



NEWSLETTER February 2025

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 25th, 2025**. We can accept cash or cheques in office, we are also set up for telephone and Internet banking (takes two or three days to be processed by your bank).

To avoid late fees, please ensure your payment reaches us by the due date. We are **not** set up for Interac Debit, Visa or MasterCard in office.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE

Due to Monday, February 17th (Family Day), garbage pickup will be delayed by one day.

RECYCLING CART COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:00 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks. **Feb. 13th and 27th**

GARBAGE AND RECYLING BINS

Garbage and recycling bins are to be placed inside the end of your driveway and **NOT on the edge of the road.**

In the winter months, it is safer to put them out in the morning, rather than risk them being hit by the snowplough.

The cost of replacing bins that are damaged is the responsibility of the property owners.



February 17th 2025

A reminder that the Township Office will be closed Monday February 17th, 2025, for Family Day. Wishing everyone a safe and fun long weekend!

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Council at the Dec 10th, 2024, Council meeting declared a councillor seat vacant and at the Jan 14th, 2025, council meeting, passed a motion to fill the vacant seat by an open call for nominations from qualified individuals.

Holding office as an elected official in a municipal government can be rewarding as well as very challenging.

It requires a real commitment for the balance of the term being November 14, 2026.

The 2025 Nomination Procedure and Call for Nominees Package can be found on the [Council page](#) of the township's website.

Council Vacancy Update: Jan 30th 2025

The nomination period has officially closed, and we're excited to introduce our two candidates for the vacant council seat:

- Mario Briglio
- Tiana Trutenko

Want to learn more about them? Their personal statements are available now on our website under the Council section or at the link below:

<https://www.princetownship.ca/council.html>

The final selection will happen at a Special Council Meeting on February 4th at 5:00 PM in the Community Hall. Stay tuned, and thank you to everyone who showed interest in serving our community!

Any questions should be directed to the office.

Hall/Bar Repair Update:

Great news! The hall and bar repairs are now complete and ready to be enjoyed. Regular council meetings will resume in the hall.

We are accepting rentals again starting February 1, 2025. To view the availability, or fill out a rental form please visit our website at: <https://www.princetownship.ca/recreation-and-rentals.html>

We appreciate your patience and look forward to welcoming everyone back!



RINK:

Our community rink wouldn't be possible without **Adam Lyons and his incredible team of volunteers!** We are so grateful for the time and effort they put into keeping the rink in top shape. **Follow our volunteer-run Rink page** for the latest updates on events, closures, and more:

Instagram: @princetwpodr

Facebook: [Prince Township Outdoor Rink](#)

Adam has also **secured donations to help with maintenance costs**—our community truly appreciates his efforts!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent survey on rink times and usage! Based on your feedback, we have made some updates to reflect the community's interest. Updated hours are listed below:

Public Skate Hours:

Monday/Wednesday - 5PM to 7PM

Saturday - 11AM to 1PM

Sunday - 11AM to 1PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mon-Thurs 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fri -Sun: 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Rental Hours:

Mon & Wed: 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sat-Sun: 1:00 am – 4:00 pm

The rink rules, rental rates (\$60/hr) and rental calendar are all available on our website at:

<https://www.princetownship.ca/recreation-and-rentals.html>

For rental arrangements, contact the office @ 705-779-2992 Ext. 2 or email adminassist@princetwp.ca.

As the weather slowly warms up, watch out for warm spells that takes the rink out of action! We must close the rink if it gets above 0C!

Please make sure you obey the signs and **stay off the ice when the rink is closed**. If the weather is too mild and the ice is melting, you will jeopardize the rink and delay the re-opening. **Be safe and have fun!**

To help protect our facilities, **Cameras are installed** at various locations around the rink/pavilion and behind the office to monitor the buildings and yard. We hope this will help minimize or eliminate vandalism and misuse.

If you have any information about damage or other issues, please report it to the office. Your identity will remain anonymous, but your help is crucial in keeping the rink safe, functional, and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please respect other skaters. Prince Township is not responsible for any lost or stolen items

There are washrooms and change rooms for your convenience. **Please be sure to put guards on your**

skates before entering the washrooms.

No drinking, smoking/vaping on the premises.

We are looking for a rink attendant!

Check out our website front page for more details. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to clerk@princetwp.ca

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Under by-law 2024-05, all residents who own a dog or dogs **must register them by purchasing an annual dog licence annually by March 1st**. This can be purchased at the office or online at our website:

<https://www.princetownship.ca/dog-tags.html>

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.

Rates: The cost is \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$20.00 otherwise. **\$15.00 late fee penalty.**

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 705-779-2992 ext. 2 or adminassist@princetwp.ca.

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


ANIMAL CONTROL: Dogs and Cats ONLY*

Barbie Rudnicki Ph:705-255-0419

Animal control by-law is 2024-04 for reference

Recreational Committee:

Hey Prince Township Residents,
The Rec Committee has not scheduled any events for February.

Please give a Shout  Out to the rink volunteers! Since our cold spell, Adam and his team have worked tirelessly in the cold to keep the Prince Township rink open!

The Township hosts a public skate. Grab your skates and come out and enjoy the fresh air!

Updated hours are:

Monday/Wednesday - 5PM to 7PM
Saturday - 11AM to 1PM
Sunday - 11AM to 1PM

If you are interested in volunteering for upcoming events, please contact the Rec Committee so we can get your contact info. **We invite students that need volunteer hours to help us out!**

Happy February from the
Recreation Committee



COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Special Council Meeting Feb 4, 5:00PM – Interview and Selection of the new councillor from nominees.

Prince Council Meeting Feb 11, 6:00PM – Regular meeting

The Hall repairs have been completed!
We will return to holding our council meetings in the hall.

Agendas are posted to the website, and packages are available at the meeting.



EARLYON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre is open for in-person programming! **All program and event information can be found at www.keyon.ca** as well as on our Facebook page. Please call 705-779-3627 for more information.

Hours:

Monday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 2:00pm

Find us on Facebook: EarlyOn Child and Family Centre Prince, SSM & Sault North

Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Melanie Mageran (705)989-4346
mmick@princetwp.ca

Eugene Caputo (705)989-4309
ecaputo@princetwp.ca

Margaret Christenson (705)779-3996
mchristenson@princetwp.ca

Jane Weir (705)257-7926
jweir@princetwp.ca

Reminder: Complaints/concerns are to be directed to the office.

BYLAW OFFICER

We are pleased to welcome **Tyler Bertrand** as the Township's new **Bylaw Officer!** With decades of experience in the role, we are excited to have him on board and look forward to his contributions to our community.

He can be reached at Ph:(705) 989-4369
E: bylaw@princetwp.ca

To ensure accurate documentation and efficient resolution of bylaw concerns, **we kindly ask that all complaints be directed to the office first.** This helps verify the proper action is taken and ensures resources are used effectively.

Welcome to the team, Tyler!



LIBRARY NEWS

As previously announced, the Prince Township Public Library has received a generous donation!

The library would like to use the donation to expand on our services provided to our patrons. We are seeking an individual to help us plan, organize, and execute events that inspire and educate our diverse patrons.

This is a temporary position. For those interested, please contact Rita Wagner, Library CAO at 705-779-2992 x 5 or email ptpl@twp.prince.on.ca for more information or to submit your application. Submissions accepted until February 28, 2025, with tentative start date of March 10, 2025.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER RUN LIBRARY AND OCCASIONALLY ARE NOT AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL FIRST 705-779-2992 EX.

BOOK CLUB: You are welcome to join us at **1:00 p.m. in the library on the third Wednesday of the month, February 19th, 2025.** There will be a list of the books for discussion, in the library. The first will be **COBALT** by Member of Parliament Charlie Angus.

The March 19th selection will be **THE FIRST LADIES** by Marie Benedict.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS:

**Monday:----- 10:00am-12:00pm,
2:00pm-4:00pm**
**Tuesday:-----
2:00pm-4:00pm**
**Wednesday:--- 10:00am-12:00pm,
1:00pm-2:30pm**
**Thursday:----- 1:00pm-3:00pm,
5:30pm-7:00pm**
**Friday: ----- 10:00am-12:00pm,
1:00pm-3:00pm**

LARGE PRINT BOOKS: Our new shipment from Ontario Library Service North has arrived for your enjoyment. We have the books for three months and then they are sent on to another library. They are in the bookcase at the back of the room with the new arrivals. There are all types of books, western, non-fiction, thriller, and romance.

“NEW” TO US BOOKS: These hard cover and paper back are on the brown table near the circulation desk. They are donations or purchased with funds from the Friends of the Library or the Library and are recently published.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: These are from our McNaughton selection found on the back bookcase. Some authors are new to us, but the genre is what our patrons enjoy.

AN INSIGNIFICANT CASE by Philip Margolin. When you are in serious trouble and need the finest legal talent, Charlie Webb is NOT the lawyer to call.

When what was a **minor theft case becomes a double homicide**, an insignificant lawyer assigned to an insignificant case, is faced with the most important and deadliest case of his life.

TOOTH AND CLAW A Longmire Story by Craig Johnson. Walt and Henry Standing Bear are in Alaska looking for work. A ferocious polar bear seems hell-bent on their destruction. **But they soon realize that the danger is greater from their co-workers...**

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT by Robert Dugoni. When Jenna Bernstein is **accused of murder** she turns to her childhood friend, Seattle attorney Keera Duggan. As the investigation gets underway, and things don't seem right Keera is beginning to wonder is this another devious game that Jenna is playing and is she working to set a murderer free...

BOOK SALE: We have many good reads for you on the table and in the bookcase in the library. Hard cover books are \$1.00 Paper backs are \$.50 each and children's books are 5 for \$1.00, Puzzles are \$2.00.

Wonderful Valentine's Day gifts for the ones you love without breaking the bank!



POSTAL DELIVERY / 911 SIGNS

Property owners are reminded to keep mailboxes (including green boxes) clear of snow and other obstacles to receive uninterrupted mail should be kept clear of snow so that they are visible by emergency vehicles.

The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100ft.



Snowmobile Safety

Before you leave:

- Fill up your gas tank
- Check weather forecast
- Contact the local snowmobile club to check trail and ice conditions
- Dress appropriately – wear clothing in layers, and make your top layer a snowmobile suit or other windproof layer

Tell someone:

- Where you are going
- What route you will take
- A description of your vehicle
- When you expect to return

Remember: Exposure to extreme cold can lead to frostbite and hypothermia. Your risk goes up as the temperature goes down.

What to bring

Pack a snowmobile survival kit that includes:

- First aid kit
- GPS unit, trail map and compass
- Matches (or lighter) in a waterproof container
- Knife, saw or axe
- Ice picks (if travelling over frozen water)
- Flashlight
- Safety Whistle
- High energy food like nuts or granola
- Extra set of clothes in a dry bag

While you are driving

- Always drive within your ability
- Take extra care on the corners and hills
- Obey speed limits and road/trail signs
- Always stay on the right-hand side of the trail
- Use appropriate hand signals before stopping, slowing down or turning
- Take extra care at road or rail crossings. Cross at designated crossings at a 90-degree angle to get across quick and safe
- Never ride on private property without permission of the landowner

Driving at night/bad conditions

- Reduce your speed – hazards can be harder to see in the dark
- Use your headlights and drive at a speed where they can shine ahead of you

- Wear clothing that has reflecting markings, so you are more visible to others

Driving on ice

- Avoid driving on unfamiliar frozen rivers and lakes, as open water may not be visible
- If you must drive over ice, wear a buoyant snowmobile suit
- Avoid old, soft or slushy and weak ice that has recently thawed and refrozen, especially near moving water
- **Check ice conditions with the local snowmobile club before you head out** www.ofsc.on.ca/



Know the dangers of ice

Many factors affect ice thickness including type of water, location, the time of year and other environmental factors such as:

- Water depth and size of body of water.
- Currents, tides, and other moving water.
- Chemicals including salt.
- Fluctuations in water levels.
- Logs, rocks, and docks absorbing heat from the sun.
- Changing air temperature.

- Shock waves from vehicles traveling on the ice.

Ice Colour

- The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength.
- Clear blue ice is strongest.
- White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice.
- Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water.

Did you know ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone.
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles.

Check with local authorities before heading out. Avoid going out on ice at night.

Happy Valentine's Day

Safety reminder to residents

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Property owners ensure you have working smoke alarms on each storey of your home and outside every sleeping area.

Fire moves so fast that you may have less than 60 seconds to safely escape a fire, so early

warning is crucial to survival. Only working smoke alarms give you that early warning. Developing and practicing a home escape plan is just as important.

Simple smoke and carbon monoxide alarm tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home. For added protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom according to manufacturer's recommendations. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms;
- Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of your home according to manufacturer's recommendations;
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly by pressing the test button. Change the batteries every year;
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms wear out over time. Replace alarms according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- Everyone should know two ways out of each room, if possible;
- All exits must be unobstructed and easy to use;
- If someone in your home has a disability, develop a home fire escape plan with your household that considers their unique needs. Determine who will be responsible for

helping young children, older adults and anyone who needs assistance to escape;

- Choose a meeting place outside, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for;
- Call the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or a neighbour's home;
- Practice your home fire escape plan; and,
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.

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 Enbridge 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 Enbridge Gas or your heating contractor can get at them for emergency service or repairs.

Fire Department:



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!

ADVERTISING:

Want to advertise in the newsletter or Rink/Pavilion? Contact the office for the details at: (705) 779-2992 ext. 2 or adminassist@princetwp.ca

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Emergency Preparedness starts with **You**

- Do you know what to do in an Emergency?
- Do you have the things you will need?

It's easy, visit: www.ontario.ca/beprepared



The world Pandemic should serve to remind us that “it can happen here”. A pandemic is only one of many challenges that we may face. Our Emergency Management Team has spent much time and effort to identify and to prioritize the potential emergencies that our municipality may face. Fires, storms, extended power outages to name a few, but pandemic was the last on our list. **We encourage you to make 2025 the year to get “Prepared.”** Emergency Management Ontario recommends that we all prepare to have the items you and your family will need to live for 72 hrs. To learn more or for details on how to build your kit please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-management>

VPR:

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a free, confidential service that helps first responders assist residents who need extra support during emergencies.

To sign up please visit:

<https://www.sooopr.com/Register>

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Check out some local events. Everything listed below is either FREE or by donation.

- **The Sault Downtown Plaza Programming is hosting a Skate n’ Screen of the movie Miraculous World London: At the Edge of Time 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 1**
- **The Sault Downtown Plaza Programming is also hosting Bon Soo Torch Lit Luau Skate Skate and Screen of the movie: Moana 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11**

Enjoy an evening skate at the Downtown Plaza, while dreaming of palm trees and sunshine! **Wear your best Hawaiian themed attire and enjoy grilled pineapples** and watch a screening of Moana on the big screen.

