

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Where Life, History and Nature Are Bridged

Summer 2025 Newsletter



Ryerson Municipal Office

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Website: www.ryersontownship.ca Email: Clerk@ryersontownship.ca

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor: George Sterling (705) 382-1761

Councillors:

Beverly Abbot (705) 387-1690

Glenn Miller (705) 380-0142

Delynne Patterson (705) 783-7188

Dan Robertson (289) 221-0110

Council Meetings: Are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. with only one meeting a month during the summer. The meeting schedule can be found on the municipal website. Everyone is welcome to attend. For access to the virtual meeting email clerk@ryersontownship.ca before 4:00 p.m. To be a delegate, submit a delegation form by 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the scheduled meeting.

By-law Enforcement Officers:

Jason Newman

(705) 477-3793 – bylaw@armourtownship.ca

Phone: (705) 477-3793

Bryan Austin

(705) 571-4453 – enforcement@armourtownship.ca

Phone: (705) 571-4453

Trailer License



All trailers that are located on a property without a dwelling are required to be licensed. Refer to Trailer Licensing

By-law #24-24 for more information. The fee to license a trailer in 2025 is \$520.00.



Dog License

2025 Dog Tags— Dog licenses are available at the Township Office or online. License fees are \$34.00 for the first dog and \$44.00 for each subsequent dog.

2026 Dog Tags— Will be available in January of 2026. Get them by March 31, 2026 for a reduced rate of \$18.00 for one dog and \$23.00 for every subsequent dog.

2025 Community Yard Sale

This years Community Yard Sale raised **\$316.70** for the Burk’s Falls & District Foodbank. Thank you to those who participated in the event. We look forward to seeing you all next year.



Council and staff would like to thank all the residents of Ryerson who spend time volunteering through out the community!

Roads Project

Pulverizing of approximately 4.5 km of Peggs Mountain Road will begin at the beginning of August. Construction on this portion of Peggs Mountain Road will continue throughout the month of August. Please drive with caution and watch out for crews working.

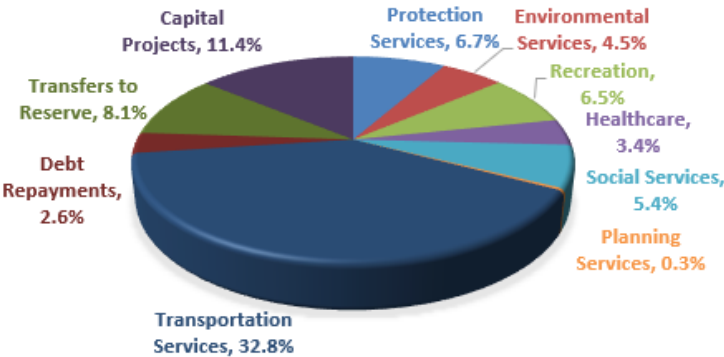


2025 Budget Overview

Municipal Tax Levy Increase:	1%
Policing (OPP)	\$ 166,066
Social Services (DSSAB)	\$ 93,741
North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit	\$ 22,374
Ambulance (EMS)	\$ 69,081
Eastholme	\$ 70,123
Library	\$ 41,506
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre	\$ 5,000
Hospital Local Share	\$ 20,000

Shared Services:	
Fire:	\$ 131,841
Arena:	\$ 162,872
Landfill:	\$ 133,331

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY FUNCTION AREA



BE AWARE OF FIRE RATINGS AND OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS NO DAYTIME BURNING IS PERMITTED BETWEEN 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., APRIL 1ST TO OCT 31ST.
Everyone has the responsibility to keep their families and homes safe from fire and carbon monoxide. The best ways to do this are to:

- Take all reasonable preventions to prevent fires from starting.
- Install and maintain working smoke alarms on every story of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Not only do smoke alarms and CO alarms save lives, they are required by law.
- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan so everyone in the home knows exactly what to do should the smoke/CO alarms sound in an emergency.
- Have fuel-burning appliances serviced annually by certified service technicians.

Keep an eye on the municipal website and fire rating signs throughout the municipality for updated fire conditions.

Contact Cameron Haffner @ (705) 788-4676 with any questions or concerns.

Call 911 in an emergency.



Welcome to Our New Residents

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

Visit www.ryersontownship.ca and click on “Welcome to Ryerson” tab to find everything you need to know as a new resident of Ryerson Township.

Agricultural Society

Fall Fair—August 30th to September 1st at the Burk’s Falls Fair Grounds. Visit the www.arbfas.ca for more information.



Library

Hello Summer! Did you know that all residents of Ryerson are entitled to a free library card? It gives you access to a wide array of loanable materials, like books, movies, audiobooks, tech items, VR goggles, and microscopes, plus e-resources, printing, Wi-Fi, maker space, and more! Enjoy programs for all ages—Book club, Author Events, TD Summer Reading, Booktivities, Junior Scientists, and more. Stop by and explore all your library offers—or join the *Friends of the Library* to volunteer, advocate, and support our programs.

Arena

Looking for some summer ice? Contact the Armour, Ryerson & Burk’s Falls Memorial Arena for your summer rentals by emailing arena@burksfalls.ca or calling (705) 382-3811.



Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED)

Almaguin Community Economic Development is here to support local businesses in 2025—whether you’re starting up, expanding, or exploring other needs (some fees may apply). Visit explorealmaguin.ca for tourism info, events, and regional updates. This year, we’re continuing efforts on housing, transportation, regional branding and signage.



CodeRED: Ryerson Township has partnered with the Village of Burk’s Falls to offer residents CodeRED which is an emergency Notification System. Sign up for this service today. Visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-CA/BF11DA7A32D2?>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Are you and your family prepared for an emergency? A 72-hour kit can enable you to meet the needs of your household members, including pets and children, if you must stay home for an extended period due to an emergency. To learn more, visit www.ryersontownship.ca/emergency-preparedness.

Historical Society

Come and Visit the Burk’s Falls & District Historical Society!

Explore local history at our two museum sites: The Watt Century Farm House (827 Chetwynd Rd) and Wiseman’s Corner Schoolhouse (112 Midlothian Rd).

Join us for the Heritage Festival!

Saturday, July 12 | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Burk’s Falls Fairgrounds

Learn more or get involved:

Website: Burksfallshistoricalsociety.com

Email: info@burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com

New members and volunteers always welcome!

Building Department

The Joint Building Committee will begin sending letters to owners with building permits that have remained open for over two years. As outlined in the Building By-law, annual maintenance fees apply after two years:

Annual fees will be the following:

Dwellings/additions—\$250.00

Accessory Structures—\$200.00

Commercial Permits—\$300.00



A 30-day grace period to close off your building permit will be provided before the fees are applied. Fees can be applied annually with interest incurring after six months and if unpaid, may be applied to your property taxes in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 s.434 (2).

Contact:

Brian Dumas—(705) 384-9444 or cbojbc@strongtownship.ca

Ives Savage—(705) 384-9444 Ext. 2 or inspectorjbc@strongtownship.ca

Landfill

Ontario has updated the Blue Box Regulation to expand recycling access and standardize guidelines province-wide. The changes support a circular economy by promoting the reuse of materials and reducing landfill waste. Under a new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model, producers are now fully responsible for the collection, processing, and recycling of their packaging and products.

A Landfill Pass is mandatory and required for access to the site. Property owners must arrange with the Township for temporary passes for short-term renters. Please visit www.armourtownship.ca/landfill for more details

HAZMAT DAY: Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Strong Landfill—483 Forrest Lake Road, Sundridge ON.