



Municipalité de
RUSSELL
Township

Township Newsletter

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Dear Residents,

As we look ahead to spring, I am pleased to share updates on our initiatives and the steps we are taking to ensure a strong, vibrant, and sustainable future for our township.

Investing in Infrastructure

A well-maintained township is essential to our quality of life. This year, we are advancing key projects, including the new Recreation Complex, intersection upgrades on Route 300, a roundabout at Limoges Road and Notre-Dame Street (Coin Carotte), new traffic signals, and safety improvements in Russell Village.

We are also launching a multi-year infrastructure project on Notre-Dame Street, ensuring our roads and essential services keep pace with growth. Regular updates are available through our official channels.

Strengthening Our Local Economy

A strong economy creates jobs, enhances services, and helps balance the tax base. To encourage investment in the village core and commercial sectors of Embrun and Russell Villages, we have enhanced the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) with incentives that support local businesses—helping reduce reliance on residential taxes.

We are also creating a new Economic and Community Development Strategic Plan to grow key sectors like tourism, agriculture, healthcare, agri-food, and retail, ensuring a resilient economy while fostering a connected, thriving community.

Responsible Growth and Fiscal Stewardship

We remain committed to preserving what makes our Township special while planning for the future. To date, we have secured nearly \$8 million in grants for infrastructure projects and are actively pursuing additional funding to support sustainable development and ease the tax burden on residents.

Preserving Our Small-Town Charm

Our greatest strength is our people. To support community well-being, we have created a new Community Development Officer position to strengthen social connections.

I encourage everyone to get involved—whether by volunteering, attending community events, or supporting local groups. Every effort, big or small, helps keep our township thriving.

The Power of Collaboration

A great example of our community spirit is the partnership between Embrun Co-op, the Library Board, and the Township to establish a new purpose-built Embrun library branch, set to open in 2026. This project demonstrates what we can achieve when we work together toward a shared vision.

As we move forward, Council remains committed to ensuring the Township grows responsibly, respects our values, and strengthens our economy and quality of life.

Together, we are building a Township that is not only prosperous but also deeply connected and community driven.

Mike Tarnowski, MBA
Mayor, Russell Township

Economic and Community Development Strategic Plan

The Township is looking to establish a working group to help develop this Strategic Plan. It will include a comprehensive work plan that outlines specific recommendations, assigns responsibilities, and promotes a collaborative yet focused approach to fostering economic growth and enhancing community well-being.

If you're interested, please contact the team at ecodev@russell.ca.



Fast-Track Your Small Residential Projects!

From May 6 to September 2, you will be able to apply for a 4 8-hour building permit for small residential projects like decks, sheds, or finishing your basement.

More details coming soon! For questions, email building@russell.ca.

Organic Waste Collection Program Begins April 7!

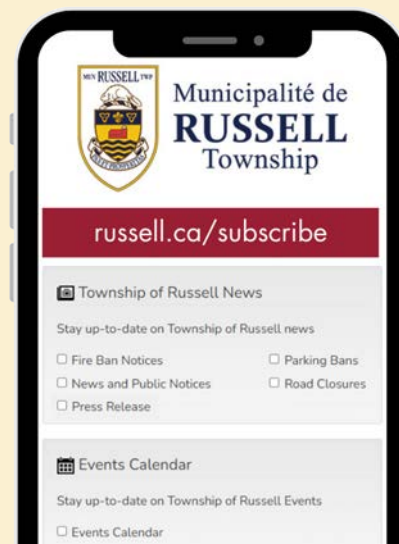
Find out more details at Russell.ca/organic.

- What goes in (and what does NOT)
- When and how
- View the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on our website (more questions will be added as we receive them).

Questions? Email infrastructure@russell.ca to reach the team directly!



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ENTER TO WIN!!!

Making bill payments easier, greener, and more rewarding!

Until March 31, 2025, enroll in E-Billing and/ or our Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAP) for a chance to WIN 1 of 10 \$20.00 Card of a local business of your choice!

Why Register?

- Convenient & hassle-free payments
- Eco-friendly – reduce paper waste
- Never miss a due date

How to Enter:

- Sign up for E-Billing to receive your property tax and utility bills electronically.
- Enroll in Pre-Authorized Payments for automatic, on-time payments.
- Already registered? Great news! You're automatically entered into the contest.

For more details, visit Russell.ca/win or contact 613-443-3066.

Winners will be announced on April 3, 2025.



Summer Recreational Programs

Our Moustiques, Kaboum, Sunshine, Lightning, and Xtreme summer camps, along with activities at the Russell Centennial pool will be back for summer 2025! The Summer Programs and Activities Guide will be available in April.

REGISTRATION DATES

Summer Camps

- Residents: April 9 at 9:00 a.m.
- Non-residents: April 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Aquatic Programs

- Residents: April 30 at 9:00 a.m.
- Non-residents: May 5 at 9:00 a.m.

In-person registration for semi-private and private lessons will be held on June 5 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 717 Notre-Dame Street, Embrun.

- By appointment only: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A link to make an appointment will be made available on May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at [Russell.ca/Programs](https://www.russell.ca/Programs).
- Walk-in only (first come, first served): 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Special Collections

- Organic Waste Collection starts the week of April 7.
- Free Curbside Exchange Day: April 12 & June 14.
- Community Clean-Up Day: April 26.
- Free Large Item (1 per residence): week of April 28.

Download the 2025 Collection Calendar at [Russell.ca/waste](https://www.russell.ca/waste) or get a printed copy at Town Hall.

2025 Photo Expo

We are inviting hobby, amateur, and professional photographers to submit their images for the Photography Expo by August 25, 2025.

The theme this year is “Up Close and Personal”.

For full details: [Russell.ca/PhotoExpo25](https://www.russell.ca/PhotoExpo25).



Photo: Elizabeth Bahl-Séguin

Chirp in.

The Township of Russell wants to hear from **you**.

Help inform our **Public Engagement Strategy**. Fill out our online survey by April 4 or join us for our Town Hall open house on April 2, 5-7 p.m.

Learn more at: [russell.ca/publicengagement](https://www.russell.ca/publicengagement)

Or scan the QR code:

Do you have a Family Emergency Plan?

Residents and families should ensure they are prepared to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of any emergency. Weather, seasonal changes or unexpected events may impact your emergency plans.

You can take three simple steps to become better prepared for a range of emergencies:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get an emergency kit

Visit [Russell.ca/EmergencyPrep](https://www.russell.ca/EmergencyPrep).

Did you know that our website has a list of local community groups and associations?

Find information and get involved in your community at:



If information is missing or needs updating, contact comms@russell.ca.

Am I Eligible for a Lottery Licence?

Lottery licences are available for eligible not-for-profit organizations. They are not available for private functions or individuals fundraising for personal reasons, even if the funds raised are intended for charity.

The Township of Russell can provide eligible charities and not-for-profit organizations with lottery licences for the following types of lotteries: Bazaar, Break Open Tickets, Bingo, Catch the Ace, and Raffle.

Please note that the updated Licence Fee, effective January 1, 2025, is 3% of total proposed prize. Minimum fee per application is \$50. For more information, contact the Clerk’s Office at clerk.greffe@russell.ca.



Our community calendar is available for all non-profit organisations and events happening in our Township.

View community events, as well as Township meetings, payments and deadlines. Subscribe to receive a weekly email of upcoming events.

View it now at [Russell.ca/calendar](https://www.russell.ca/calendar).



Spring in the Township

As spring arrives, the days grow longer, and nature awakens. For farmers, this is one of the busiest times of the year.

While the Township of Russell is rapidly growing, it remains deeply rooted in agriculture. The close proximity of urban and rural life can bring temporary challenges, such as odours, noise, and dust.

Building mutual understanding between residents and farmers is essential. By learning about farming practices and fostering respectful dialogue, we can support agriculture while embracing the unique charm of rural living.



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