this growth thoughtfully and responsibly, protecting what makes Russell Township special while meeting the needs of everyone who calls it home. Every decision we make aims to maintain a strong financial foundation for our Township, ensuring careful asset management and fiscal accountability. I invite you to share your ideas and priorities at our public budget meeting on September 8, as together we build a community that remains resilient, sustainable, and prepared for what lies ahead.

Thank you for your trust, involvement, and community spirit—they drive me, and the rest of our Council forward every day as we work to make life better for everyone in our community today and for generations to come. Please stay connected by signing up for news updates at Russell.ca/subscribe and following us on social media.

Through collaboration and shared vision, we are building a bright future for our Township.

Mike Tarnowski, MBA
Mayor, Russell Township

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Fall Programs

Registration is open!
Visit ***Russell.ca/Programs*** to see what is offered this season and to register.



Arenas

Public skating and stick and puck/ring sessions will return September 20, 2025, at the Embrun and Russell arenas. Visit ***Russell.ca/Arenas*** for full schedules.

Bowling Hall

Public bowling is back at the Bowling Hall as of September 5, 2025. Visit ***Russell.ca/Bowling*** for a full schedule.

Collection Notices

Garbage Collection

Starting the week of November 3, 2025, garbage collection will become automated and will remain on a weekly schedule. We will start delivering 120L black bins mid September 2025.

More details will be shared once a delivery date is confirmed. Residents will also receive information on how to upgrade to a larger bin if necessary.

Organic Waste Collection

As this collection is automated, please ensure your green bin is placed with the wheels facing away from the road, and positioned at least two feet away from parked cars, fences, or other obstacles.

To request a larger green bin, email infrastructure@russell.ca for more information.

Proper Positioning of the Green Bin



Things to Avoid



Special Waste Collection Dates

- Free Curbside Exchange Day (October 4)
- Hazardous Waste (September 20)
- Leaf and Yard Waste Collection (November 3-7, on the day of your regular collection). This is the only time yard waste bags and branches are collected.

Visit ***Russell.ca/Waste*** for details on each collection and for a printable version of the Waste Collection Calendar.

Register for our email alerts to receive reminders at ***Russell.ca/Subscribe***.

Recreation Complex Update

Progress is moving quickly at the Township of Russell Recreation Complex! Each week brings major milestones as we move full steam ahead to deliver this important community facility.

During the summer, the construction of the pool structure began — a major step forward. The leisure pool slab was completed, and the walls were poured. We’ve also successfully poured the first two rink apron slabs. Meanwhile, the building envelope continues to take shape, with the installation of white masonry stone already underway. We look forward to sharing more updates as this exciting project continues to develop! View newly added photos in our photo gallery at ***Russell.ca/RecreationComplex***.



Power Outage Safety



Power outages can happen at any time and can have several causes. Keep you and your family safe with the tips below:

- Keep your 72 hours (3 days) emergency preparedness kit stocked with:** portable sources of light (flashlights, candles, glow sticks), extra batteries, non-perishable foods, cash, lots of drinking water (2 litres per person per day minimum), blankets, list of emergency numbers, and first aid kit.
- Have a plan:** Consider what essentials may be impacted by a loss of power (for example, refrigerated medication or medical equipment), keep backups and ensure an alternative exit plan if you rely on elevator service.
- Downed/live power lines:**
- Stay away from fallen power lines (at least 10 meters away) and treat them as emergencies by calling 911.
- Stay food safe:**
- Keep refrigerator doors closed during outages to preserve food.
 - Never use charcoal or gas barbeques, camping stoves, or generators indoors.
- Know when to go:**
- If your home gets too cold or too hot, head to an alternative location until it is safe to return.
- Stay informed:**
- Through your local news sources.
 - Through Government of Canada’s weather website and social media accounts.
 - Look up local shelters and cooling stations. Make sure you know how your community shares updates during emergencies.

Major Residential Development in Embrun

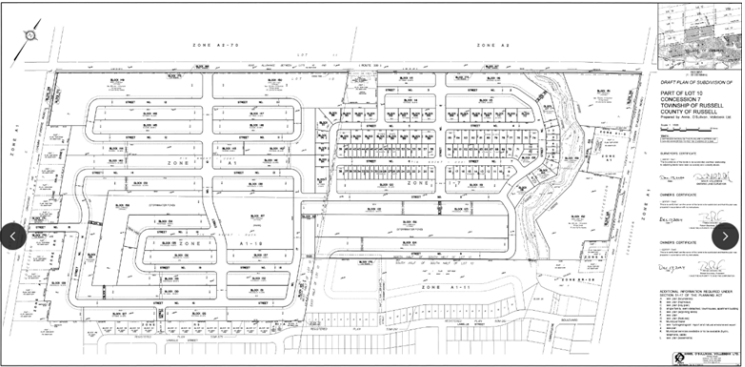
The United Counties of Prescott and Russell have granted draft plan approval for a proposed residential subdivision in Embrun. The site is located in the central northern part of the village, on the south side of Route 300, between St-Augustin Road and St-Pierre Road.

This large parcel of land is expected to accommodate between 1,200 and 1,800 housing units over the next 20 to 25 years. This sketch plan illustrates the proposed layout of streets, lots, and blocks. Before any residential construction can begin, the developer must fulfill all conditions outlined in the draft approval.

Over the coming year, additional public consultation is expected to help guide zoning changes that better align with the intended land use of each phase of the development.

This development proposal aligns with the Province of Ontario’s strategic objective of increasing the housing supply and improving access to affordable housing.

For information on this, contact sylvainboudreault@russell.ca.



Development Charges Study

The Township of Russell is currently reviewing its Development Charges (DC) through a comprehensive background study. Development Charges are fees collected from developers to help pay for the new infrastructure and municipal services required to support growth — such as roads, parks, water and wastewater systems, fire services, and recreation facilities. This ensures that the cost of growth is fairly shared and does not fall entirely on existing taxpayers.

This study will help the Township plan responsibly for the next decade, aligning growth-related investments with projected needs. It will also determine the new DC rates that apply to future developments starting in 2026.

- Important upcoming dates for public input and transparency:
- September 8 – Council Information Session
 - Week of September 29 – Virtual Developer Consultation Meeting (evening)
 - October 7 – Release of DC Study and Draft Bylaw (min. 60 days before bylaw adoption)
 - November 10 – Statutory Public Meeting during the Council meeting
 - December 8 – Proposed Bylaw adoption by Council

We encourage residents, developers, and stakeholders to follow the process and provide feedback. Together, we can ensure that our Township continues to grow in a way that is sustainable, well planned, and financially responsible. Info and updates at ***Russell.ca/DC***.