



NEWSLETTER December 2021

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

**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, Friday December 24, 2021 at noon through to Friday January 1, 2021. We are open again on Monday, January 3, 2021.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage and recycling collection will **NOT** be delayed because of the Christmas Holiday. Please have your cart out **at the end of your driveway** by 7 a.m.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks.

Dec 9, 23 and Jan 6.

Please have your cart out **at the end of your driveway** by 7 a.m.

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 deputyclerk@twp.prince.on.ca to get the form.



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 at this time, 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.



PRINCE TOWNSHIP 2022 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, 2022** 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 deputyclerk@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



From the Office of the CAO:

The staff of the Township of Prince wish you a very happy and peaceful holiday. Enjoy time with family and friends and stay protected, stay safe and stay healthy.

See you in the New Year!

Mary Lynn Duguay-
CAO/Clerk/Treasurer
Lorraine Mousseau- Deputy
Clerk/Treasurer
Lee Ann Bagg- Administrative
Assistant
Brian Evans – Roads Dept.

Municipal Fact: Did you know.....

- Fixed costs for Municipalities are increasing at an alarming rate! In one year, our Municipal Insurance program **increased 32%**! This is due to municipal insurance providers dropping out of the industry and therefore, no competition left to provide quotes. Municipal Insurance is a very risky business.

Respectfully
Mary Lynn Duguay

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

Mayor

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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meeting and Planning Matters

Tuesday December 14th, 2021
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



EarlyON Child and Family Centre

Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff have planned a December full of exciting programs and special events (both virtual and in-person)! Information on upcoming activities can be found on our Facebook page. Pre-registration is required through www.keyon.ca. Enhanced health and safety measures will be in place at all times. Social 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.

In-person Programming December 1 - December 17, 2021
Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm ***indoor only***
Wednesday 9:00am – 1:00pm ***outdoor only***
Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm ***special events – by registration only***

Please note that only virtual programming will be available every Monday, Thursday and Friday as well as for the week of December 20-23, via Zoom.

Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre will be closed for all programming December 24, 2021 until January 3, 2021. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season!



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW VOLUNTEER: We welcome Vicky Walls, who has offered to work Saturday mornings 10:00 – Noon when she is available.

LIBRARY HOURS: TUESDAY 6:30-8:00p.m.; WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:30 p.m.; THURSDAY 10:00-NOON and 2:00-4:00 p.m.; FRIDAY 10:00 –NOON and 2:00 -4:00p.m.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER LIBRARY.

PLEASE CALL TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE. 705-779-2992 ext. 5. WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL. USE THE BACK DOOR.

You can reserve items, this includes INTER LIBRARY LOANS over the telephone OR online (OPAC), which you can access with your Prince Township Public Library password and pin, for in person or contactless pick up. CALL. REMINDER: There is a \$10.00 annual fee to any NEW non resident. All others were 'grandfathered' in. This fee helps to cover the cost of OverDrive/Libby, for which the Library pays. CALENDARS: The board members and the Sherlocks at Prince Lake have been busy delivering the calendars and I want to thank you for volunteering your time. This is our 31st year for having a Community Calendar, and the first with AK Graphix. We will have some for sale at the Airways General Store. Thanks Rhonda! RECOMMENDED BOOKS: We have catalogued some "new to us" paperbacks (2019-2021) to be found on the brown table. Our leased McNaughton books are on the bookcase.

A QUESTION MARK IS HALF A HEART by Sofia Lundberg. Elin Boals journeys from her successful life in New York to a remote windswept Swedish island, where she is forced to face the devastating truth she has been running from all her life. On the last page Lundberg writes "can you be sure you remember things as they really were"? I really enjoyed this book.
ANOTHER KIND OF EDEN by James Lee Burke is a Holland family novel. It is set in the turbulent 1960's and the prologue says it all...
STATE OF TERROR by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny. The President of the U.S.A. chooses a political enemy Ellen Adams as his new Secretary of State. This is a smart move

on his part as he has control over one of his harshest critics. When terrorists strike as series of horrific blows, with hardly any allies or friends left due to the previous administration Adams has to assemble a surprising team of allies including her own daughter...Clinton was the 67th Secretary of State for the U.S.

DESTINED FOR YOU (Ladies of the Lake series) by Tracie Peterson. This is a Christian historical novel set in 1869, when the railroad is being built toward Duluth Minnesota and/or Superior Wisconsin and the competition is fierce. Glorianna Womack a fisherman's daughter and Luke Carson a businessman are brought together when tragedy strikes; but the real danger lies in a man who has followed Luke with revenge in mind.

We are expecting a shipment of large print books from United Library Service. The Friends of the Library set a yearly allotment for us to purchase items and we thank them.

DONATIONS: We will start to accept donations of NEWER BOOKS, 2012 and up in the new year. (hardcover and paperbacks). We do not have the space to store books and it is not fair to us to recycle your items. PLEASE NO textbooks, magazines, etc. YOU CAN RECYCLE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN. Bring your newer books into the Library when it is open using the back door.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday January 6th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The Joyce Kasch Award has been postponed until the new year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LIBRARY
VOLUNTEERS and
A HEALTHY HAPPY 2022.**

Friends of the Prince Township Library

Holiday Announcements: The Friends of the Prince Township Library wish all Prince residents a safe and happy Christmas holiday and a new year filled with good health.

The resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel our planned December activities, including the presentation of the annual Joyce Kasch Award, which goes to a volunteer whose service to our township's library has been outstanding.

The presentation of the 2021 award will now take place in January.

Book Donations: The Friends will be happy to **accept book donations in the new year.** Right now, we are not accepting them, because we're not holding work sessions to sort and store them. Please watch future issues of the *Prince Township Newsletter* for information on the types of books we'll be looking for in the months ahead.

Next Friends Meeting: The next Friends meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday January 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the library. New members are always welcome to come and share their ideas on how to raise funds for our library.

For more information, call Margaret Christenson at 705-779-3996 or Marguerite La Haye at 705-779-3907.



Community Spirit is Alive and Well on Second Line West in Gros Cap (Prince Township)

Having lived on Second Line West in Gros Cap for 35 years, my husband and I have never spent a fortune on candy or goodies for Halloween. The most we've ever had has been 5 children and they have been usually older as opposed to younger. As the houses are far apart and the drive-ways are long, we understand that it can be difficult for little ones to walk the distances. Also some of the yards, drive-ways are dark as there is limited lighting. Many of the children are brought to town where grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, cousin (you name the person) will see the youngster(s). We're not opposed to any of that but imagine our surprise and the children's surprise to be in a group of about 40 plus, dressed in various costumes being driven around on a 'truck bed float' going 'Trick or Treating' and having a gay old time. The laughter and the giggles could be heard from the youngsters along with the music being played on the Avery's and the Mageran's truck bed floats. No one had to walk. This was the children's means of

transportation. A poster billboard by the side of the Park (Children's Playground) had announced for us, the adults that they would be coming. However, I do not know whether, we the adults really believed the sign. The children who came to our house were polite and courteous. Some of them had a long wait to get to our front door. They said "Thanks" as they made their way back to their parents. Halloween was a delight for the children and the residents along the Second Line West. They emptied our house of treats but that's alright – that's part of Halloween.

We want to thank the parent who organized the floats, dressed their children and came out "Trick or Treating", to enjoy in a Community Event, to spread the happiness of their children to us the grown-ups. This will be a Halloween we will remember for a long time.

THANK YOU ALL

Sincerely – Sandy Fulcher



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!



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.

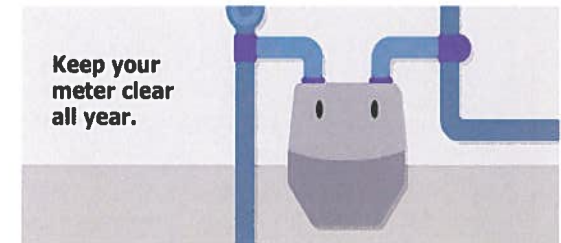


911 SIGNS

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.

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.





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.

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.

- 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

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.



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.

