



TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Staff will be back in the office January 2nd, 2024.

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 25th, 2024**. You will receive your bill in January 2024.

ARREARS TAX NOTICES

Arrears notices are only sent out four times a year. They are mailed out March, June September and November. These are the months after the tax bill due dates (February, May, August and October).

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks. Jan. 5, 18 and Feb. 1st etc.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BINS

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

BAG TAG LOCATIONS

Please remember if you require refuse bag tags, tags can be purchased at Airways General Store or the Municipal Office. Each bag tag is \$2.



NEWSLETTER January 2024



A new Year is like a blank book and the pen is in your hands.... Here is hoping 2024 is an incredible part of your story.

Prince Twp. Council and Staff wish you a Happy New Year, with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.



ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Under by-law 2023-06, all residents who own a dog or dogs must register them by purchasing an annual dog licence.

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

A current rabies vaccine certificate is required to purchase a dog licence

The cost is \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$20.00 otherwise.

To avoid a \$15.00 late fee penalty, all dog licenses must be **renewed annually before March 1st**. Licenses are available at the Prince Twp. Office, 3042 Second Line West. Registration can be completed online.

If you cannot make it in during office hours, please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 ext. 1 or deputyclerk@twp.prince.on.ca .

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 assists us in providing animal control services in our community.



WHEN THE RINK IS READY FOR SKATING

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

Cameras are installed in various locations at the Pavilion and the back of the office to monitor the buildings and yard. We hope this will help to minimize or eliminate any vandalism or misuse of the facilities.

When the rink is open for public skating, you can rent the ice @ \$60/hour for private events or practice. For rental arrangements, contact the office @ 705-779-2992 Ext. 1 or email deputycler@twp.prince.on.ca. Rental information will be on our website, princetownship.ca

There are washrooms and change rooms for your convenience.

Please be sure to put guards on your skates before entering the washrooms.

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

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.

SMILE YOUR ON CAMERA

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Be safe and have fun!



Hello dear friends of JOY-Full Socks. This is a letter I have certainly enjoyed sending for the past thirteen years.

You did it again!! Our JOY-Full Socks charity has had another very successful campaign. All because of each and every one of you. YOU stepped up again, offering your time, resources and love. YOU made sure JOY-Full Socks 2023 was going to be a success!

Thanks to your generous and kind souls we collected a total of **7,091 pairs of socks!!!**

My heart is filled with joy and I thank you all very much.

Thanks to your donations, we were able to put together over 1,000

individual packages of socks and hygiene product. We delivered more than 200 boxes and bags filled with the individual packages, extra socks and hygiene products, baby products, clothing, toys, beautiful hand knit wear, and so much more!

Delivery to each of the 21 different charity locations was received with an abundance of smiles and praises of gratitude. Recipients were quite overwhelmed by your generosity and are awestruck with the reality that others have thought of them, and care. I was hugged so hard at one location; I was lifted off the ground. It is wonderful to experience this appreciation and joy, which I receive on your behalf.

I too am grateful for each and everyone of you. I could not run JOY-Full socks without your wonderful support, be it through a donation, providing labour, or both. It is a gift to me to experience your goodness. Words truly are not enough to express my over whelming gratitude. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and may God bless you.

With love and a joy filled heart,
Leslie

Michael Mantha – Algoma Manitoulin Constituency Clinic

Prince Township
Thursday January 18, 2023
9:00 – 10:00 am Township Office



COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday January 9th, 2023
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.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Barbie Rudnicki (705)255-0419



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.

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

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



LIBRARY NEWS

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER RUN LIBRARY. PLEASE CALL FIRST 705-779-2992 EX. 5.

WINTER HOURS: We are closed when the Hall or EarlyON is closed..
MON: 10:00 – NOON and 2:00 – 4:00
TUES 2:00 – 4:00
WED: 10:00 – NOON and 1:00 - 2:30
THURS. 1:00 – 3:00 AND 5:30- 7:00 p.m.
FRI: 10:00 – NOON and 1:00 - 3:00
CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

STUDENTS NEEDING VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE WELCOME. CALL THE LIBRARY 705-779-2992 EXT 5 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

OPAC:

YOU CAN USE OPAC TO SEARCH FOR ITEMS IN OUR LIBRARY AND WE CAN FILL YOUR ORDER FOR PICK UP DURING TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS 8:30 – 4:30 Mon.-Fri. If you need your OPAC Information,

OR want to use Libby/OverDrive and need your PIN /Password, call the library.

BROWN TABLE has current titles and **NEWLY CATALOGUED BOOKS**, purchased with funds from **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**, donations, magazines, and book club titles. which we highly recommend.

BOOK CLUB: This is held the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month at 1:00 p.m. **JANUARY 17, 2024** we will be reading **UNSOLVED** by James Patterson and David Ellis. You are welcome to join us if you wish.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: These are from our McNaughton selection, which are found on the bookcase at the back of the room. We should be receiving a new shipment in January.

JUDGMENT PREY by John Sandford is a Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers novel. When a federal judge and his sons are murdered, Lucas and Virgil team up to crack an insolvable case, as they find themselves being stonewalled by the most unlikely of force.

THE INTERN by Michele Campbell. From the publisher. A young Harvard law student falls under the spell of a charismatic judge. A novel about class, ambition, family, and murder.

DROP OFF BOX

Bring your library books inside the foyer and put them in the NEW drop box.
******ON GOING BOOK SALE DURING LIBRARY HOURS FOR ALL AGES******

PLEASE, WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY DONATIONS AT THIS TIME. WE DO NOT HAVE THE STORAGE SPACE. THANK YOU

FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Joyce Kasch Award: The Friends of the Prince Township Library wish to congratulate Jodi La Fleur, the 2023 recipient of the Joyce Kasch Award for outstanding volunteer service to the library.

Jodi received the award, consisting of a framed certificate and a Coles gift care, during the library's Christmas social on Dec. 8.

She first volunteered to take the Thursday afternoon shift at the circulation desk after the COVID-19 shutdown ended. Since then, Jodi has tackled advanced tasks, such as cataloguing newly donated books and sending Inter-Library Loan requests to libraries across Ontario for books that patrons want to read but that our library does not own.

Jodi is a fan of both fiction and non-fiction and enjoys chatting with patrons about which books they would recommend. Over the years, she has donated many of her own books to our library's collection.

The Joyce Kasch Award is named in memory of the late Joyce Kasch, (d. 1985) who spent her final years campaigning to bring Prince Township its own public library, staffed by volunteers. The library first opened its doors in the Community Centre's basement in 1986.

Friends Election/Aclamation: The Friends held a brief special meeting after the Dec. 8 Christmas social to acclaim a new President. Dorothy Macnaughton, formerly the Vice-President, graciously offered to step into the role for the 2023-2024 year.

Constitution Committee: Over the coming months the Friends will rewrite the group's Constitution and bylaws, which date from 1999. The change will permit us to adopt a governance model where members of the executive take turns chairing Friends meetings, so that the preparation workload does not always fall to one member (usually the President).

A three-member Constitution Committee will prepare a final draft of the new Constitution, to be presented at the Friends 2024 Annual General Meeting next fall. Brittany Agliani, Sandy Fulcher, and Mike Matthews will serve on this committee, with Dorothy Macnaughton lending her expertise as a resource person.

Merry Christmas – Happy New Year: The Friends of the Prince Township Library wish all library patrons and Prince residents a safe and happy Christmas-New Year Season. Safe travels to all who must drive or fly to visit distant family members.

Remember too, that a good book – new or gently-used -- makes an excellent gift at Christmas and all year round. Our sales table near the library's front door is frequently replenished with new-to-us titles, so feel free to drop in and browse.

Winter Safety Tips

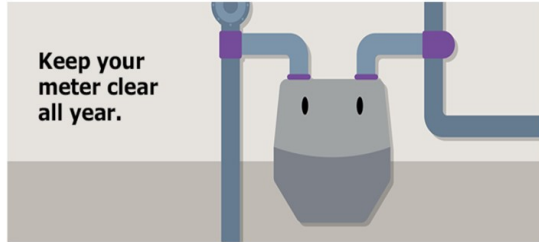
It is important for property owners to take proactive steps to ensure the household is prepared to safely navigate a serious winter storm. Before the deep freeze arrives, take inventory and stock up on essential supplies, water, and medicines. **Plan to be able to take care of yourselves for at least 72 hours.** If you might rely on any wood-burning heat sources during that time, be sure you've had the chimney cleaned and have the necessary smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in place.



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 KEEP YOUR METER CLEAR

Gas Meter Safety



Prevent an appliance malfunction or service interruption

Your safety comes first — that's why we're reminding you to always keep your natural gas meter, regulator and appliance exhaust vents clear of debris, especially snow and ice, throughout the year. A gas meter covered in snow or ice can impede its ability to regulate the pressure of the gas supplied to your home, which could lead to serious risks for you and your family.

Meter safety checklist


- Regularly check your meter, gas piping and vents to ensure they are clear of debris.
- After a storm, gently use a broom or soft brush to clean snow, ice or other debris off your meter, regulator and vents.
- Avoid hitting, kicking and using sharp objects on the meter set and vents.
- Leaky eavestroughs or exterior taps? Repair right away to prevent water from dripping on your gas meter and vents.
- Meter near a sidewalk or driveway? Please ensure it's visible to snowplow drivers.

- Don't forget to clear a path to your meter — it allows easy access for accurate meter readings or in emergency situations.

St. John Ambulance

Safety Tips for WINTER DRIVING

When driving on snowy or icy roads, be sure to:

S	STORE a first aid kit in your trunk or glove compartment for use during an emergency.	
U	USE your headlights at all times so that other drivers can easily see you.	
C	CHANGE your tires. Use appropriate winter tires for your city's roads.	
C	CHECK your car's engine and interior systems before hitting the road.	
E	EXPECT slower traffic and more congested roads, and plan your trip accordingly.	
S	SLOW DOWN on snowy and icy roads, and obey your speed limit.	
S	STAY BACK from other vehicles to avoid rear-ending another car.	

For more information about winter safety, read our monthly newsletter at sja.ca

*Have the happiest
New Year! Wishing
you all good health
and prosperity.*

2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER



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

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR EXTREME COLD WEATHER

Prepare Your Home and Car for Winter

At Home:

- Have alternate means of heating with sufficient fuel, such as a wood or propane furnace, or a kerosene heater. Ensure alternative source of heat is approved for indoor use
- Generator with several days' worth of fuel (Caution: generators produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide. These should only be used outdoors where fumes may be vented safely.)
- Electric space heaters with automatic shut-off and non-glowing elements (to reduce the risk of fire)
- Blankets

In the Car:

- Travel with a mobile phone
- Blankets and other warm clothing (gloves, toques, jacket) – never rely on a car for heat since it may break down
- First aid kit
- Signalling device, such as road flares
- Booster cables
- Toolkit
- Bag of sand (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Collapsible shovel
- Flash light and spare batteries
- Candles and matches
- Brightly coloured clothes
- Container of water and high energy bars
- Windshield scraper

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH WINTER STORMS

Winter storms can be treacherous and damaging if you are unprepared. They can disrupt power supply and transportation and create home and personal safety issues. Bitter cold and winter storms kill more people than the number of Canadians killed by tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods and hurricanes combined. Being prepared can literally save your life.

When winter storms are expected, Emergency Management Ontario advises the public to follow these safety tips.

Personal Preparedness

If you are indoors

- Listen to the radio and/or television for weather reports and emergency information.
- Ensure you have a well-stocked emergency kit, including a good supply of food.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
- Stay indoors. If you must go outside, dress for the weather to avoid serious cold-related injuries.

If you are outdoors

- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. If you must shovel snow, ensure you take frequent breaks so as not to over-stress your body.
- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing, wear mittens and a hat (preferably one that covers your ears).
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to

maintain your footing in ice and snow.

- Cover your mouth. Protect your lungs from extremely cold air by covering your mouth when outdoors.
- Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- It is important to regularly check for frostbite, indicators include numbness or white areas on your face and extremities (ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet in particular).

Home Preparedness

Getting your home ready

- Cover windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent pipes from freezing.
- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.



Let's Help Keep Our Community Safe. Slow Down Please.



Help keep our communities safe.

Let's work together. Remember these road safety tips the next time you head out:

For drivers:

- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Avoid distractions like texting, adjusting your GPS or scrolling through your playlist. Distracted driving puts you and others at risk and comes with serious consequences including fines, demerit points and licence suspension.
- **Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.** Pay extra attention if you see someone is about to or has already entered the crosswalk.
- **Drive slowly through community safety zones and residential areas.** Expect additional pedestrian or bike

traffic in these areas and watch for children running across the road or darting out from between parked cars.

- **Keep a safe distance.** It's the law: Drivers of motor vehicles must keep at least one-metre distance when passing someone on their bike.
- **Be patient.** Pedestrians with disabilities, children or seniors crossing the road may need more time to get to the other side.

For all road users:

- **Be mindful.** Always be courteous, respectful and patient with others.
- **Follow the rules of the road.** Drivers and vulnerable road users (people on bikes and/or pedestrians) each have a role to play in keeping everyone safe on our roads.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Pay attention, avoid distractions like using your phone or wearing headphones and make eye contact with other

road users including people walking, cycling or driving.

- **Be visible.** Drivers and people on bikes must have appropriate lighting during dark or low visibility situations. This includes half an hour before sunset and half an hour after sunrise, when it's dark, foggy or cloudy. People walking or cycling should wear bright or reflective clothing for extra visibility.

Help remind motorists in your neighbourhood to slow down. Reducing speed can save lives.

POSTAL DELIVERY / 911 SIGNS

Property owners are reminded to keep mailboxes (including gray boxes) clear of snow and other obstacles in order to receive uninterrupted mail delivery.

In addition, 911 numbers should be kept clear of snow so that they are visible by emergency vehicles. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100ft.

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Dr. Alfonso Tavormina, D.C.
Chiropractor

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