

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

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Spring 2026 Newsletter

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Mayor: George Sterling (705) 382-1761

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- Beverly Abbot (705) 387-1690
- Glenn Miller (705) 380-0142
- Delynne Patterson (705) 783-7188
- Dan Robertson (289) 221-0110

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.

2026 INTERIM TAX BILLING

Due Dates:

- 1st Installment due: April 17, 2026
- 2nd Installment due: May 15, 2026

By-law Enforcement Officers:

- Jason Newman
(705) 477-3793 – bylaw@armourtownship.ca
- Bryan Austin
(705) 571-4453 – enforcement@armourtownship.ca



Spring Cleaning for Safety: Fire Hazard Prevention

This spring, add these important tasks to your cleaning list to keep your home safe from fire hazards:

- **Make Your Address Visible:** Ensure your house number is clear from the road and remove any debris that could block first responders.
- **Clean Stove Filters:** Remove grease buildup above your stove.
- **Test Smoke & CO Alarms:** Replace dead batteries and old units (smoke alarms over 10 years old; CO alarms over 5-7 years).
- **Emergency Kit:** Ensure you have an emergency kit for power outages or floods.
- **Clean Fridge Coils:** Unplug and clean coils to prevent fire risks.
- **Home Escape Plan:** Practice your fire escape plan and clear escape routes, ensuring windows open easily.
- **Check Outdoor Electricals:** Inspect for animal nests and damaged wiring.
- **Recycle Old Paper:** Get rid of newspapers, magazines, and junk mail that can fuel a fire.
- **Store Chemicals Safely:** Clean and store paints and chemicals securely.
- **Remove Combustibles:** Clear leaves and trash from garages and carports to avoid fire risks.

Call 911 for emergencies, or Fire Prevention Officer Cameron Haffner for inquiries at **705-788-4676**. Stay safe this spring!

OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING BY-LAW UPDATES

The Township of Ryerson encourages residents to review the draft Official Plan and Draft Zoning By-law that can be found on the Township website under planning department Plan Review & Zoning By-law Update - Township of Ryerson comments and concerns can be emailed to clerk@ryersontownship.ca

Public Open House March 23, 2026, at the Katrine Community Centre, 6 Browns Rd, Katrine from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00-p.m.

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Your school support designation matters, review it by June 1, 2026 by visiting AboutMyProperty™ | MPAC.

Residents will have until August 12, 2026 to update their voter information on the voters list by visiting Home - Voter Registration

Planning to vote in the next municipal or provincial election in Ontario?

Now you can get on the voters list for both municipal and provincial elections, all in one place!

Visit RegisterToVoteON.ca for information on eligibility, registration and how to check, update or add your information to the voters list.



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DOG LICENSING

ALL DOGS REQUIRE DOG TAGS: Tag registration for 2026 are available at the Township Office or online. Fees prior to March 31st are \$18.00 for the first dog and \$23.00 for each additional dog. **DOG TAGS PURCHASED AFTER MARCH 31ST ARE \$36.00 FOR THE FIRST DOG AND \$46.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DOG.**

ROADS DEPARTMENT

The Roads Department is preparing for the upcoming spring and summer season. During this time, road conditions may be impacted by seasonal maintenance activities. Please use caution when travelling and reduce your speed when approaching or passing road crews. Your cooperation helps ensure the safety of both workers and motorists.

NOTICE OF LOAD RESTRICTIONS:

Load Restriction regulations will take effect and be enforced on all Township roads on March 9, 2026, or when signs are put in place. These restrictions will remain in effect for a period that will depend on road conditions, with signs being posted accordingly. Once the road integrity has been restored, the load restrictions are removed.



WELCOME TO 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.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY
COME VISIT OUR MUSEUMS!**

The members of the Burk’s Falls and District Historical Society are looking forward to the summer and the opening of our museums: Watt Century Farm House located at 827 Chetwynd Road and Wiseman’s Corner School house located at 112 Midlothian Road. Come and check out the many vintage items on display. If you have any items you’re unsure about and are considering throwing them away, please contact us first. New members and volunteers are always welcome. For information please visit burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com or send us an email at info@burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com.

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 2026—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.

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 Ext. 1 or cbojbc@strongtownship.ca
- Ives Savage**—(705) 384-9444 Ext. 2 or inspectorjbc@strongtownship.ca

TRI R LANDFILL AND RECYCLING

141 Chetwynd Road

Operating Hours:

May 1 - August 31:

10 am - 5 pm.

September 1 - April 30:

10 am - 4 pm

Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Only **CLEAR BAGS** for household garbage is accepted.

Landfill Cards will only be issued to the registered owner(s) for each occupied residential property.

Existing card holders do not need to do anything, your annual bag allocation will be automatically updated in January.

Temporary passes will still be available for property owners with seasonal rentals. These passes must be arranged by the owner through the municipal office. **Renters showing up at the site without an authorized pass will not be allowed to deposit waste at the site.** Don’t forget to check out our new **Rental Garbage Kits!** Priced at **\$5 each or 10 for \$45.**

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Held at the Strong Township Landfill Site #1:

483 Forrest Lake Rd., Sundridge (Access via Inlet Creek Rd.)

Please watch for upcoming dates and times through our website or the **Almaguin Recycling Initiative** Facebook page.