



NEWSLETTER December 2020

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas
and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Office will be closed, Thursday December 24, 2020 at noon through to Friday January 1, 2021. We are open again on Monday, January 4, 2021.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage and recycling collection will **NOT** be delayed because of the Christmas Holiday.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:30 a.m.
Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks.
Dec 10, 24 and Jan 7

VULNERABLE CITIZENS

In the event of an extended power disruption or disruption to 911 service, volunteers will attend the homes of vulnerable citizens to ensure their safety. You **must** fill out a registration form to be put on the vulnerable list. You can drop by the Municipal Office, phone 705-779-2992 or email Lorraine at lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca to get the form.

911 SIGNS

Residents are requested to make sure that 911 civic number signs are clear of trees, snow etc. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100 ft.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

As the Pandemic progresses, we know that "Pandemic Fatigue" is real. It will become easier to be frustrated and to let your guard down. Physical distancing, masking, avoiding gatherings and traveling could easily fall by the wayside. We continue to encourage you to remain diligent and together we will surely beat this thing. Stay Safe



SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

WINTER PARKING

Motorists are reminded that there is no parking of vehicles on Township streets between Nov. 1st and April 30th, during the winter months.



Pushing snow across roads and streets is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law. The Ontario Traffic Act states:
No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181

Prince Twp. By-law 2019-38 also prohibits this action.

RINK

Mayor Ken Lamming and Bruce Gregoire will be getting the rink ready soon, depending on the weather. When the rink is open, we will post it on our sign in front of the Municipal building.

If you are available to help with the rink please call Mayor Ken Lamming at 705-971-3663.

The change rooms and washrooms will **NOT** be open to the public this year, due to covid 19. Benches will be available to sit and put your skates on.

We will not be doing any hall or rink rentals for the remainder of 2020.



PRINCE TOWNSHIP 2021 DOG LICENCE

Under by-law 2001-03, all residents who own a dog or dogs must register them by purchasing an annual dog licence. Dog licences are due **Jan. 2nd, 2021** and are available at the Municipal Office.

To avoid a \$15.00 late fee penalty, all dog licenses must be renewed annually before **February 15th**.

To purchase a dog tag you will require conformation of last rabies shot date.

The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$15.00 otherwise.

There is a locked black mailbox next to the entrance door to the Community Centre. You can place your information and cheque in an envelope and put it in the mailbox and we will mail your tag to you.

Please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 ext. 1 or lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca during office hours.

If you no longer have your dog, please contact the office.

Purchasing an annual dog license will ensure that your dog is returned quickly should he/she ever stray and assist us in providing animal control services in our community.

CAO REPORT



This year has certainly had its challenges, but with the commitment of our staff and volunteers, we have managed to make it to the last month of 2020.

The office remains closed to the public, but staff is present during our regular office hours. We will endeavour to continue to meet your needs however we are able. An intercom system has been set up at both doors to reach the office. If you are admitted to the building, a mask is mandatory.

We will not be doing any hall or rink rentals for the remainder of 2020. Council will revisit this decision in the new year, hinging on where things stand with the COVID pandemic. The rink will be prepared, but there will not be change rooms or washrooms available. A sign in sheet will be available for tracking purposes.

Just a reminder that the Provincial Laws do not permit smoking **anywhere** on the municipal property.

The Township Office will be closing at **noon on December 24th** and will reopen at **8:30 am on January 4th**. If

there is an emergency, please contact one of your council members.

Again, thanks to all our staff, Council, Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department, Prince Township Women's Institute, Friends of the Library and **all** our volunteers for their dedication and support throughout 2020.



Respectfully
Peggy Greco

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Municipal Office, or any member of Council:

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**COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULE**

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday December 8th, 2020
6:45 p.m.

Agendas are posted on the website the day before the meeting. If you require a copy, please call ahead so it can be printed for pickup on Monday. **A fee of \$0.25/page applies.**

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

David Harnish (705)779-9927

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Barbie Rudnicki (705)255-0419



Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff are welcoming families back for in-person services! Pre-registration is required through www.keyon.ca.

Upon arrival, please be aware that families will be permitted entry to the building one at a time to complete the screening process. If staff are not at the entrance, please press intercom button for assistance. Physical distancing is to be practiced at all times. Please note that at this time, outside food and drinks will not be

permitted in the centre. Snacks will be provided daily. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon! Please call 705-779-3627 for more information.

Hours of operation

Monday 9:00am – 1:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday 2:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm



LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: This will be held on Thursday December 3, at 5:30 p.m.

CALENDARS: You should have received your calendars by now. We do have a few extra for sale. (\$10.00). Call the library and leave a message. THANK YOU to all who advertised, bought, took orders and delivered calendars. We ask that you support our local advertisers.

LIBRARY HOURS: We ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE CALL FIRST 705-779-2992 ext. 5. You will use the **BACK DOOR**. There is a new intercom system, and you will be buzzed in by the volunteer.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: Our McNaughton orders are starting slowly to arrive. Here are some of your favourite authors and a few new/debut authors that have come in. You will find them on the book case. The spring orders are on the brown table along with some excellent new to us books.

Burke, James Lee, A PRIVATE CATHEDRAL; Connelly, Michael FAIR WARNING; Delinsky, Barbara, A WEEK AT THE SHORE; Castillo, Linda, OUTSIDER; Doiron, Paul, ONE LAST LIE; Wiggs, Susan, THE LOST AND FOUND BOOKSHOP; Williams, Beatriz, HER LAST FLIGHT; Penny, Louise, ALL THE DEVILS ARE HERE; Laukkanen, Owen, LONE JACK TRAIL, Dionne, Karen, THE WICKED SISTER.

USE OPAC: Instructions follow.

OPAC is similar to Overdrive in the sense that it is an online database, however, OPAC is directly linked to our library and shows a catalogued inventory of all the items we have in the library, synced through ResourceMate. Patrons can use OPAC to request books remotely from their home. This can be used to organize curbside pick-up for their library books. Especially useful during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Access and Operation of OPAC:

1. OPAC for our library can be reached by typing in the following web address into the address bar, <https://16052.rmwebopac.com/>
2. You will be directed to the Prince Township Public Library OPAC home page.
3. You must then click the Sign In icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
4. You will type in the username provided to you from the library, typically in the format: lastnamefirstname

5. Your pin number, also provided by the library, will be the last 4 digits of your 5 digit barcode. Ex. if your barcode is 12345, your OPAC pin will be 2345.
6. When signed in you can search authors, titles, etc. You can add items you want to check out to your Book Bin.
7. To send the request, click the Book Bin icon once you are done browsing.
8. You must then do the following steps:
 - a. Press the email icon (it looks like an envelope).
 - b. In the From section, fill in your email address.
 - c. In the To section, fill in the library's email address, ptpl@twp.prince.on.ca
 - d. In the Subject section, type something along the lines of "Book Request"
 - e. Specify if you would like to be contacted by Phone or Email in the notes section.
 - f. Press send.
9. When the request is received and processed, you will either be contacted by Phone or Email to set up a pick-up time.
10. All pick-ups will happen at the Library Book Drop-Off Box.

**The library will not be accepting book donations at this time.
Thank you for your support.**

Christmas is a day
of meaning and traditions,
a special day
spent in the warm circle
of family and friends.

Merry
Christmas



Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department

Keep fire safety in mind as temperatures drop!

Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. is urging everyone to keep fire safety in mind as the temperatures turn colder.

There are more home fires during the winter months due to heating equipment and appliances. People need to pay close attention to potential fire hazards such as fireplaces, furnaces, chimneys and vents, and space heaters.

There are some simple things people can do to stay fire safe during the colder months:

- Have all fuel-burning appliances inspected annually by a registered fuel contractor. Go to COSafety.ca to find a contractor near you.
- Keep chimneys and intake/exhaust vents for furnaces and heating appliances free of debris, ice and snow accumulations to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) build-up from inefficient combustion.
- Burn dry, well-seasoned wood in fireplaces and woodstoves to

reduce the risk of excessive creosote build-up in chimneys.

- Allow ashes from your fireplace or woodstove to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.
- Keep space heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery and clothing.
- Replace worn or damaged electrical wires and connections on vehicles and extension cords and use the proper gauge extension cord for vehicle block heaters.
- Consider using approved timers for vehicle block heaters rather than leaving heaters on all night.
- Ensure that vehicles are not left running inside any garage or building.
- Ensure there is a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home.
- Install CO alarms to alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.

Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. reminds everyone that the Ontario Fire Code requires smoke alarms to be installed on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if the home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.



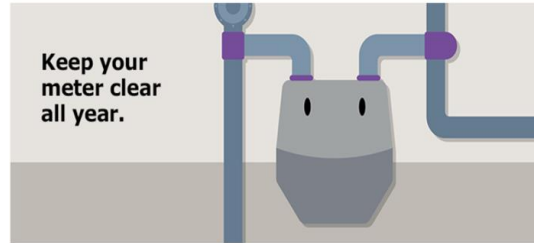


Our Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. use green flashing lights in their personal vehicles when they are responding to the fire hall for an emergency. If you see a vehicle with a green flashing light please yield the right of way. Thanks for your co-operation!



GAS METER SAFETY

Gas Meter Safety



It's important to keep your natural gas meter and exhaust vents free of ice and snow in winter, and clear of storage boxes, garden tools and vegetation in summer. This helps ensure that gas-fired equipment functions safely and efficiently, and allows Union Gas easy access for accurate meter readings or emergency response.

Indoor heating equipment – your furnace, water heater and thermostat – needs to be accessible too. Please ensure that storage boxes and household supplies are kept well away from indoor appliances so Union Gas or your heating contractor can get at them for emergency service or repairs.

Be sure your pets are secured and not blocking access to your gas meter or equipment during meter reading and service calls. A visiting Union Gas representative can surprise even the friendliest dog and lead to aggressive behavior and bites



Slips, Trips and Falls

As winter is upon us we want to share with everyone the reminders for preventing slips, trips and falls.

As you race through the door seconds before work starts, your foot slips in an area of melted snow inside the entrance. Flat on your back, you wonder what happened. A puddle on the floor, or snow on the sidewalk can put you down. Use extra caution to stay on your feet this winter. Weather conditions may change quickly so please use extra caution to avoid a fall or accident.



Preparing for a Winter Storm

During extremely cold weather or winter storms, staying warm and safe can be a challenge. Winter storms can bring cold temperatures, power failures, loss of communication services, and icy roads. To

keep yourself and your loved ones safe, you should know how to prepare your home and your car before a winter storm hits.

Make a Plan

Be prepared before a winter storm hits by planning ahead. If you are in an area prone to winter weather, be sure to **create a communication and disaster plan** for your family ahead of time.

Prepare Your Home and Car

Weatherproof your home.

- Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Install storm or thermal-pane windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.

Have your chimney or flue inspected each year.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year. Ask your local fire department to recommend an inspector or find one online.

Install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector.

- If you will be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year.
- Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby.
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside.
- Each winter season have your furnace system and vent checked by a qualified technician to ensure they are functioning properly.
- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries
- Items to stay warm such as extra hats, coats, mittens, and blankets
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Water and snack food
- First aid kit with any necessary medications and a pocket knife
- Tow chains or rope
- Tire chains
- Canned compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair
- Cat litter or sand to help tires get traction, or road salt to melt ice
- Booster cables with fully charged battery or jumper cables
- Hazard or other reflectors
- Bright colored flag or help signs, emergency distress flag, and/or emergency flares
- Road maps
- Waterproof matches and a can to melt snow for water

For older adults, keep an easy-to-read thermometer inside your home.

If you or a loved one are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Our ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older adults are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. Check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.

Create an emergency car kit.

It is best to avoid traveling, but if travel is necessary to keep the following in your car.

Steps to Take Before the Storm Hits

Listen to weather forecasts and check your supplies.

Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your **emergency supplies**, including your **emergency food and water supply**, whenever you are expecting a winter storm or extreme cold. Even though we can't always predict extreme cold in advance, weather

forecasts can sometimes give you several days of notice to prepare.

Bring your pets indoors.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

Get your car ready.

Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends. In addition, every fall, do the following:

- Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze as needed.
- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- Make sure the tires on your car have adequate tread and air pressure. Replace any worn tires and fill low tires with air to the proper pressure recommended for your car (typically between 30-35 psi).
- Keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Keep your car in good working order. Be sure to check the following: heater, defroster, brakes, brake fluid, ignition, emergency flashers, exhaust, oil, and battery.



Are You Feeding Wildlife?

Issues of residents feeding wildlife have been reported to the Municipal Office. We do take this very seriously.

You may be doing more harm than good.

People who feed wildlife usually do so with the best intentions. However, feeding wild animals almost always results in negative consequences for both humans and wildlife involved.

What are the consequences of feeding wildlife?

Threats to wildlife

- Animals can become dependent on artificial food sources.
- Animals can lose their natural fear of humans and pets, becoming more prone to conflict.
- Artificial feed is not healthy for wildlife.
- Wildlife can congregate in unnaturally high densities at feeders. This spreads parasites and disease (such as Chronic Wasting Disease, bovine

tuberculosis, and brain worm) and can cause destruction of natural habitat.

- Feeding animals near roads increases their risk of being hit by vehicles.

Threats to people

- Feeding wildlife may attract "unwanted" animals to your property.
- Animals will learn to associate humans with food, and can become a problem to neighbours.
- Habituated animals can become aggressive.
- Feeding animals near roads increases the risk of motor vehicle accidents, resulting in property damage, injury or death.

Do

- ✓ Appreciate wildlife from a distance.
- ✓ Keep household waste, compost and pet food out-of-reach from wild animals.
- ✓ Attract wildlife to your property by improving natural habitat.
- ✓ Work together in your neighbourhood to help keep wild animals wild.

Don't

- ✗ Do not put out food to attract wildlife.
- ✗ Do not try to approach or touch wild animals.
- ✗ Do not feed pets outdoors or allow pets to roam free.
- ✗ Do not put garbage out until the morning of collection.

For more information, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-800-667-1940.



News Release

Ontario Expands Online Tool to Keep Drivers Safe During Winter

November 19, 2020

Ontario's 511 App adds Track My Plow and Other Winter Safety Features

TORONTO — The Ontario government is expanding the 511 app to include new winter driving features that will provide drivers and the trucking industry with additional information to support safer route planning when travelling on provincial highways.

"Driving during the winter months can be a challenge in every part of the province, and our government remains committed to keeping Ontario's roads and highways safe," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "That's why we are enhancing the Ontario 511 app with winter safety features that will provide drivers with even more information so they navigate the best route."

The Ontario 511 app is now available to all drivers and includes these additional features:

- Track My Plow which will allow drivers to track the location of snowplows and salt trucks on provincial highways in Ontario

- Information on winter road conditions so drivers can see which roads are bare or covered with snow
- Weather warnings from Environment Canada to alert drivers of upcoming storms
- Up-to-date information on rest areas across the province

The app also provides images from over 600 cameras and includes up-to-date highway information on construction, collisions and road closures. The Ontario 511 app is available for free on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

The winter driving features on the Ontario 511 app build on the province's actions to improve winter maintenance this year, including an additional 24 Road Weather Information Stations that provide forecasts to help winter maintenance crews prepare for a storm, and improving and expanding rest area infrastructure in Northern Ontario.

"Through enhancements to the Ontario 511 app, we're empowering Ontario drivers with up-to-date, accessible and intuitive information at their fingertips to help them stay safe on the roads through the winter months," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Digital and Data Transformation. "As one of the initiatives outlined in the Ontario Onwards Action Plan, this is another way we're making vital programs and services more convenient, more reliable and more accessible."

QUICK FACTS

- The Ontario 511 app was released earlier this year to support truck drivers to plan their routes and

travel safely and efficiently across the province. Access has now been expanded to road users across the province.

- Ontario has among the highest winter maintenance standards in North America. [Learn more about how Ontario clears highways in winter.](#)
- The Ontario 511 app is also part of [Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government](#), and is one of the more than 30 projects that will change the way people and businesses interact with government.

