

Russell, Ontario

Russell is a charming village located on the Castor River, just on the outer border of the city of Ottawa. With speedy access to the busy city, travelling to Ottawa for work or special interests is easy on the adjacent 417 highway. Russell has succeeded in keeping a definite small town charm, while being fully functional, with many services and businesses right in the town or in immediate adjacent towns. Russell is home to many service clubs, sports associations, and social clubs and is proud of its rich agricultural heritage.

The first settler was Elisha F. Loucks who came sometime around 1829. Originally the town was called Duncanville, named after William Duncan whom owned a large amount of the land in town. The town thrived with various mills along the riverbank. The New York Central Railway line opened on July 29, 1880 allowing rail travel between Ottawa and Cornwall, with Russell being one of the town stops in between. Now long gone, the old track line has been converted into a nature trail, which connects the towns of Russell and Embrun. The oldest standing building within the township is the original Anglican Church; it was built in 1856 and now houses the Keith Boyd Museum in Russell.

Russell/Embrun Directory

SCHOOLS

École Catholique St. Joseph
École Secondaire Catholique Embrun
École Publique de la Rivière Castor
Russell Co-op Nursery School
Russell High School
Russell Public School
St Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School
Mother Theresa Catholic School
Montessori School

CHILDREN/YOUTH ACTIVITIES

4H
5th Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets
Beavers, Scouts, Venturers
Camp Sunshine (summer camp)
Sparks, Brownies, Girls Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Cadets
Karen Urlocker's Art School
Russell Children's Ballet School
Russell Children's Choir
Russell Music Academy
Piano Lessons - Monique

SPORTS

Ball Hockey (Men's & Women's)
Baseball (Minor, Men's & Women's)
Broomball (Minor, Mixed & Men's)
Curling Club
Football
Hockey(Boys/Girls/Ladies/Mens/Old Timers)
Russell Indoor Soccer
NIA Movement Art Fitness
Russell Basketball Association
Russell Men's Touch Football
Russell Rainbow Gymnastics Association
Russell Skating Club
Russell Soccer Club
Russell Barracuda Swim Team

Russell Taekwondo
Russell Township Sportsdome
Jiu-Jitsu & Kickboxing
Badminton
Tennis Association
Embrun Bowling Centre
Russell Self Defense & Fitness
Strength Craze Gym

CHURCHES

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church
St. Andrews & St. Paul's United Church
St. Mary's Anglican Church
Reformed Presbyterian Church
Paroisse Sainte-Thérèse d'Avila
Paroisse St-Jaques d'Embrun

SERVICE CLUBS

Agricultural Society (Russell Fair)
Anglican Church Women
Association for the Performing Arts (RAPA)
Catholic Women's League
Embrun Library
Good Neighbours Food Bank
Historical Society (Keith Boyd Museum)
Horticultural Society
Knights of Columbus
Lions Club
Maison Des Arts
Masonic Lodge
Meals on Wheels
Optimist Club
Royal Canadian Legion
Russell Kin Club
Russell Library
Russell Male Choir
Russell Olde Tyme Music Association
Russell Village Writer's Club
Russell Watch
United Church Women
Victoria's Quilts Canada
Village Voices - Women's Choir
Women's Institute
55+ Club
Stone Bridge Square Dancing



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