



TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Staff will be back in the office January 2nd, 2025.

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 25th, 2025**. You will receive your bill toward the end of Jan 2025.

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 2nd, 16th 30th and Feb 13th, 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 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.

Bag tags can be purchased at the office or at Airways for \$2.



NEWSLETTER January 2025



Prince Twp. Council and Staff wish you a safe and Happy New Year, with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come. We can do more together!

Leadership Update:

At the special council meeting on November 19th, **Council accepted the resignation of Mayor Enzo Palumbo and declared the mayor's seat vacant**, following the rules under the Municipal Act, 2001.

Councillor Melanie Mageran was appointed Acting Mayor, and the Clerk was asked to prepare a report on how to fill the vacancy. This report was presented at the December 10th, 2024, Council Meeting.

At the December 10th regular council meeting, Council reviewed the report and decided to appoint a new mayor instead of holding a by-election to save costs.

Nominations were opened, and Councillor Jane Weir nominated Melanie Mageran, seconded by Councillor Margaret Christenson. Council voted unanimously to **appoint Melanie Mageran as Mayor, effective immediately, for the rest of the term.**

Mayor Mageran read and signed the Oath of Office. Afterward, Council declared the resulting council seat vacant and directed the Clerk to prepare a report for the January 14th, 2025, meeting to decide how to fill the vacancy.

We extend our gratitude to former Mayor Palumbo for his contributions and warmly welcome Mayor Mageran in her new role.

Welcoming Our New Mayor Melanie Mageran: A Progressive Step for Prince Township

We are thrilled to announce that Melanie Mageran officially stepped into the role of Mayor for Prince Township as of the December 10, 2024, regular council meeting.

This marks a significant and progressive step forward for our community as we work toward fostering growth, enhancing community services, and ensuring the continued vibrancy of our township.

In her first statement as Mayor, Mageran shared:

"It is truly an honor to serve as the Mayor of Prince Township. Our community has always been a place of resilience and togetherness, and I am committed to continuing this legacy. Together, we will work to create a township that offers even greater opportunities for growth and quality of life for all constituents."

The Council is eager to support Mayor Mageran in her vision for the future. We invite all residents to join us in warmly welcoming Melanie Mageran as we look forward to an era of progress, collaboration, and shared success.

Together, we can achieve great things for Prince Township!

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Tues Jan 14th, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Museum.

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

Mayor and Council:

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

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

Margaret Christenson (705)989-4361
mchristenson@princetwp.ca

Jane Weir (705)989-4356
jweir@princetwp.ca

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



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 bylaw is 2024-04 for reference



Rink: Opening date: Dec 21st, 2024

The rink is maintained by some amazing volunteers, and we are incredibly grateful for all the time and effort they provide! **No rentals over the holidays to keep the rink open for everyone to enjoy. Happy skating**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mon-Friday 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sat-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: 11:00 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.

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. **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 smoking/vaping on the premises.

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!**

Rec Committee:

Hey Prince Residents, Happy New Year



Just a short note from the recreation committee—there are no scheduled events for January. To keep up with events, you can view the calendar on the township website under Recreation and Rentals and our facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/princereccommittee>

If you have suggestions for activities you would like to see, please feel free to contact anyone on the committee. The committee member will then bring it forward for discussion at our meeting.

Also, volunteers are always welcome! Let a committee member know if you are interested in volunteering at our next event. **We encourage students that need volunteer hours to help us out!**

Have a great January!



Hello dear friends of JOY-Full Socks. **This letter of thanks has been an honour for me**

to send for the past fourteen years.

You are amazing!! 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 kindness. YOU ensured the success of JOY-Full Socks 2024. Thanks to your generous and kind souls we collected a total of **7,473 pairs of socks!!!**

Your donations allowed us to put together well over 1,000 individual packages of socks and hygiene products. We delivered more than 200 boxes and bags filled with individual packages, extra socks, extra hygiene products, baby products, clothing, toys, beautiful hand knit wear, and so much more!

Delivery to each of the 20 different charity locations was received with an abundance of smiles and gratitude. There was dancing, clapping and hugging at multiple locations.

The director of the Soup Kitchen stated that **last year's donation lasted through to this Thanksgiving!** I have faith this year's donation will provide for many, well into next year, thanks to all of you.

It is wonderful to experience this appreciation and joy, which I receive on your behalf.

I am grateful for my wonderful team of family and friends, which I call my

elves. They give countless hours of their time with organizing, packaging, pickup and delivery. They are critical to the success of this charity

I am also grateful for each and everyone of you and your wonderful support, which you provide, year after year. 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



Flu Season:

Flu season is upon us, please to be sure to wash your hands, get your flu shots and stay home if you're sick. For more information please see: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-preparedness>

Emergency preparedness starts with you
seasonal influenza
The flu (influenza) is a contagious virus that anyone can get. Protect yourself and others by recognizing the symptoms.

- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Get your annual flu shot
- Stay home when sick

ontario.ca/EmergencyPreparedness Ontario

Feeling sick? Stay home.

Hall/ Bar Repair Update:

The repairs required were significant and had to go to tender. The bids were brought to the council meeting December 10th, and the selected winner was FICMAR. **They have already begun the work with an expected completion date of Jan 31st, 2025.**

Gros Cap Parade:

The Gros Cap Parade was a wonderful success! Despite the winter chill, attendees braved the weather to enjoy the dazzling lights and festive sirens. Big thanks to everyone involved!

Images below were captured by Mag Le Haye



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
Saturday	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.**

We are opening Monday Jan 6th at 10:00 am

As previously announced, the Prince Township Public Library has received a generous donation! We are so grateful!

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.

BOOK CLUB: You are welcome to join us at 1:00 p.m. in the library on the third Wednesday of the month, **re starting in January 2025.** We will have a list of the books that will be available for discussion, in the next newsletter, and in the library. Our first book is THE MAID by Nita Prose.

WINTER HOURS:

Monday: -----10:00am-12:00pm 2:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday: -----1:00pm-3:00pm

Wednesday: ---10:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-2:30pm

Thursday: -----1:00pm-3:00pm 5:30pm-7:00pm

Friday: -----10:00am-2:00 p.m.

Students needing volunteer hours are welcome. Call the library 705-779-2992 ext. 5, leave a msg

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: These are from our McNaughton selection, which are found on the bookcase at the back of the room.

ON THE HUNT: by Iris Johansen. This is a thriller, that has Kira Drake and her search and rescue dog Mack helping law enforcement agencies all over the world. She has come to Paris to investigate the bombing of a museum which was the work of the same man who murdered Jack Harlan's brother. Kira is hoping for justice... but is Jack looking for vengeance?

TRIAL BY FIRE: an uplifting novel by Danielle Steel. The life of a Parisian woman changes in a heartbeat when she's trapped by wildfires in Nappa Valley.

IN TOO DEEP a Jack Reacher novel by Lee Child and Andrew Child. The last thing Reacher can recall is the car he hitched a ride in getting run off the road. The driver was killed. His captors assume Reacher was the driver's accomplice and after they patch up his wounds, they plan to make him talk...

FIRE AND BONES: a Temperance Brennan novel by Kathy Reichs. Forensic anthropologist Tempe finds herself at the centre of a Washington D.C. arson investigation in Foggy Bottom, a neighbourhood with a colourful past and present, that leads to murder...

LARGE PRINT BOOKS:

We will be keeping our Large Print Books from Ontario Library Service for a little while longer until the backlog at Canada Post is cleared up.

We have the books for three months and then they are sent on to another library. We then get a new shipment. 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.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:

Thursday January 9th at 5:30 in the library.

"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.**

BOOK SALE DURING LIBRARY HOURS FOR ALL AGES! Premium books from well known, award-winning authors for pennies on the dollar.

Meet your new years resolutions by reading more! 😊



FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

2024 JOYCE KASCH AWARD. The Friends of the Prince Township:

Library voted last month to present the 2024 Joyce Kasch award to **Dorothy Macnaughton, the group's longtime president.**

Dorothy was to have received the award on Fri. Dec. 13th during the

library's Christmas party, but bad luck or bad weather left Dorothy and her husband, Richard, stranded at home.

Dorothy's advocacy on behalf of public libraries is well known to residents of both Sault Ste. Marie and Prince Township. She is the past president of Friends of Canadian Libraries (FOCAL), which shared fundraising ideas with Friends groups country wide.

Dorothy is also the 2016 recipient of the Les Fowlie Intellectual Freedom Award, which the Ontario Library Association presents annually to an individual who has shown courage in championing the right to read.

Dorothy earned the award for her advocacy on behalf of individuals with print disabilities, who she believes should have the same access to information at their public libraries that other patrons take for granted.

Here in Prince, Dorothy convinced our Friends group to purchase more large print books and audio books for the library. She and Richard also donated a CCTV reader, which allows individuals with impaired vision to view their personal documents enlarged and read them privately.

In addition to all these achievements, Dorothy trained Friends members and library volunteers to identify donated books with high resale value. Once such books are priced, they may be sold online or to collectors at local book sales. **Under Dorothy and Richard's supervision, our Friends group earned higher profits** than it might otherwise have seen at local book sales.

The Joyce Kasch Award is named in memory of the late Joyce Kasch, who campaigned during the early 1980s to bring Prince Township its own rural library staffed solely by volunteers.

Memberships: Our Friends group welcomes new volunteers to help us plan our fundraising activities. The annual membership fee is \$5/individual or \$10/family. To get in touch with us, send us an email at: friendsofptpl@gmail.com

Advertising:

If you or your business would like to advertise in the newsletter or the pavilion, please contact the office or email us at: clerk@princetwp.ca for rates and content.

911 SIGNS:

The blue address 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.

POSTAL DELIVERY:

Canada Post is back to work! Property owners are reminded to keep mailboxes (including gray boxes) clear of snow and other obstacles in order to receive uninterrupted mail delivery

Marina:

Oceans and Fisheries have awarded the contract for repairs to the ramp and floating docks. They have come to complete a preliminary review in Dec. Work will take place in the new year. Please be patient and respectful to workers on site.



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


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

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.





All parking should be done in accordance with bylaw 2020-33.




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

Plan your trip according to the weather

ONTARIO'S 511 APP:

The Ontario 511 app is now available to all drivers and includes these 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.

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**

Winter Happens, Prepare an Emergency Kit

Expect the unexpected this winter. It is important for property owners to take proactive steps to ensure the household is prepared to safely navigate a serious winter storm. 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.

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.

Pack your emergency kit in an easy-to-carry bag or suitcase on wheels. Include essentials that will last you and your household for at least 3 days immediately following an emergency. For a full list, visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-preparedness>

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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. **A copy of the form is attached to the back of this newsletter.** You can drop by the Municipal Office, phone 705-779-2992 or email cemc@princetwp.ca for more information.



Algoma, Manitoulin-Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie

Vulnerable Persons Registry

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print and fill out this **confidential** application as accurately as possible.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE VPR? CHOOSE ONLY ONE.

- Community agency (CNIB, Red Cross, etc.)
- Other referral (Medigas, Doctor's office, etc.)
- Online
- Public presentation or event
- Newspaper
- Brochure, poster, newsletter or flyer
- TV Coverage (Shaw, CTV, etc.)
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.)
- Word-of-mouth (Friend, family or co-worker)

Other:

Personal Information of Applicant

First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Sex: Male Female Gender Non-Conforming Prefer not to say

Address:

Unit #:

City/Town:

Access Code*:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Phone #:

Secondary Phone #:

TTY (Teletypewriter)

TTY (Teletypewriter)

E-mail:

I receive homecare services: Yes No

If Yes, state the Home Care Services that are applicable:

By providing your **access code, you will ensure that first responders can enter into your home or apartment building when needed in an emergency**

Vulnerable Needs of Applicant

Please check all that apply:

- Vision
- Deaf, Deafened or Hard of Hearing
- Mobility
- Bedridden
- Developmental/Intellectual (e.g. Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome)
- Cognitive (e.g. Alzheimer)
- Mental Health
- Other, please specify: _____

Life Sustaining Equipment

- Ventilator
- Oxygen
- Dialysis
- Other, please specify: _____

I will not be able to exit my home by stairs

I require electricity for life-sustaining equipment
I require electricity after _____ **(minimum 6)** hour (s) to remain safe

I do not receive 24-hour support at home

I live alone

I currently receive meals from Meals on Wheels

Note: If selected, it will not guarantee meal assistance during large-scale emergencies

I do not have family support locally

I have trouble with speech or language (*e.g. uses an ASL interpreter*)
Please specify: _____

How long can you care for yourself in a large-scale emergency?

(As a guide, think about your day-to-day activities)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 6 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 to 48 hours (1-2 Days) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 12 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> 48 to 72 hours (2-3 Days) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 to 24 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 72 hours (3 Days or more) |

Information Tips (Optional)

Please provide any important additional information that will help first responders assist you during an emergency (for example, use a wheelchair).

Emergency Contact Information

Primary Emergency Contact

First Name:

Last Name:

Relationship (Please check one of the following):

Spouse/Partner

Parent

Son/Daughter

Sibling

Relative

Friend

Other

If other, please specify:

Address:

Unit #:

City/Town:

Postal Code:

Province:

Primary Phone #:

Secondary Phone #:

E-mail:

Secondary Emergency Contact

First Name:

Last Name:

Relationship (Please check one of the following):

Spouse/Partner

Parent

Son/Daughter

Sibling

Relative

Friend

Other

If other, please specify:

Primary Phone #:

Secondary Phone #:

E-mail:

Legal Guardian Information (If applicable)

First Name:

Last Name:

Relationship (Please check one of the following):

Spouse/Partner

Parent

Son/Daughter

Sibling

Relative

Friend

Other

If other, please specify:

Address:

Unit/Apt. #:

City/Town:

Province:

Postal Code:

Primary Phone #:

Secondary Phone #:

E-mail

Six-Month Updates

Select your preferred preferences for your six-month updates.

Please contact: Applicant Legal Guardian Primary Emergency Contact

Choose one of the following update methods:

Phone Mail Online (must include email for above contact) VPR Coordinator's Office

Consent

Please read and sign below for your application to be reviewed:

I allow the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre to provide the information I included in my VPR registration form to local fire, police and paramedics for use during emergencies. I understand that I rely on electricity for life-sustaining equipment such as oxygen, my information will also be provide to PUC Services Inc. and Canadian Red Cross for use during power outages. I know that it is important for me to ensure that the VPR program has accurate and up-to-date information at all times. I understand that I still need to call 9-1-1 in an emergency and am also responsible for having an emergency plan in place in order to be prepared to remain safe for at least three days. I recognize that the VPR does not guarantee my safety, but is an added safeguard where local emergency service groups will make every effort to increase the possibility of my safety during emergencies.

I understand that if I am approved, my information will be available to authorized local emergency service groups within 45 days of receipt of my application. I also understand that I will be notified of the date on which my information will be made available to those authorized emergency service groups. I further understand that as part of the program, six-month updates are required using whichever method I have selected. I acknowledge that the VPR Coordinator will make every effort over a two-month period to complete an update; however, if unsuccessful the VPR Coordinator can remove me from the VPR and I will be notified accordingly. I know that I can request to be removed from the VPR at any time.

Signature of Applicant/Legal Guardian

Date

Witness Signature (Only if signing with an 'X')

Relationship

Privacy Statement

SSMIC ensures all internal and external measures are taken to protect your information so only those who need access to your information will be able to do so. SSMIC will secure your data at all times and with your consent will provide your information only to authorized emergency service groups in order to improve your safety during emergencies.

For more information on our privacy policies and how your information will be used, please visit www.sooopr.com

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