



Dear Residents,

As we look ahead to the summer months, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our community has experienced and accomplished together over the past few months.

This winter brought an exceptional amount of snowfall, which may have created challenges for some residents and added to the demands of daily life. I want to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation throughout the season. We also navigated both a provincial and a federal election, along with ongoing uncertainty around international tariffs. Through it all, the strength, resilience, and sense of community in the Township of Russell have continued to shine.

This summer presents an important opportunity to reconnect, recharge, and enjoy all the things that make our community such a great place to live. Whether it's gathering on patios, hosting a backyard barbecue, or simply enjoying the long evenings with friends and neighbours, these moments remind us of the value of community and the joy of everyday connections.

There's no shortage of ways to get involved, thanks to a wide range of events planned by local community groups and organizations. A few highlights include:

- Embrun Summerfest – June 12 to 15
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Meet Me on Main Street in Marionville – Wednesday, July 9
- Meet Me on Main Street in Russell – Tuesday, July 15
- The Russell Fair – August 14 to 17

These are just a few examples — there are many more great events happening throughout the Township. I encourage everyone to stay connected by visiting our website and signing up for news updates. I look forward to attending these events and connecting with residents across the community.

We're also continuing progress on the largest municipal project in our history — the new recreation complex. This landmark facility will support the health, well-being, and quality of life of our residents for years to come.

In addition, major infrastructure upgrades will be taking place in both Russell and Embrun this summer. These improvements are essential to meet the needs of our growing population and enhance day-to-day services. While some construction may cause temporary disruptions, your patience and understanding are sincerely appreciated.

On behalf of Council, I wish each of you a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer. Thank you for your continued support, involvement, and community spirit. Let's make the most of this season and continue building a strong, vibrant future for the Township of Russell.

Mike Tarnowski, MBA
Mayor, Russell Township



Summer Construction Projects

Follow ***Municipal511.ca*** for road closures and detours.

By the Township of Russell



- Paving of Burton Road in collaboration with the City of Ottawa.
- Storm Sewer reconstruction on Notre-Dame Street. This summer, phase 1 will be completed, from Lapalme Street to 958 Notre-Dame Street. Follow ***Russell.ca/NotreDameSt*** for more details and progress on the project.
- Replacement of a bridge on St-Pierre Road between Route 300 and Route 200. The work will begin after July 15, 2025.
- Infrastructure@russell.ca

By the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR)



- The East Castor River Bridge rehabilitation project began in May. Located on South Russell Road, north of Route 400, the bridge will be closed to traffic for the duration of the rehabilitation work, which is expected to last until the fall of 2025.
- Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of County Road 3 (Notre-Dame Road/Route 500 West) and County Road 5 (Limoges/St-Albert Roads). Temporary road closures are planned during construction, which is scheduled to be completed at the end of fall 2025.
- TravauxPublics@prescott-russell.on.ca

Help Shape the 2026 Budget!

The Township of Russell will soon begin preparing the 2026 municipal budget, with the process officially starting this September. As part of our commitment to community engagement, we will be launching a public survey to give all residents the opportunity to share their input and priorities for the upcoming budget.

In addition to the survey, we will also be hosting a public consultation session on September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., where residents can present their ideas, ask questions, and submit specific budget requests. This is your chance to get involved and have a direct impact on how your tax dollars are invested in our community.

Resident feedback is critical to building a balanced and responsible budget. By sharing your views, you help Council and staff make informed decisions that reflect the needs and aspirations of the entire community. Stay tuned for more information on the survey launch and public consultation session. We look forward to hearing from you!



Meet Me on Main Street

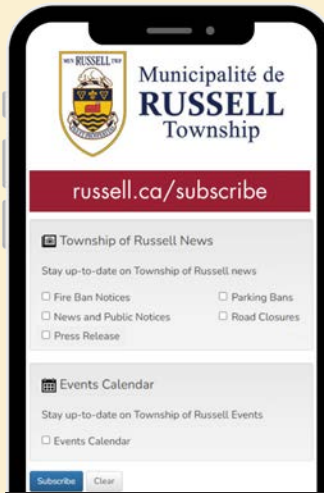
We invite you to participate in the Meet Me on Main Street event on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Russell.

This community gathering will include food & beverage kiosks, face painting, fire safety activities, a youth zone, open mic, outdoor fun, and booths from local non-profit organizations. Fun for the whole family! Admission is free.

Please note that a portion of Concession Street will be closed from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., with access to pedestrians only.

For more information: ***Russell.ca/MeetMe***.

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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***.

Municipalité de Russell Township Photo EXPO



Photo: Elizabeth Bahl-Séguin



Public Pool

Visit the Russell Centennial Public Pool this summer! We offer public swim time every day. The schedule is available at [Russell.ca/pool](https://russell.ca/pool).



A reminder that dogs must be kept on a leash on all public properties, except in the dog park. Owners must always pick up after their dogs.



Pool Permits

Are you planning on installing a pool or spa in the near future? Pools and spas with the capacity of 18 inches of water or more require a permit.

Learn more about what is required at [Russell.ca/PoolPermits](https://russell.ca/PoolPermits).

Special Collections

- Free Curbside Exchange Day: June 14 & August 16.
- Download the 2025 Collection Calendar at [Russell.ca/waste](https://russell.ca/waste) or get a printed copy at Town Hall.



Visit Our Parklets!

Our two parklets are back in Embrun and Russell this year! Come play chess, relax and enjoy this public space! Details at [Russell.ca/parklet](https://russell.ca/parklet).

Fast-Track Your Small Residential Projects!

From May 6 to September 2, apply for a 48-hour building permit for small residential projects like decks, sheds, or minor residential renovations. Submit your application before noon on Mondays. Permits will be issued by Wednesday morning, as long all information is provided, and the proposal complies with the Ontario Building Code and municipal zoning bylaws. For more information, visit [Russell.ca/Building](https://russell.ca/Building) or email inspections@russell.ca.



Development Charges Study – Have Your Say!

The Township of Russell is currently undertaking a Development Charges (DC) Study to plan for our community’s future growth and ensure that new development continues to contribute its fair share to the infrastructure and services that support our residents. Development Charges are fees collected from developers to help pay for new roads, parks, water, wastewater systems, and other key services that are needed as our community expands. This study is an important tool that ensures growth is funded in a responsible and sustainable way, helping us maintain the high quality of life that residents expect, without placing an undue burden on existing taxpayers.

As part of this process, we will be hosting public engagement sessions where residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the DC Study, ask questions, and provide feedback. We want to hear your voice and ensure that this plan reflects the priorities and needs of our growing community. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details on how you can participate. Your input will help shape the future of our Township!

Summer Safety Reminders

As Summer approaches, Russell Township Fire Services and various Township Departments will be out in our community. Please come see us at one of these special events; Embrun Summerfest on June 14, Meet me on Main Street on July 15, and the Russell Fair on August 14-17. During the summer, we ask all of our residents to pay attention to specific regulations surrounding fire safety within our community. Contact the Public Safety and Enforcement Department when planning special events at bylaws.reglements@russell.ca.

Open Air Burning

All open-air burning requires a fire permit to be issued at least 24 hrs before the start of burning. Permits are \$40 and can obtained in person or by mail at Town Hall.

Fire Bans

Fire bans are implemented when safety conditions are a concern. NO burning is allowed if a fire ban is in effect. It is your responsibility to verify if a fire ban is in place. You can subscribe to receive alerts at [Russell.ca/subscribe](https://russell.ca/subscribe).

Campfires

- A permit is not required for recreational campfires but certain rules need to be followed. Your campfire:
- can’t be larger than 0.5 cubic meters;
 - must be contained and in the backyard only, at least 4.5 meters from any lot lines and combustible items;
 - must be supervised at all times by a person of at least 18 years of age until completely extinguished.

Before lighting up, check for Fire Ban Notices at [Russell.ca/FireBan](https://russell.ca/FireBan).

Fireworks

- Consumer fireworks (family fireworks) are not allowed in parks but are allowed on your property between sunset and 11:00 p.m. on the following days:
- The day before, the day of, and the day after St Jean Baptiste.
 - Two days before, the day of, and two days after Canada Day.



Make Sure Your Civic Address is Visible

9-1-1 blade signs not only identify the civic address of a property but also play a critical role in helping emergency services quickly locate where assistance is needed—improving response times in urgent situations. Under the Civic Addressing and 9-1-1 Protocol By-law #116-2014, every property’s civic number must be clearly visible from the street, either through a 9-1-1 blade sign or by posting the number directly on the building.

We encourage all property owners to ensure their civic address is clearly marked, especially in case of emergencies. If you believe your address may not be properly identified, please contact the Planning Department at planning@russell.ca.

