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Welcome Guide



The Village of
Burk's Falls

"Where Everybody is a Somebody"

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The Village of Burk's Falls has many wonderful attractions and resources for residents and visitors alike, all of which combine to create a rich and diverse quality of life.

If you're looking for the quiet life, Burk's Falls has the tranquility of natural wilderness filled with wildlife, vast stretches of forest joined by winding bodies of water. If an active lifestyle is your preference, you will find countless activities to incorporate the beautiful natural setting which surrounds Burk's Falls; hiking trails, access to snowmobile trails, swimming and camping all right at your door.

Burk's Falls is a warm and welcoming community in every sense, with neighbors helping neighbors, communities supporting communities, set amidst the natural beauty of northern Ontario.

Council and I welcome you to Burk's Falls, a very special village in a very special part of the world.

Welcome all to The Village of Burk's Falls

Mayor Chris Hope



2022-2026 Elected Members of Council

Mayor Chris Hope

Deputy Mayor John Wilson

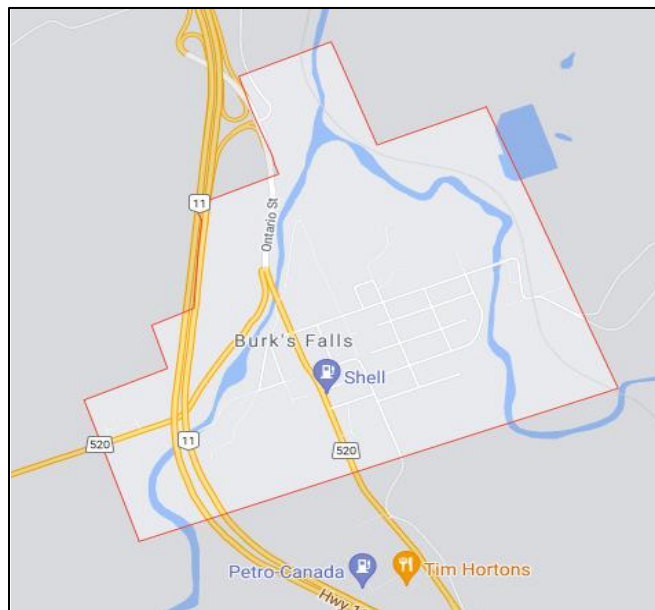
Councillors Ashley Brandt, Ryan Baptiste, Sean Cotton

Also pictured is CAO-Clerk Denis Duguay and Treasurer Tammy Wylie

Municipal Office
172 Ontario Street, Box 160
Monday to Thursday
8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday- Closed (Admin Day) -Open for appointments only.

Staff Directory:

CAO-Clerk:	Denis Duguay	clerk@burksfalls.ca
Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk:	Tammy Wylie	treasurer@burksfalls.ca
Public Works Foreman:	Derek Smith	publicworks@burksfalls.ca
Arena Manager:	Graham Smith	arena@burksfalls.ca
Bylaw Officer:	Braden Bradford	bylaw@burksfalls.ca



Established in 1890, The Village of Burk's Falls is located 40km North of Huntsville, ON and 87km South of North Bay, ON in the East Parry Sound District



172 Ontario Street, Municipal Office - (705) 382-3138

Council Meetings

Members of Council meet for regularly scheduled council and committee meetings throughout the year, as well as at special meetings when needed. All meetings of Council are open to the public. If you would like to attend and require accessibility or wish to receive the Zoom link please contact the Municipal Office. Meetings are held at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre, 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls.

Regular meetings of Council take place on the third Tuesday of the month unless otherwise posted. Agendas for each meeting are set in advance and may be reviewed by the public on the Friday afternoon prior to each meeting either online or by visiting the municipal office and requesting a copy.

Make a Delegation

A person or organization wishing to appear before Council must submit a Delegation Request Form to the CAO-Clerk no later than noon on the Thursday prior to each regular meeting of Council. Delegation Request Forms are available at the Municipal Office or on the municipal website.

Council Appointed Committees, Groups, Boards and Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have experience, knowledge or skills that could help make the Village an even greater place to live, work and play? Your expertise can help the Village identify and respond to the needs of our residents. Contact the municipal office to discuss opportunities in which your skill set can be best matched with various community minded committees or volunteer groups.

History

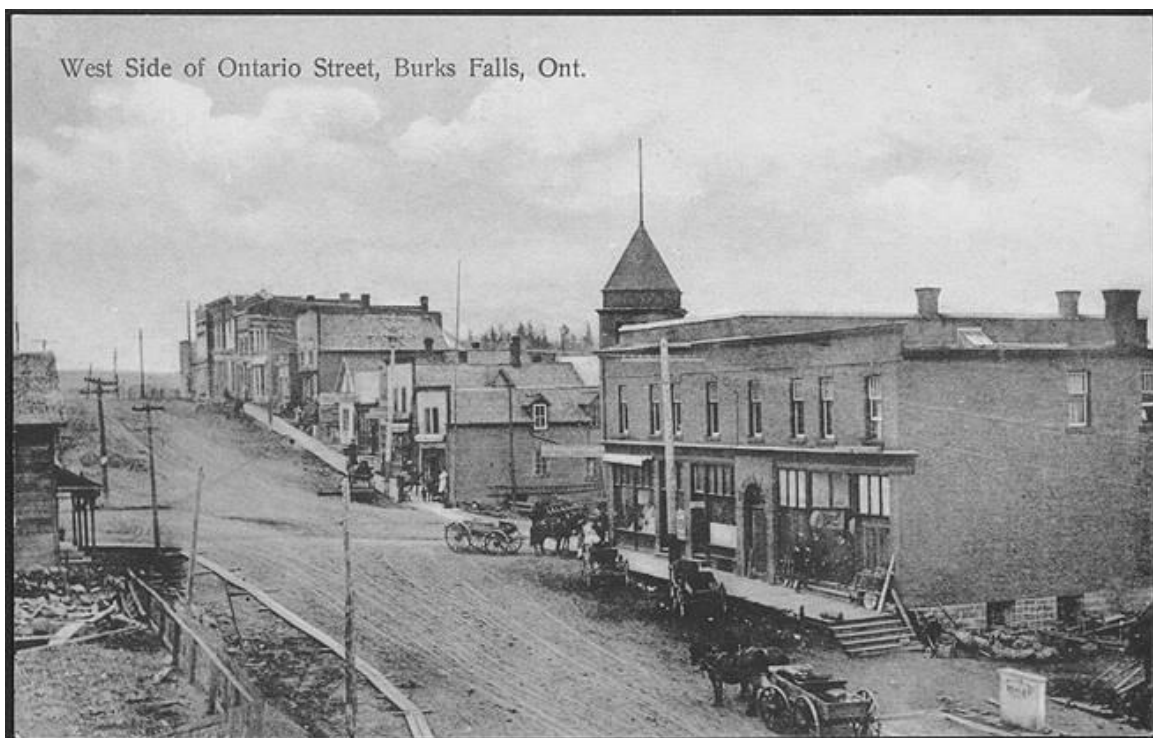
A history steeped in logging, sawmills and tannery; the Village was established in 1890 and named by the flip of a coin. The first settlers to the area, David Francis Burk and Henry Knight both felt they should name the area, as the story is told, it was decided that the flip of a coin would determine the future name of the area. This is how The Village of Burk's Falls and the falls within became known as Burk's Falls.

Towards the late 1880's over 11 steam ships were known to travel the natural waterway arteries that connected the Village to Parry Sound and many communities in between. Steam ships brought both booms of logs to area sawmills, and homesteaders eager to establish a new life in the area. Settlers would arrive by rail, some stayed, and others continued on by boat.

The area saw great economic growth with the development of sawmills, logging, railway service and a tannery all within the Village, paired alongside grocery stores, pharmacy, butcher shop, shoe repair and a general store to name a few.

It was the Great Fire of 1908 that brought life changing circumstances for the business and residents of the Village. A dry summer day in June brought high winds with little warning a fire erupted in the drying kiln of the Knight Brother's Mill and quickly spread throughout.

It wasn't long before the Village was under blaze destroying nearly all the wooden structures leaving the Village and its residents devastated, as the newspaper of the time read the following day: "Burk's Falls Baptism by Fire".



The present-day street is Ontario Street as you look south from the intersection of Ontario and Yonge Street. The building in the right-hand corner was known as the Sharpe Block, torn down in 1982.

WATER AND WASTEWATER BILLS

All property owners are provided with water and wastewater services. Each property is equipped with a water meter, generally found in the basement of a house facing the street. Water meters are read electronically by Public Works staff bi-monthly through Smart Meters. There may be a few exceptions where Public Works staff need to enter the home to read a meter.

With a minimum billing of 3000 gallons, residents are billed according to water consumption. Wastewater is billed equal to water consumption. The Village of Burk's Falls offers pre-authorized payment system to facilitate payments. If you would like to add your water bill to your bill payments for online banking, please use the first four digits of your account. Please provide your postal box number in order for bills to be mailed out correctly. Bills can also be provided electronically by arranging with the Municipal Office.

Residents with a pool are required to contact the office and advise of the date and number of gallons used to fill the pool. The Village offers once a year grace towards the wastewater portion of the costs to fill the pool.



Analog Meter



Digital Meter

As per By-Law No. 04-2022: Management of

Waterworks/Wastewater; homeowners and tenants are prohibited from tampering with water meters.

2024 Water and Sewer Rates based on Consumption		
Gallons (000)	Water	Sewer
0-3	\$74.68	\$74.68
4	\$79.18	\$79.18
5	\$83.68	\$83.68
6	\$92.64	\$92.64
7	\$101.60	\$101.60
8	\$109.98	\$109.98
9	\$118.36	\$118.36
10	\$126.74	\$126.74

For usage over 10 gallons, see by-law in full

What to do when you notice an influx in your water consumption.

There are times when residents will notice a higher than usual water consumption without having knowledge as to why the consumption is high.

Often the extra consumption can come down to a leak somewhere in the home, whether it's a running toilet, outside tap or kitchen tap, all these can increase consumption significantly. To determine if your property has a leak, turn all water drawing appliances off, when nothing is drawing water the dials on your water meter will not turn. In the event the dials are turning it typically indicates a water leak somewhere in the home.

Residents are responsible for making repairs inside their home in addition to ensuring plumbing within the home is adequately protected to prevent lines from freezing. In the unlikely event a resident requires the water to be shut off from the street to conduct repairs, please contact the Public Works Foreman Derek Smith: (705) 783-8255.



THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH, Save on costly repairs

DON'T FLUSH TRASH

Use a trash can instead of the toilet to dispose of used wipes, hygiene products, grease and other items that don't break down like toilet paper does. Even if the label says "flushable", wipes and other trash can build up in the sewer system and cause overflows that might damage the property. Last year within a 4-month period, five plugged sewer pumps due to wipes cost users over \$5,000.00 in addition to regular maintenance, over \$1,000.00 a month in extra costs. Please help us keep costs low.



PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF GREASE

DON'T DRAIN GREASE

When grease is washed down the drain, it sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes, both on your property AND in the streets. Imagine a grease can; no matter how hot the grease is when you pour it down your drain or toilet, it will cool and solidify, lining your plumbing pipes.



SCRAPE

grease solids directly into a lined trash can.



POUR

cooled liquid grease into a sealable container.



WIPE

remaining grease and debris with a paper towel.

In December 2019 the Village had two plugged sewers due to grease. The repair cost users an additional \$3,000.00. Please dispose of grease properly.



How Are Taxes Determined

Municipal Taxes for The Village of Burk's Falls is determined by a combination of factors and predetermined ratios. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determines a property's assessed value. The Village sets an annual work plan and budget through public consultation and bylaw to determine the amount to be raised through tax levy. This levy amount is then calculated using the assessed value and the tax ratio of the property to determine the annual tax rate. The provincial education tax rate is set by the province and added for processing financial billing amounts.

Every four years MPAC assess your property's value, the last assessment was completed in 2016. Current Value Assessment is determined through a comparison of recent sales of similar properties in your area. Trained MPAC assessors apply valuation and appraisal standards with the best practices when making comparisons. Comparisons are combined land title documents, building permits and often onsite visits. Visit aboutmyproperty.ca to learn more about your MPAC assessment or call 1-866-296-6722.

How to Pay Your Taxes

There are two tax installments, of which the first is due the end of March and the final is due the end of September. Residents have the option of making payment through a preauthorized payment plan, by cheque, online banking or municipal office with cash or debit. Residents looking to sign up for preauthorized payment or a monthly payment plan are to contact the Treasurer, Tammy, at treasurer@burksfalls.ca to make arrangements. Tax bills are also available electronically. Please contact the Municipal Office to make arrangements.

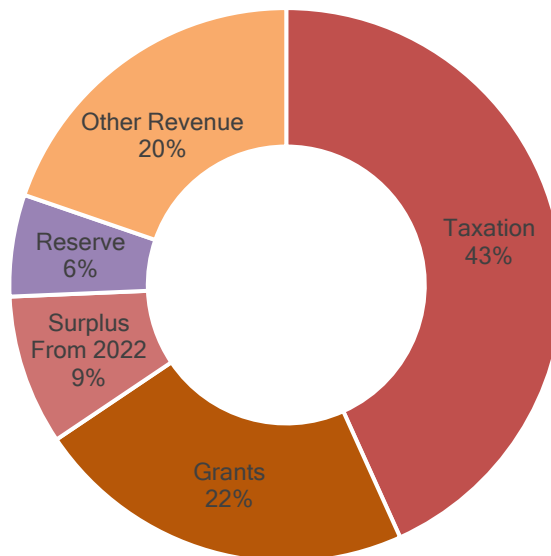
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The Village's Budget and Business Plan acts as the financial foundation to build and maintain infrastructure and deliver services available to the community.

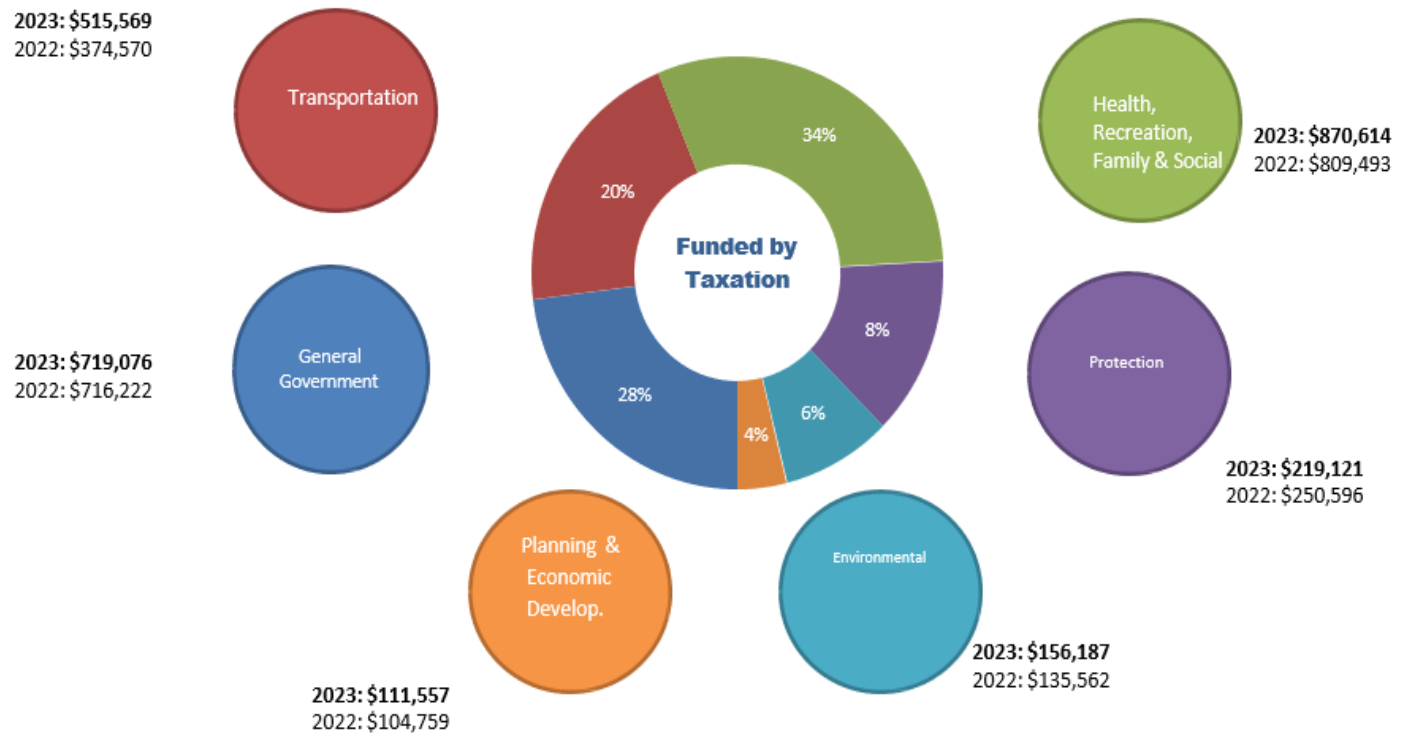
Every year the Village develops and adopts a Budget and Business Plan to guide activities and expenditures, as well as establish the amount of revenue required from taxation. This key document is developed to ensure activities are aligned with strategic priorities. Roads, bridges, facilities, winter control, fire protection, recreation and a variety of other services are all funded based on the adoption of the Budget.

It is the intention of Council to ensure that the municipality is managed with fiscal responsibility while trying to provide a comfortable, attractive, and pleasurable community for all residents and visitors.

2023 Sources of Revenue



2023 Operating Costs (tax rate)



CONSENTS AND LOT ADDITIONS



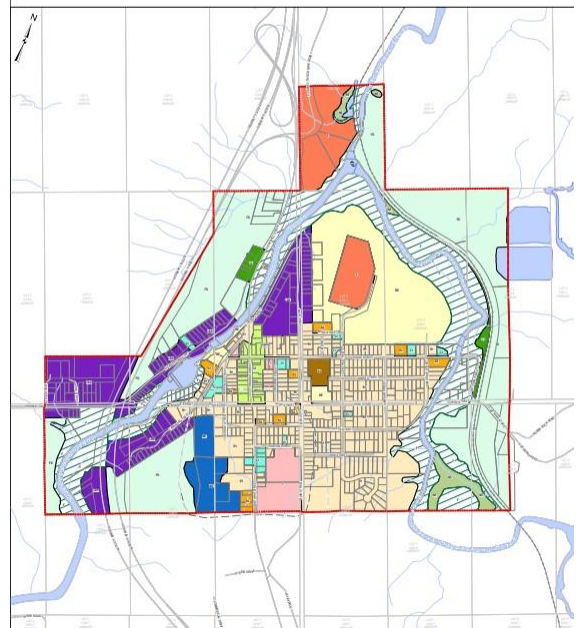
Planning Applications

Planning by-laws, policies and building codes ensure that the development of the Village meets health, safety, fire and building codes for the equal protection of the homeowner and community.

The Village's Official Plan is designed to ensure these planning objectives are realized. The Plan directs development on a 10-year cycle and allows for an organized growth.

If you are planning on building or renovating a property within the Village, please consult the necessary department.

THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS ZONING BY-LAW
SCHEDULE A



Zoning Amendments and Minor Variances

The General Standards Bylaw #01-2012, sets out the rules for setbacks, lot sizes and permitted uses on your property. If your planned development doesn't meet these policies, then a minor variance for setbacks or a zoning amendment may be required for permitted uses. These applications can be obtained through the Village Municipal Office, contact the CAO-Clerk for more information.

Planning/Zoning and Variance Contacts

The Southeast Almaguin Planning Boards serves the Village for consent and lot addition applications.

Denis Duguay
CAO- Clerk
(705) 382-3138 ext. 226

Brian Dumas
Joint Building Department
(705) 384-9444

Linda Moyer
Planning Board
(705) 787-5070

Curbside Collection

Curbside collection takes place weekly on Thursdays with household waste being picked up weekly and recycling alternating weeks. Waste is to be at the curb for 8:00am. A calendar for blue box pick-up can be found within the Welcome Guide and on the Village website.

The Village requires clear bags for curbside collection. Clear bags encourage residents to participate in the blue box program and helps to keep hazardous materials out of the landfill. Each clear bag at the curb is required to have a curbside collection sticker attached. Tags are mailed out once a year for implementation the first Thursday of each new year. Additional tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office for a fee or on the Village website.

Residents who do not comply with the clear bag program will not have their household waste collected at curbside. Residents are required to rinse out containers prior to being placed in a blue box for collection. This helps to keep nuisance animals away and lowers the Village's contamination rate. Contamination within the blue box program increases the costs of the blue box program. Each resident received 50 tags. After they are used, tags may be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$3.00 per tag.



UPDATES FOR 2024

- Curbside collection of recycling will continue to be every Thursday alternating between Fiber and Container pick up.
- Container recycling must be sorted, rinsed, and placed loosely in a Blue Box to make it easier to sort.
- Small loose fibers such as paper shredding must be placed in a clear bag to minimize litter.
- Recycling must be out to the curb by 8:00 am.
- When recyclables are not picked up, a sticker will be affixed indicating why it was left behind. If the reason is still unclear, contact Waste Connections at 1-800-461-4448.

QUESTIONS?

Contact:
The Village of Burk's Falls
705-382-3138
Waste Connections
1-800-461-4448

The Village of Burk's Falls thanks you for your continued efforts to reduce waste and the footprint we have on our environment

The Village of Burk's Falls 2024 Recycling Program



WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Fibers:

Newspapers



Tim Hortons Cup



Magazines/Catalogues/Phone Books



Hard & Soft Covered Books



Junk Mail and Office Paper



Milk Cartons and TetraPaks



Boxboard (cracker/cereal boxes etc.)



Spiral Wound Tubes (Pringles, concentrated juice packages etc.)

Corrugated Cardboard (breakdown no larger than 40"x40"x8" or 100cmx100cmx20cm). Loose cardboard must be bundled and tied together

Containers:

*Please rinse first

Cans (pop, soup etc.) Don't crush



Plastic Bottles (water, pop, juice etc.)

Plastic Tubs and Jugs (sour cream, yogurt, laundry detergent etc.)



Glass Bottles and Jars

Empty, Dry Paint Cans (take lid off)



Aerosols (empty health, beauty, food aerosols only)

Grocery bags and Plastic film (newspaper bags, saran wrap etc.)



DID YOU KNOW?

Waste Connections uses a truck that has a split body to collect recyclable materials and waste. This means the truck has two sections and even though it may appear both recycling and garbage are being placed in the same compartment, they are in fact being deposited into two sections of the truck which are dumped and processed separately.



BURK'S FALLS RATES LOW

In 2021 the volume of materials recycled by Burk's Falls residents was 62% below the provincial average, and the amount of waste was 31% above the provincial average. We must continue to do more as a community to increase our recycling efforts and reduce our waste.



UPDATES FOR 2024

The following rules for garbage collection continue to be in effect and enforced as we strive for a greener, environmentally sustainable community:

- Collection of construction and building materials as well as hazardous waste has been discontinued.
- Only clear bags will be picked up. Clear bags should contain no more than 2 opaque bags for privacy (no larger than a grocery bag size).
- Bags without Village issued tags will not be picked up.
- Tagged bags with large quantities of visible recyclables will not be picked up.
- When bags are not picked up, a sticker will be affixed to the bag indicating why it was left behind. If the reason is still unclear, contact Waste Connections at 1-800-461-4448.
- Residents will be provided 50 garbage tags per year, per dwelling. Additional tags may be purchased from the municipal office at a cost of \$3.00 per tag, the same cost per bag as charged at the Tri R Landfill for all users.
- Curbside collection continues to be weekly on Thursdays.
- Garbage must be to the curb by 8:00 am.

The Village of Burk's Falls 2024 Garbage Program

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A BAG?



Typical waste bag
30" x 36"



A container of 100 litres
would typically hold one
bag

HOW TO SAVE ON TAGS



4 small bags of garbage = 4 tags



1 larger bag containing 4
small bags of garbage = 1 tag

HOW TO PURCHASE TAGS

Additional tags may be purchased:

In person- Stop in to 172 Ontario Street, Municipal Office and pay via debit, cash, or cheque

Online- Visit www.burksfalls.net and purchase through Booking. Tags will be mailed. Cost of postage will be added at time of purchase.



QUESTIONS?

Contact:

The Village of Burk's Falls

705-382-3138

Waste Connections

1-800-461-4448



COSTS



Did you know that when a bag of household garbage is disposed of by a dwelling at the landfill, the Village is charged an additional fee. This fee is a percentage of the overall landfill operational expense based on ratepayer use. By disposing of a bag at the landfill dwellings pay twice: \$3.00 at time of disposal and again through increased taxes covering the percentage of ratepayer use.

Your Participation is
Key

BURK'S FALLS CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2024

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 Fiber
  Container
 *Garbage pickup is every Thursday

TRI R Landfill Site, 141 Chetwynd Road. (705) 382-3332

Items not accepted at curbside collection can be disposed of at the TRI R Landfill site located at 141 Chetwynd Road. Residents of the Village are required to provide the landfill attendant with a Landfill pass, this access card allows residents to use the facility while also allowing the attendant to record usage by municipality. Tipping fees are determined by the Township of Armour and can be paid onsite with debit or cash. Please note, the tipping fee schedule below may not include all items, thus, we recommend contacting the Township of Armour, TRI R Landfill Administrator: Amy Tilley (705) 382-3332.

The Landfill also offers several diversion programs, such as lightbulb recycling, tires, e-waste, batteries and scrap metal.

141 Chetwynd Road, Burk's Falls ON
(705) 382-3332

TRI R Landfill Hours: (A Landfill Pass is mandatory and required for access)

Summer Hours
May 1st - August 31st
Thurs-Monday
10:00am - 5:00pm

Winter Hours
Sept. 1st - April 30th
Thurs-Monday
11:00am-5:00pm

Closed Tuesday
and
Wednesdays

Township of Armour

User Fees/Permits and Other Charges

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Waste Management

Description	Effective Date	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Construction, Demolition & Agricultural Materials						
Minimal fee - waste other than non-recyclable garbage	Jan 1st	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
1/2 ton truck (less than 50%)	Jan 1st	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
1/2 ton truck (more than 50%)	Jan 1st	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Utility trailer based on \$1.00 per cubic foot	Jan 1st	\$1.00/ft ³	\$1.00/ft ³	\$1.00/ft ³	\$1.00/ft ³	\$1.00/ft ³
Tandem - dump truck	Jan 1st	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Tri-axle - dump truck	Jan 1st	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
20 yard container	Jan 1st	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
40 yard container	Jan 1st	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Non-Recyclable Waste						
Per bag - maximum 30" X 36" or 128 litres	Jan 1st	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Per bag - maximum 35" X 50" or 205 litres	Jan 1st	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
1/2 ton truck	Jan 1st	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Tandem - dump truck	Jan 1st	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Tri-axle - dump truck	Jan 1st	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
20 yard container	Jan 1st	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
40 yard container	Jan 1st	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Appliances - Refrigerator, Freezer, Air Conditioners, etc.						
Tagged and Freon removed	Jan 1st	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Untagged	Jan 1st	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bulky Items						
Chair, loveseat, etc. (each)	Jan 1st	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Sofa (each)	Jan 1st	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Mattress, boxspring (each)	Jan 1st	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Boat - per foot	Jan 1st	\$3.00/ ft	\$3.00/ ft	\$3.00/ ft	\$3.00/ ft	\$3.00/ ft

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an all-inclusive listing. If items do not fall under categories listed above, they may be "Specialty Items" which may or may not be accepted. Contact the Waste Management Administrator for clarification.

HAZ-MAT DAYS- Take place annually on the May and August long weekend. This is held at the Strong Township Landfill located at 483 Forest Lake Road. Contact Strong Landfill for details: (705) 384-9898

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



AIM (Almaguin in Motion)

A Cycling Committee in Almaguin Highlands, made up of bicycle enthusiasts that are working towards turning Almaguin Highlands into a cycling hub. Visit www.bikealmaguin.com or the municipal website under Recreation for route information.



ZIPZ Taxi and Delivery Service

In need of transportation on a more regular basis?
Contact Zipz Taxi Service at (705) 571-9479!



Bike Share Burk's Falls

Take advantage of the Bike Share Program and begin exploring the vast trails and scenery that the Highlands has to offer. Visit the Municipal Office or Welcome Centre to access bikes and trail maps. Bikes are available at no cost to the rider provided a waiver and deposit are left.



Medical Transportation

Wheelchair accessible transportation is available for persons in need of transportation to medical related appointments. User fees apply and reservations are required. Services are provided by the East Parry Sound Community Support Services: 1-888-521-0000. Additional transportation options are available through East Parry Sound Community Support Services.

Winter Road Maintenance- What you need to know



Winter maintenance of roads and sidewalks is a combined effort between the Village Public Works staff and private contractors hired by the municipality.

Beginning November 1st through to April 15th, parking on any street or in a municipal parking lot between 1:00am and 7:00am is prohibited in order to facilitate snow removal. Vehicles found to be in contravention will be towed at the owner's expense.

Residents when clearing snow from driveways are prohibited from depositing snow onto or across a roadway. Snow is to be cleared and piled on the resident's property. Depositing snow onto or across a roadway can result in an infraction of the Highway Traffic Act and may result in a fine.

Municipal Parking Lots/ Car Pooling Locations

By-Law #18-2004 outlines the Village of Burk's Falls municipal parking regulations for roads and parking lots. The Village offers municipal parking at the Yonge at Heart Centre located at 136 Yonge Street and across from the municipal office at 172 Ontario Street. Users are asked to park at the south end of both parking lots to allow for day traffic to get in and out.



Between November 1st and April 15th, overnight parking is prohibited due to snow removal.



The Village of Burk's Falls is home to Land of Lakes Public School, offering grades from JK to grade 8, including French Emersion programs. Students in secondary school call Almaguin Highlands Secondary School in the Village of South River home.

Both schools are administered by the Near North District School Board. Parents looking to contact the school for enrollment and other inquiries including transportation can do so by:

Phone: (705) 472-8170
Toll Free: 1-800-278-4922
info@nearnorthschools.ca

Land of Lakes Public School (705) 382-2924

Principal: Elizabeth Simser

Almaguin Highlands Secondary School (705) 472-5563

Principal: Heather Hickey

School Bus Cancellations

Information on school bus delays, cancellations and school closures for Near North District School Board can be found by listening to local radio stations, from the schools Facebook pages, Twitter and Instagram accounts or by visiting the Transportation website www.npssts.ca/npssts/delays



For those looking to retain their current skill set, retrain or return to school for certification, options are available.



With two locations access to education, employment and independence is at your fingertips. To learn more, visit: www.almaguinadultlearning.org



Canadore College has three easy, accessible campus just 180 Minutes north of Toronto. Go to www.canadorecollege.ca/get-started/how-to-apply to apply today!

STAYING IN TOUCH



Residents of The Village of Burk's Falls receive mail through Canada Post located at 188 Ontario Street. Utilizing postal boxes, new residents simply need to provide proof of residency and a postal box will be provided. Contact the Post Office regarding postal boxes at (705) 382-3901.

There are several newspapers available to residents, either for pickup or delivery. Within the Village, papers can be conveniently picked up at the convenience store Kwik Way. Papers include Great North Arrow, National Post and more. Great North Arrow is a bi-monthly publication.



The Village is serviced by Bell, Lakeland Networks, ViaNet and Rogers for internet, satellite, and land lines.

310-BELL (705) 646-1846-Lakeland 1-800-788-0363 ViaNet
1-888-ROGERS1



The Village maintains both a Facebook and Instagram account in effort to keep the community informed of social events, community attractions and sporting opportunities.

INSTAGRAM: "Burk's Falls Recreation"

FACEBOOK: "Village of Burk's Falls"



Ontario

An additional resource for community information is 211. 211 allows callers the opportunity to ask questions about their community services, area services and find assistance when you are not sure how or where to get information, at no cost to the caller.

211 maintains a province wide directory with access to information regardless of the inquiry.

THE BURK'S FALLS AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The communities of Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls are serviced by the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department. Consisting of volunteer firefighters, a Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer, the Department assists with prevention and education. The Department is always accepting applications to join the team, applications are available in the Municipal Office, online at the municipal website or through the Department Office located at 162 Huston Street at the rear entrance.



The Department sets and regulates fire ratings for the Village and posts ratings at both the North and South entrance into the Village, online at the municipal websites and through the Fire Department Association Facebook page. Anyone who contravenes the departments fire ratings is subject to significant fines.

For more information regarding fire ratings, volunteer opportunities and fire prevention please contact:

Fire Chief: (705) 382-4010 **Fire Prevention Officer:** (705) 788-4676

LOW	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at anytime.
MODERATE	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at anytime.
HIGH	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED - Including Incinerators. NO OPEN BURNING – NO FIREWORKS Only Enclosed Camp Fires for cooking and warmth. Enclosed fire, surrounding by brick / stones or in metal burn container / ring no bigger than 2 feet / 24 inches.
EXTREME	COMPLETE FIRE BAN NO BURNING ALLOWED at anytime. NO FIREWORKS

Please note:

- No daytime burning permitted between 10am to 6pm from April 1st to October 31st.
- No accelerants are permitted.
- At a minimum, are required to have garden hose attached to a water source or 2 large pails of water, shovels, and anything that can assist in containing or extinguishing the fire should it spread from its origin.
- All fires must be under constant supervision and control from time of lighting until it is totally extinguished. Use plenty of water to extinguish the fire.
- If you have any questions with regards to fire safety or the fire rating, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Prevention Office at the above contact details.



The Village has prepared a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan (ERP) which is an all-encompassing risk-based approach to emergency management. Our ERP includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness as well as a response and recovery measures. Preparing for an emergency, be it minor or major, will assist residents to react with minimal disruption to their everyday life.

Power Outages

Outages are very common year-round. Whether it is caused by heavy snow, high winds, or infrastructure failure, being prepared in key to being comfortable. Creating a 72-hour kit with items such as: water, prescriptions, emergency contact numbers and more will make power outages less of a burden.

Warming and Cooling Station

In the event of extreme weather combined with a prolonged power outage, the Armour, Ryerson, and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena may be activated as a warming or cooling station. This will provide temporary relief from extreme weather. The station will provide residents a place to make arrangements to either return home or secure alternate lodgings. The station is not intended for overnight usage.

Emergency Notification

In the event of an emergency, having current and accurate information is vital. Register for the Villages CodeRed Emergency Notification System to ensure you know how best to respond in any emergency. Registration is available through our website www.burksfalls.net



In an emergency always dial 911 for the fastest response.

For non-emergency situations the Almaguin Highlands

Detachment can be reached at:

Non-Emergency OPP 1-888-310-1122





THE ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH CENTRE

This historic building once operated as the Red Cross Hospital, providing services to the communities of Almaguin. Over the years the building has seen many changes with one constant, the provision of community-based health care services.

Within the facility, visitors will find a variety of health care providers all under one roof, a *health hub*. Located at 150 Huston Street, this building is convenient and accessible.

Health Care Services	Hours of Operation	Contact Info
Burk's Falls Family Health Team (BFFHT) BFFHT On-Line Booking	By Appointment Website Link ->	705-382-4020 BFFHT Facebook BFFHT Online Booking
Arnica Pharmacy	Mon-Thurs 9:00am-5:30pm; Fri 9:00am-5:00pm	705-382-2111
X-Ray Services	By Appointment	705-382-2900, x-224
Lab/Bloodwork Services	Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00pm	705-382-2900, x-225
Lab/E.C.G.	Mon-Fri 8:00am-3:30pm	705-382-2900, x-225
Physiotherapy Services	By Appointment	705-382-2900, x-235
The Friends (office only)	By Appointment	705-382-1030, x-22
Diabetes Education Program	By Appointment	705-789-2311, x-2312
Muskoka Soles- Medical Footcare	By Appointment	705-349-2634
Addiction Outreach	By Appointment	705-382-2900, x-234
Ontario Tele-medicine Network (OTN)	By Referral	705-382-2900, x-222
Al-Anon Meetings	Every Thursday Evening	1-888-425-2666
Burk's Falls and District Food Bank	By Appointment	705-380-4669
East Parry Sound Community Support Services *Frozen Meals Program *Transportation Services	By Appointment	1-888-521-0000
Highlands North Physio	By Appointment	705-382-3323

For services offered in neighbouring communities: www.northeasthealthline.ca/index.aspx

Residents needing to travel to medical appointments outside of the community can contact East Parry Sound Community Support Services for transportation. Based on qualifications, riders can access transportation to medical appointments saving travel expenses. 1-888-521-0000



COMMUNITY BY-LAWS

Municipalities create by-laws to regulate and maintain a community in which promotes a quality of life that is enjoyable for all residents. By-laws that regulate noise, property standards, animal control and more create a friendly, appealing, welcoming and peaceful community for all. Here is a few of the most common by-laws. If you would like to make a confidential complaint, please contact the municipal office to obtain a mandatory complaint form. By-law Officer (705) 358-6230



Smoking/Vaping/Smoke Products

The Village adheres to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Legislation and the Smoke Free Act 2017 regarding smoking. By-Law 31-2018 indicates that no person shall smoke within 9 meters of a municipal building, and 20 meters from a municipal park. These restrictions include any “smoke producing” product, be it tobacco or cannabis.

Animal Control

No person shall allow their animal to be off leash at any time the animal is off their property. This prevents animals from trespassing onto neighbouring properties. All animal nuisance complaints are preventable with a proactive approach to animal tethering. Dogs are required to have a current animal control tag affixed to their non-breakaway collar. Residents are permitted to have no more than three dogs per property. To obtain an animal control tag visit the Village of Burk's Falls Municipal Office.



Waste Management

No person shall mix or place out for curbside collection any material which is defined as recyclable, hazardous or non-collectible. Collectible waste placed out for collection shall be properly tagged and in a clear bag. Waste is to be placed at curbside weekly on Thursday by 8:00am for collection. Any waste that is not collected during curbside collection will be the responsibility of the owner to dispose of, this includes any waste destroyed by animals and thus dispersed onto the street. In addition, Hazardous



Waste Days are available on the May and August long weekend at the Strong Landfill.

Noise

Although the by-law states that at “no time” shall a person emit or cause to be emitted, any noise that is a hardship to a neighbor, the by-law does specify times in which specific noises can and cannot be emitted on weekdays and weekends. Being considerate to neighbors will ensure peaceful enjoyment for all.



Property Standards

Understanding one person’s trash is another person’s treasure. The Property Standards By- Law regulates the conditions of one’s property including derelict vehicles, length of grass, placements of accessory buildings and more. These regulations are intended to ensure the community maintains an appearance that will ensure one’s property is esthetically appealing while not devaluing another’s.

Storage Containers

Storage containers are permitted within the Village; however, restrictions of use, placement and appearance are imposed. Prior to purchasing a storage or shipping container, residents are encouraged to contact the office for more information.



Clean and Clear condition

Maintaining land in a clean and clear condition follows by-law no. 6-2017. As outlined, property must be maintained in a neat and tidy manner. This includes length of grass (must not exceed 6 Inches), piles of brush, removal of snow and ice in a proper manner, storage of derelict vehicles or boats. Should you find yourself with a Clean and Clear offence charge, the minimum fine is \$100.

Parking

Parking in The Village of Burk’s Falls is regulated by By-law 7-2017. This helps regulate traffic to govern and control the parking of vehicles in the Village of Burk’s Falls. Infractions include but are not limited to, parking in the opposite direction of travel, parking more than 30cms from a raised curb, parking within 6 meters of an intersection, parking within 3 meters of fire apparatus and many more. Fines can run anywhere from \$35.00 to \$105.00.



For a list of all by-laws visit burksfalls.net. Under town hall you will see by-laws. As well as the confidential By-Law Complaint Form.



IS HERE TO SUPPORT
YOUR BUSINESS



The Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Department delivers economic development service through the Almaguin Highlands Region (formally called the East Parry Sound District). These services include:

- Business and Entrepreneurial support for start-ups, expansions and general needs, including:
 - Connecting businesses with support and funding opportunities
 - Site Selection information and local intel
 - Professional Network Development, and
 - Many other services as required.
- Marketing and promotions of tourism opportunities, events, and local programming
- Regional economic planning, research, and analysis
- Community Development and organizing support

ACED is committed to ensuring the economic and social prosperity of the region. Our objective is to develop our environment by creating and growing strong partnerships between municipalities, businesses, community groups and residents.

We would love to hear from you. Let's get in touch! Explorealmaguin.ca



The Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce is a non-for-profit organization whose mission is to be the voice for a prosperous community that fosters pride in our area and help develop economic growth on behalf of its members.

www.Almaguinhighlandschamberofcommerce.wildapricot.org

RECREATION AND ATTRACTIONS



This Village has a variety of fun and entertaining past-times steeped in tradition. Northern communities like the Village of Burk's Falls offers residents and visitors the opportunity to explore vast scenery and home-grown festivals. Whether you are looking to take a hike and explore nature, cycle through communities, splash in the many waterways, play a game or two of your favorite sport, the Village has what you're looking for.

Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre

Located at 220 Centre Street, the large banquet hall with full kitchen and bar facilities offers an ideal setting for community events or private functions. The Karl Crozier Room located on the second floor overlooks the ice surface which is used year-round for figure skating clubs, hockey teams and public skating.



**Winterfest
Outdoor Fun**



**Year-round
activities!**



**Karl Crozier Room
(Banquet Hall)**

Public Skating

Adults 18+ \$3.50

Under 18 \$2.50

Family and Public Skate

Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm

Friday 6:00pm-9:00pm

Parents and Tots

Tuesday 2:00pm-3:00pm

Thursday 10:30am-11:30am

Adult

Monday 9:30am-11:00am and Fridays 1:00pm - 2:30pm



Almaguin Minor Hockey Association

The Association organizes, develops, and promotes minor hockey for the youth of the Almaguin communities.

Almaguin Girls Hockey Association

Girls' hockey starting at age 4 to age 17.

www.agha.ca



SKATECANADA

Winning Techniques

Host's of summer camps for both Hockey as well as figure skating

Burk's Falls Hockey League

President and Director Greg Boothby

(705) 783-5934

Civic_greg@hotmail.com



Get on your feet!

Burk's Falls Recreation



The Village Recreation Program provides for both an active and leisure lifestyle depending on your abilities and interests.

In addition to the programs highlighted here, the Recreation Program Coordinator provides programs such as: t-ball, soccer, baseball and more!

Theatre Events



Softball Tournament



Bike Share Program



Contact our team today!
(705) 382-3138 ext. 231

Archery Program



Snowshoeing Heritage Trails



Group Fitness Classes



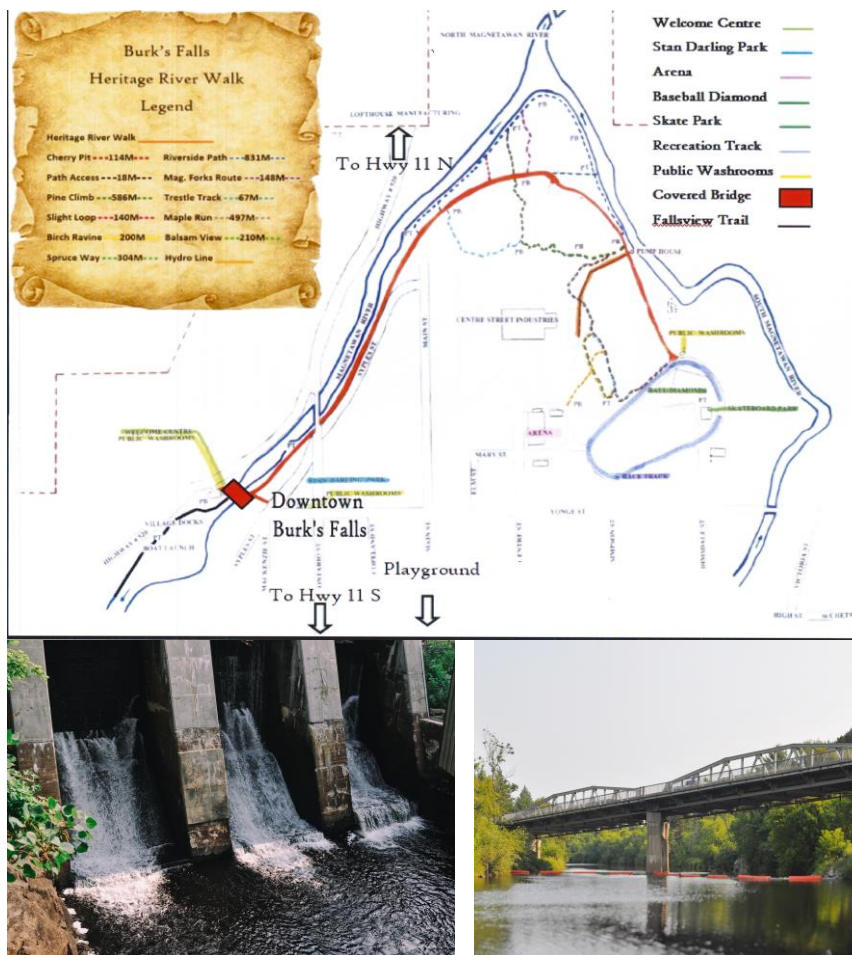
Local events and Committees

Winterfest Committee, Santa Claus Parade, Fall Fair

HERITAGE RIVER WALK

The winding trails take hikers through levels from flat trails to climbing rolling hills while exploring in a natural wooden setting. Apart from the groomed snowmobile trail in the winter, trails are kept as close to natural as possible. Some trails have steep elevation while others are ideal for strollers.

Trails have entrances at both the Knight Brothers Park and the Welcome Centre, both of which provide for a wide range of adventure. Additional trails in the area can be found on the Adventure Trail Map, call the office to pick one up today.



Pick up a trail map at the Welcome Centre by the covered bridge or the Municipal Office

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION FIELDS

Situated behind the Burk's Falls arena within the Knight Brothers Park at 140 Dimsdale Street, the skateboard park offers skaters a variety of challenges.

From rails to ramps, the park has a spacious surface to allow for both the experienced and novice skater. Open from May long weekend to Thanksgiving weekend annually.



Also located at the Knight Brothers Park, our baseball diamond offers users an opportunity to play a competitive game or relax and be a spectator. The Recreation summer programs utilize the park for our T-ball and soft-ball youth leagues while also hosting many adult leagues. Contact the Municipal Office for details and available dates for renting the diamond or to sign up for our summer recreation programs. Overnight camping is an option with the four campsites to the east of the diamond.



A community isn't complete without a youth playground. In addition to all the recreation programs offered, the Village is home to a youth playground. Recommended for children 6-12 years of age, the Playground is an ideal place for children to spend time meeting friends or playing in the equipment while parents and caregivers sit back and relax in the shaded area.

The Playground is available in the summer and is equipped with a porta-potty. Located just behind 150 Huston Street, the Playground is accessible from the rear entrance of Main Street.

COVERED BRIDGE AND WELCOME CENTRE

Located at 170 Ryerson Crescent the covered bridge is one of two entrances to the Heritage River Walk.

Stop in at the Pulled Smoke House and grab some lunch or browse the work of local artisans right in the Welcome Centre. Enjoy the deck which overlooks the rapids of the falls in the Village or take a stroll to the waterfront.

The Welcome Centre is also the area's tourist information center, which provides information on local attractions and events.



Public washrooms are accessible, and a public water tap is also available during operations.

Please note: this area is not authorized as a swimming location. There are many public beaches within Almaguin that provide a safe swimming environment for adults and children.



Steps from the Welcome Centre is the public boat launch and town docks. With ample parking for vehicles and trailers, this makes for the perfect spot to launch boats and jet skis to cruise down the Magnetawan River.

If fishing is your passion try your luck at casting a lure on the new and updated town dock or at one of our shoreline spots!

BURK'S FALLS TOWNE THEATRE

The Burk's Falls Towne Theatre opened in 1947 as the Blue Bird Theatre. Continuing to this day the theatre operates from the July long weekend to the September long weekend. As one of the few municipally owned and operated theatres, this is a real gem to our community.



With the assistance of fundraising paired with government grants, the theatre was able to upgrade from reel movies to digital projection in 2014, opening the doors to endless possibilities for current movies.

During summer months the theatre offers nightly showings at 7:00pm and on occasion matinees for some of our younger audience members. The theatre makes for a cool escape on the hot summer days!

On the municipal website under "Theatre" you can find movie listings for the whole summer plus ticket prices and trailers! Confection and ticket sales are cash and debit only (no credit) so please ensure to come prepared.

The theatre is also an employment opportunity for our community's youth as it primarily employs students for the summer season.

Located behind the Municipal Office at 172 Ontario Street just down the alleyway, visit the Burk's Falls Towne Theatre. Be sure to keep check the municipal website for all movie listings or contact the municipal office for further details. (705) 382-3138



PICNIC AREAS



Throughout the Village, residents and visitors will find several beautiful picnic spots to enjoy. From the Boat Launch, Welcome Centre, Heritage River Walk, Stan Darling Park and more there is no shortage of places for a picturesque picnic.

KNIGHT'S CAMPSITES



Four campsites have been provided for a maximum two-night stay. The campsites back onto a wooded area right in the heart of the Knight Brothers Park. Although equipped with a firepit, wood is not provided nor is foraging permitted. Users can obtain firewood at the local gas stations or residents selling curbside. Users are also welcomed to take advantage of the Heritage River Walk trails as the entrance is steps away from the campsites. Please enjoy the area while maintaining a clean and quiet campsite.

DOG PARK



The Village caters to our four-legged friends by providing a fenced in, secure dog park where off leash fun can be found. Situated to the east of the Knight Brothers Park, users are required to “poop and scoop” after their pets and asked to please remain within the fenced in area, leaving surrounding green space free from animal waste.

BOAT LAUNCH



The vast and winding Magnetawan River spans over 175km and is appropriately named “swiftly flowing waters” in Ojibwa. The river connects many communities as it winds through the Village including Magnetawan, Burk’s Falls, and Ahmic Harbour. With approximately five lakes accessible from the river including Ahmic Lake and Lake Cecebe with only a few portages in between, there is so much nature to enjoy! Set off from the boat launch located at 170 Ryerson Crescent for an epic adventure.

Off Road Vehicles

The Village amended a by-law from 2015, permitting “all-terrain” and “multi-purpose off highway” vehicles within the Village. All “Off Road Vehicles” are governed by the Highway Traffic Act and are required to adhere to all regulations under the Act.

Riders interested in learning where the areas trails are, can do so by visiting Algonquin West ATV:

Algonquin West ATV Club, P.O. Box 31
Kearney, ON P0A 1M0

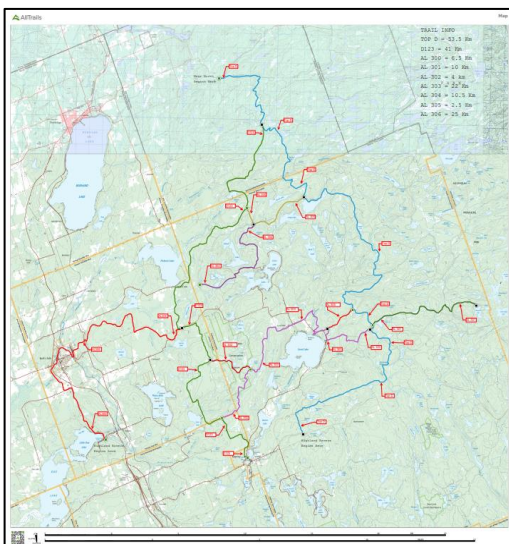


Snowmobiling

Winter can be a fun season on the trails. Trails #305 and #306 provide a connecting link to a web of trails covering the District of Parry Sound and beyond. When in the Village snowmobiles are required to adhere to speed limits and are not permitted on sidewalks.

While planning your next trip, plan to take a short detour into the Village to fuel up with gas, fill up at one of our restaurants and enjoy our shops! To find permits and trail maps please go to

GoSnowmobilingOntario.ca



Snowmobiling is one of Ontario's most popular winter recreational activities.

The Almaguin District Snowmobile Club is Ontario's ultimate snowmobile destination. ADSC members strive to make the Almaguin Highlands the ultimate in snowmobiling - and they succeed. The Club reminds all snowmobilers to get an OFSC trail permit from the OFSC!

This extensive trail system offers mixed riding experiences with scenic tree-lined trails, frozen lakes and breath-taking views of snow-covered hills and valleys. The local businesses offer a variety of products and services catering to the needs of all snowmobilers.

For more information about the ADSC and local trails please visit: www.almaguindistrictsnowmobileclub.com

SERVICES, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AND MORE!

Burk's Falls and District Food Bank

Burk's Falls and District Food Bank provide services through a network of volunteers. Operating out of the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre basement by appointment only. Donations of food, hygiene products as well as monetary donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

The Food Bank works on an intake basis, please call to schedule an appointment. (705) 380-4669.



Social Services

Social Services such as housing, daycare subsidy, woman's shelter assistance, financial assistance and more are provided through the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. If you need assistance, please reach out to discover what help is available. (705) 746-7777.



211

Often, we require assistance but are unsure as to where to turn or who to call, this is where 211 can help. 211 maintains a Northern Ontario resource of information on just about everything. Need to know where to access community services? Or social services not offered in your home community? Call 211 from any phone and find what you're looking for.



Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Library

A library is so much more than just a resource for books. The Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Library is a community hub, offering computer lessons, youth programs, income tax services and so much more.

Located at 17 Copeland Street, the Library offers many programs and services for the community no matter your age or interest. Call or visit the library to learn more (705) 382-3327.



The Highland Players (Theatrical Group)

The Highland Players is an amateur theatre group operating in the Almaguin Highlands area of Ontario. The group was founded in 1990 and since then has produced plays on a regular basis. Interested in learning more about the Highland Players group? Contact them through their Highland Players Facebook page.



Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society

With a long-standing tradition of offering community events such as the Fall Fair, Bingo, Craft Shows, Heavy Horse-Pulls and Farmers Markets, the Society is a group of dedicated volunteers with a common passion. Check out www.arbfas.ca or visit them on Facebook!



East Parry Sound Community Support Services

East Parry Sound Community Support Services provide programs such as hot/frozen meal delivery, transportation services and a Falls Prevention Program for seniors. To learn more about these programs contact 1-888-521-0000



Lions

Volunteers serving the community of Burk's Falls and surrounding area in a variety of ways including Youth Bike Rodeo, Lions Bingo, Halloween Bizarre and more. The organization is always looking for additional volunteers. Please contact Peter Hall to learn more on how you can help your community through volunteerism. (705) 789-2050 or www.lionsclub.org



Burk's Falls Legion, Branch #405

The Burk's Falls Legion is another example of community entertainment. Being the host to most community events, the Legion is a great place to visit. You can visit with Santa during the annual Santa Claus Parade, watch local musicians, play bingo or take part in their community events. Located at 9 Mary Street the Legion has so much to offer. Call the Legion to learn more! (705) 382-3137



EarlyON Programs

EarlyON Centre offers free, high-quality drop-in programs for families and children from birth to 6 years old. You can learn and play with your child, meet people and get advice from early childhood professionals. 92 Ontario Street, inside Land of Lakes Public School. (705)746-9522



Girl Guides of Ontario

Facilitated by local female volunteers, programs offered are dependent on demand, volunteers and age of interest. If you are looking to register for any of the groups within the Girl Guide programs, please reach out to 1-800-565-8111 for more information.



Scouts Canada

Through a variety of fun experiences, outdoor adventures and contributions to their community, Scouts builds resilience and skills that set our youth up for life. Scouts Canada is a youth group for all ages and genders. Looking to register a child for the program or become a volunteer? Contact Cathy at (705) 382-5634



Royal Canadian Army Cadets (Algonquin Regiment)

Cadets offers programming for youth between the ages of 12-18 who are looking for fun, adventure, challenges and making new friends. Residents seeking additional information regarding the program are asked to call Captain Walkinshaw. (705) 382-1881



Riverbowl & Billiard

For decades, bowling has been a favourite pastime in Canada. At Riverbowl, that tradition continues. Riverbowl's 5-pin bowling combines classic entertainment with modern machinery and scoring equipment. Providing a unique and exciting indoor setting for celebrations. Many lanes provide ample room for your entire party. Live music every Saturday night.



PLACES OF WORSHIP

Burk's Falls United Church

135 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls ON
(705) 382-3325

Church of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church

39 ON Hwy 520, Burk's Falls ON
(705) 636-5334

Burk's Falls Church of Christ

51 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls ON
(705) 382-9775

Legacy Life Centre

44 Commercial Drive, Burk's Falls ON
(705) 382-0755



*Welcome to
The Village of
Burk's Falls!*