

Domville

As with all things, there is always an interesting story behind a name and Domville is no different. Originally called Henry's Corners and Fell's Corners, the local residents eventually grew fed up with this identity crisis and when the post office was opened in 1870, they asked the Augusta Council to choose a new name for them. John Dumbrille, reeve at the time, was a Royalist and thought it would be nice to name the town after one of Queen Victoria's estates, arriving at the name of Frogmore. Since there was a large swamp just north of the town, the locals thought he was poking fun at them and outwardly rejected the proposed name. Dumbrille's second choice was Domville, the original spelling of his family name. The switch to Dumbrille had come when the family had escaped France with the Huguenots to England and then to Canada. And with that, the town finally had its name.

Domville itself is found about 6.5km north of Prescott and has been a close knit community since its inception in the early 1800's. The Fell family is featured heavily in historical documents as major land owners. As more people settled here, they were quick to build the town up to suit their needs. By 1885, Domville was a busy hive of activity which included a blacksmith, two churches, two general stores, a cheese factory, a carriage shop, a grist mill, as well as organizing a lacrosse team.

In addition to all of these establishments, Domville was also a stop along the Prescott and Bytown Railway, which was built in 1854. The Ottawa-Prescott train would pick up fresh milk and passengers everyday until the line was eventually phased out by the CPR in 1950.

Since then, the pace in Domville has slowed down from what it has been as now it mostly consists of homes, but a few local businesses remain with Sauve Heating, National Radiator Repair, Super Dave's Chip Wagon, Henderson's Woodworking, and Polite's Sand and Gravel, a generational family business who was involved in developing the Domville Subdivision. The Domville Community Park features a baseball diamond in the summer months and a skating rink in the winter and offers other activities throughout the year round. Domville is perfectly well suited for those seeking a relaxing lifestyle.