



**Ryerson Municipal Office**  
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Roads Department Phone: (705) 382-3822 / Fax: (705) 382-3286 / After Hours Cell: (705) 783-0064  
Hours:  
MONDAY to FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M TO 4:00 P.M. THE OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO COVID-19

<p><b>MAYOR:</b> George Sterling (705) 382-1761</p> <p><b>COUNCILLORS:</b></p> <p>Penny Brandt (705) 783-7954 Celia Finley (705) 382-9804 Barbara Marlow (705) 382-2205 Delynne Patterson (705) 382-2855</p>	<p><b>COUNCIL MEETINGS</b> during the COVID-19 emergency will be held electronically at 6:00 p.m. on the scheduled dates. There is a meeting schedule posted on the website. Everyone is welcome to attend the zoom meetings. During the emergency if you wish to be a delegate you must submit a delegation form by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the meeting. Only written delegations will be allowed at this time. Face covering is a must in public places, please wear your mask.</p>
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**THE TOWNSHIP GARAGE ROOF IS BEING REPLACED.** Effective Monday June 22, 2020 Ryerson Township staff will be temporarily relocating while the garage roof is replaced. Although exact timelines are uncertain, we hope to be back in the office in August.



In the meantime, staff will be working out of the IDA Pharmacy basement in Burk’s Falls. We anticipate remaining closed to the public for the duration, but phone lines and emails will remain unchanged and will still be monitored. The roads crew will also remain fully operational. A locked dropbox, labelled with the Ryerson Township logo, will be affixed outside the basement entrance off Main Street. Correspondence can also be sent through the mail.

If you have any questions during this time, please call us at (705) 382-3232 or email [admin@ryersontownship.ca](mailto:admin@ryersontownship.ca). For questions regarding the roads department, please call (705) 783-0064. Please note that we currently have only one phone line in place. If you receive a busy signal, please call back at a later time.

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

**RYERSON TOWNSHIP, PLANNED 2020 ROADS PROJECTS.** A large job “Replacement of the Crossing Culvert Project” is planned for mid-July, located on Lakeview Drive East between Civic # 99 and #177. A planned road closure will be implemented for four days. Advance notice will be given by means of road signs, and township website.



Next the “River Barrier Project” will commence with a section of 283 meters of “Jersey” type locking cement barrier, scheduled to be installed to provide a traffic barrier between the Magnetawan River and the traveled section of Midlothian Road where it passes alongside the Magnetawan River just west of the Midlothian Bridge.

Plans to replace the sunken culverts on Pegg’s Mountain Road are scheduled for the fall. The sunken road surface on top of the crossing culverts will be repaired and will help with long term maintenance of this roadway.

A 10cm lift of granite is scheduled to be applied to Royston Road east from Pegg’s Mountain Road to Stisted Road north. Additional “A” gravel applications will be added to Lake View Drive East and West, Jeffery Road and Stoney Road from Highway 520 to the border with Armour Township.

A small expansion is planned at the Township Yard for a 400 square meter pad where the Recycled Asphalt Product, “RAP” stockpile is located.

Cemeteries in the township will have new signs installed and some brush clearing and fence repairs this summer.

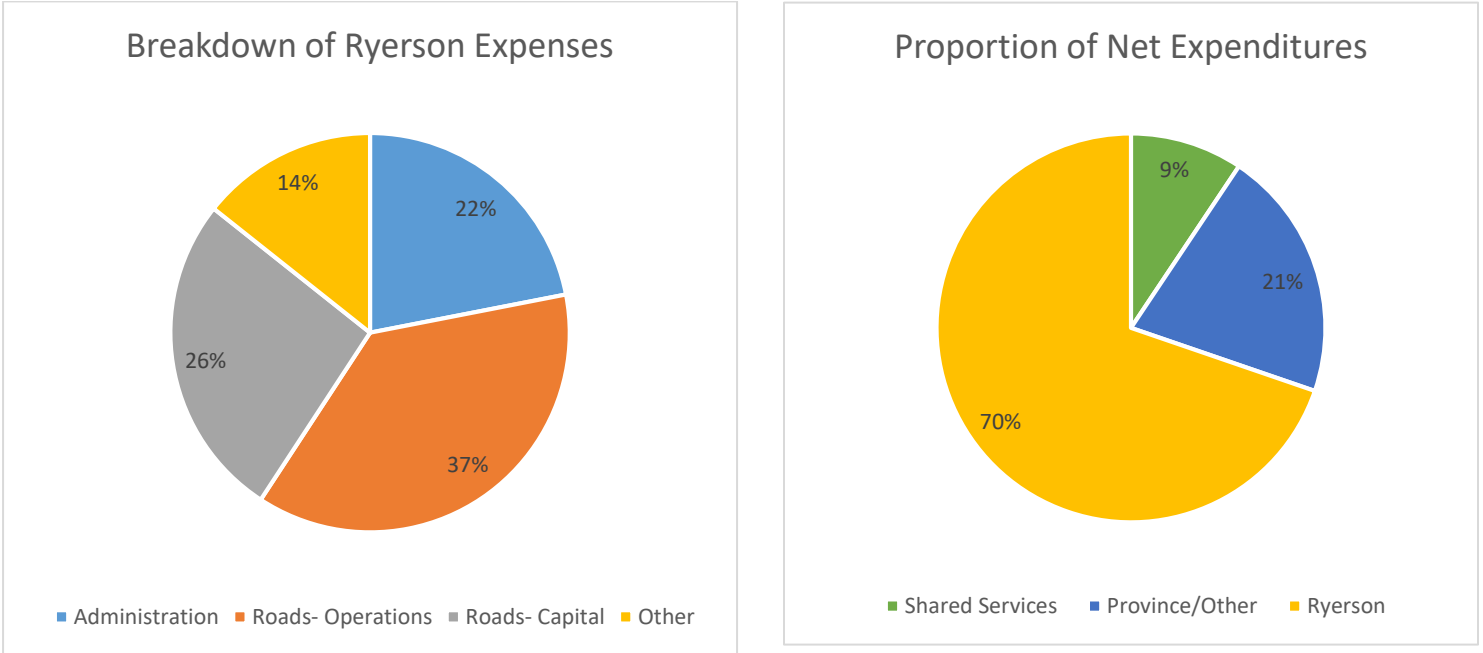
**TAX PAYMENTS:** E-Billing Option: Beginning in 2020, Ryerson Township is offering its residents with the option to receive tax bills directly by email. To enroll in this service, please download and fill out the application form found [here](#) and return by email to the Township. Payments may be made by cheque, cash, or through online banking; we do not accept credit or debit cards due to the fees associated with these transactions.

**TRI R LANDFILL & RECYCLING** the biggest mistake people still make when it comes to recycling is not washing out their jars, bottles or containers before putting them in the blue bin. Not only is there a risk of contamination, but it increases the cost of processing.  
Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. A replacement card fee of \$10 applies.

**HAZMAT DAY** to be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please keep checking for updates due to COVID-19.



**2020 BUDGET** Council has deliberated the budget resulting in an overall tax levy (budget) increase of **2.6 %**. The total budget is \$3,423,188. The chart below gives a breakdown of 2020 expenditures. The effect on individual properties will vary depending on increases in assessment. Copies of the 2019 Financial Statements are available at the Municipal Office at no cost to any ratepayer or resident of the Municipality and are posted on the web site.



**THE NORTH BAY PARRY SOUND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT (HEALTH UNIT)** will be mandating the use of face coverings while in certain enclosed public spaces and public transit, effective Friday Jul. 24, 2020. The directive falls under the province’s Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

**MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER** contact Caitlin Deevey at (705) 497-4959 or [caitlin\\_deevey@hotmail.com](mailto:caitlin_deevey@hotmail.com). All dogs require dog tags and licenses for 2020 are available at the Township Office. Fees are \$15.00 for the first dog and \$20.00 for each additional dog.  
**DO YOU HAVE A TRAILER ON YOUR PROPERTY?** Ensure you have your 2020 trailer license, due date was June 26, 2020. Applications for Trailer and Dog Tags are found on the Ryerson Township Website.

**CodeRED** is an emergency notification service by which the municipality can notify residents and businesses, by telephone or cellular device, about emergency situations which will impact residents of the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls. Residents of both municipalities are strongly encouraged to register either a land line or cellular device for notifications that may include boil water advisory, infrastructure failure and declared emergencies. Visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-CA/BF11DA7A32D2?> or contact your municipality for assistance with registering.



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** Are you and your family prepared for possible emergencies? A 72-hour kit can enable you to meet the needs of all household members, including pets and children, if you have to stay home for an extended period due to an emergency. The spring melt presents flood risks in Ryerson, and residents are reminded to listen for severe weather warnings on local radio or television and check the MNR Flood advisory website. To learn more, visit [www.ryersontownship.ca/emergency-preparedness](http://www.ryersontownship.ca/emergency-preparedness).



**O.P.P. and POLICING:** For Non-Urgent requests for police assistance or to report suspicious activity, please call **1-888-310-1122**. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). **For emergencies** call 911.

**THE ALMAGUIN MANOR RESIDENCE** is a 32-unit senior (55+) apartment building ideally located within the heart of the Village of Burk’s Falls. The apartment building offers residents with easy elevator service, in-house coin-operated laundry and an active social room. Currently the building has vacancy, contact Linda to arrange a view (705) 783-5344.

**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY** for shoreline development across the district this is a reminder you need a permit from MNRF for most shorelands work. More information on work permits can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits> also attached is an application for shore lands work.

**ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH CENTRE**, located at 150 Huston Street in Burk’s Falls, has many services available? Take advantage of shorter wait times. For more information, call (705) 382-2900 or visit [www.almaguin-health.org](http://www.almaguin-health.org).

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT** contact Brian Dumas at (705) 384-9444 or [cbojbc@strongtownship.com](mailto:cbojbc@strongtownship.com). Remember you must obtain a building or demolition permit if you are constructing or demolishing buildings.

**ALMAGUIN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** wishes to extend our thanks to all business operators and residents for their continued commitment to public safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The ACED Team will



continue to develop programming and share critical information to support businesses through this unprecedented time. For more information, visit <https://investalmaguin.ca> or contact Dave Gray at [director@investalmaguin.ca](mailto:director@investalmaguin.ca).

**LIBRARY:** The Burk's Falls, Armour, and Ryerson Union Public Library is OPEN for Curbside Pickup and Delivery, all you need is a Library Card! Visit our website for more information. Library cards provide access to all of our physical and virtual collections including: Books, DVDs, Magazines, Audiobooks, E-Books and more!



Join Ziggy, for virtual programming including Dungeons and Dragons, Minecraft, Storytime, Film Day and more! Need access to a computer? The Library is offering 1 hour timeslots for our computers, by appointment only. We also have printing, photocopying, and faxing services available.

The library is committed to ensuring we provide a safe space for patrons and staff, we are closely following the direction of our public health advisors. Every effort is made to ensure library materials and computers are sanitized before use, and masks are mandatory to enter the building. Follow us on social media to stay up to date on everything at the library!

**THE ARMOUR, RYERSON & BURK'S FALLS ARENA** currently remains closed to the public. Arena staff are busy with maintenance projects and preparations for when the Arena will be able to open



**THE BURK'S FALLS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** The Heritage Centres remain closed during the pandemic.  
**Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse**



Watt Century Farm House



Visit [www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com](http://www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com) for more information.

**BURK'S FALLS & DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Knowing what to do should a fire occur is very important. Have a fire safety plan for your home, cottage, trailer and your work place, **and practice it**. If the whole family knows what to do in the event of a fire, they will be calmer and will be able to move to a safe place more quickly. For Fire Prevention or Inspection information, please contact Fire Chief Dave McNay at (705) 382-4010 or [chiefbfdfd@gmail.com](mailto:chiefbfdfd@gmail.com).



We are launching a Summer Home Fire Escape Challenge on July 1<sup>st</sup>. [Summer Home Fire Escape Challenge](#)



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Counts! Plan Two W



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**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 1<sup>ST</sup> TO OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**Always think safety before making a fire** all that it takes is one spark for things to go wrong. A carelessly abandoned campfire or a campfire built without safe clearance can turn a small fire into a dangerous and fast-moving blaze. Be sure to build your campfire in a way that does not endanger anyone or the surrounding forest. Enjoy a safe campfire.

