



Police Village of Russell

The Police Village of Russell (PVR) Trust

Activity Report 2021

The Police Village of Russell was created by The United Counties of Prescott and Russell in 1898. The Police Village of Russell Trust fund (PVR Trust) was established in 2000 after the sale of the Russell Hydro Electric System assets to Ontario Hydro. The proceeds generated by the sale and subsequent investment income was set aside in a trust fund to support projects initiated by Russell based organizations for the benefit of residents of the Police Village of Russell. The PVR Trust Fund is managed by a Board of Trustees of the Police Village of Russell elected at the time of Municipal elections in Ontario.

Since 2000, the funds (\$1,000,000.00) have been invested and have provided grants totaling \$549,155.00 to over thirty community organizations. The value of the fund on December 31st, 2021 was \$1,265,869.00.

Citizen groups, institutions and service clubs may request financial contributions towards the cost of their projects. The PVR trustees meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Because of COVID restrictions most meetings have been held virtually in the past year. Meetings are open to the public; and applicants have the option of presenting their projects at a scheduled meeting of the PVR Trust. Meeting schedules and applications are available on the PVR website <https://russellvillagetrust.ca/forms/> or from any of the trustees.

The Current PVR Trustees are:

Wendy McNally - Chair

Mike Miller - Treasurer

Dave Dyer - Secretary

In 2021 the PVR provided \$9,978.00 in grants to the organizations listed below to assist with their community focused projects. The PVR trustees cancelled the Light up the Tree event (due to rising maintenance costs and the future development plans for the property) and re-purposed the lights to MacDougall Park in co-operation with the Horticultural Society and adjacent property owners. Continued co-operation with the Russell Historical Society, Russell Agricultural Society, Russell Library and the old Registry Building was received in support of the Light up the Village initiative.

The following Russell based community groups received grants through the PVR Trust in 2021:

Russell Village Women's Institute

Keep Russell Blooming (Street Flower Boxes)



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Russell Horticultural Society

MacDougall Park Lights

Russell Historical Society

Light up the Village -Museum

J.P. St. Pierre Russell Library Building (Board)

Year-round Building Event Lighting

More details on the grants can be found at <https://russellvillagetrust.ca>