

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Where Life, History and Nature Are Bridged

Summer 2026 Newsletter



Ryerson Municipal Office

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

Mayor: George Sterling (705) 382-1761

Councillors:

Beverly Abbott (705) 387-1690

Glenn Miller (705) 380-0142

Delynne Patterson (705) 783-7188

Dan Robertson (289) 221-0110

Council Meetings: Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 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 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 MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Is your Voter Information Up to Date?

Help ensure you’re ready to vote by checking your information is accurate. If you have you moved or changed you name, take a minute and verify your information by **August 12, 2026** by visiting: [Home - Voter Registration](#). Keeping your voter records current helps make the voting process smooth and efficient.

CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

Are you thinking of running for Council? The Township of Ryerson is actively accepting candidate nominations until August 21, 2026 by 2:00 p.m. Candidate information packages can be obtained by contacting the municipal office or by visiting: [2026 Municipal Election - Township of Ryerson](#)

VOTER KITS

If you have registered to vote, ballots will be mailed the week of **September 21, 2026**. Ballots can be returned via mail or dropped off at the municipal office.

ELECTION DAY—OCTOBER 26, 2026

Voting will take place at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk’s Falls Memorial Arena if you have not mailed in your vote prior to this date.

ADMINISTRATIVE MONETARY PENALTY SYSTEM (AMPS)

The Township of Ryerson now uses the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) to manage certain By-laws. AMPS allows municipalities to deal with penalty notices at a municipal level through appointed hearing and screening officers.

Jason Newman

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

Bryan Austin

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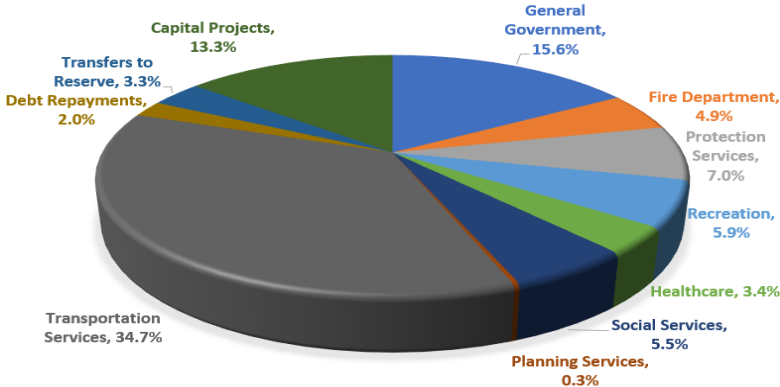
ROAD PROJECTS

Bartlett Lake Culvert Replacement— A portion of the road will be closed between the Quiet Lane intersection and Old Rainy Lake intersection beginning the week of August 4th and could be closed for approximately one (1) month.

2026 Budget Overview

Municipal Tax Levy Increase:	2.9%
Policing (OPP)	\$ 184,333
Social Services (DSSAB)	\$ 100,016
North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit	\$ 23,247
Ambulance (EMS)	\$ 74,749
Eastholme	\$ 72,881
Library	\$ 50,409
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre	\$ 5,000
Hospital Local Share	\$ 20,000
Shared Services:	
Fire:	\$ 153,133
Arena:	\$ 183,380
Landfill:	\$ 124,859

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY FUNCTIONAL AREA



FINAL TAX BILLING DUE DATES:

Installment 1: August 21, 2026

Installment 2: September 18, 2026

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 precautions to prevent fires from starting.
- Install and maintain working smoke and CO 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.

2026 HARVEST FESTIVAL



Friday, September 11 to Monday, September 14, 2026. Ambient music after 8 p.m. beginning Sunday, September 13, 2026. For more information visit:
[Harvest Festival - Township of Ryerson](#)

TRI R 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 22, 2026 at the Strong Landfill—483 Forest Lake Road, Sundridge

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 2026 is \$540.00.

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).

Learn more or get involved:

Website: Burksfallshistoricalsociety.com
Email: info@burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com
New members and volunteers always welcome!

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Fall Fair—September 5th—7th at the Burk’s Falls Fairgrounds. Visit the www.arbfas.ca for more information.

LAKE ACCESS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS:

- Ahmic Lake**—Located at 1426A Nipissing Rd South.
- Bartlett Lake**—Located at 636 Old Rainey Lake Rd.
- Doe Lake**—Located at the end of Peggs Mountain Road Extension.
- Rockwynn**—Located at 2397 Highway 520 across from South Horn Lake Rd.

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.



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 googles, 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. As our community looks toward the future, keep an eye out for upcoming fundraising efforts and opportunities to support the vision of a new library facility.



ALMAGUIN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT(ACED)

ACED continues to collaborate with municipalities, businesses, and community partners to support regional economic growth and vibrant, resilient communities. This year, ACED is undertaking a new Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan to identify future priorities and opportunities, while advancing ongoing work in tourism promotion, workforce development, housing, and regional collaboration. Local businesses are encouraged to connect with ACED to discuss business supports, expansion opportunities, and other economic development needs (please note that fees may apply for some services). To explore current projects and opportunities across the region, you can visit explorealmaguin.ca.