



TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Staff will be back in the office January 3rd, 2023.

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 25th, 2023**. You will receive your bill in January 2023.

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, 19 and Feb. 2nd 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 2023



A new year means a new chapter. Here is hoping 2023 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.



Reminder: Smoking or Vaping is NOT permitted on Municipal Property



RINK

The Twp. has a great team of volunteers that 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 the office at 705-779-2992 or email clerk@twp.prince.on.ca .

The change rooms and washrooms will be open to the public to sit and put your skates on.

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 @ \$50/hour for private events or practice. For rental arrangements, contact the office @ 705-779-2992.

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.

Be safe and have fun!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Prince Township is looking for a new Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

If you are interested (or know someone who is) or are looking for more details, please call the Office.

There is a monthly commitment of approx. 10-15 hours - being available and on call when/if the Emergency Response Plan is activated. Reporting - meet and liaise with various Government Departments, ensure Emergency Response Plan is kept up to date Plan tabletop practice sessions for Municipal Emergency Control Group with various partners. Previous experience is preferred, however willing to provide training for the right candidate. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please call 705 779 2992 or forward your resume to clerk@twp.prince.on.ca



ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

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. 4th, 2023 and will be available at the Municipal Office.

To avoid a \$15.00 late fee penalty, all dog licenses must be **renewed annually before Feb 25th**.

Remember to bring in conformation of last rabies shot date to purchase a tag.

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

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.



Hello dear friends of JOY-Full Socks. This is a letter I have certainly enjoyed sending every year, for the past twelve 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 2022 was going to be a success!

Thanks to your generous and kind souls we collected a total of **6,772 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 250 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 18 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 about them. It is wonderful to experience their appreciation and joy. I receive their gratitude on your behalf.

I too am grateful to 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 the goodness in each and every one of you. 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

PLEASE NOTE: THE PRINCE TWP.



MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Our Council members have taken their Oath of Office to start their new 4-year term. Congratulations to everyone, I know they are looking forward to getting started.

The Rink volunteers are working hard (and battling some early mild temperatures the last few weeks) to get the ice ready.

We will advise via our website and social media accounts when it is open for everyone.

If you wish to join the rink volunteers this season, please reach out to the office - the more the merrier!

The first council meeting of 2023 will be January 10 at 6:45 pm and will be open to the public.

Thanks to all our staff, Council, Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department, Rec Committee, Prince Township Women's Institute, Friends of the Library, Museum

and all our volunteers for their dedication and support throughout the year.

Wishing you happiness and health in 2023 and beyond!

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Nowlan
Municipal Administrator

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

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MPP CONSTITUENCY CLINICS

MPP Michael Mantha is pleased to announce that he is once again hosting constituency clinics in your area. Constituents who have questions or matters of concern are invited to meet with him individually. We adhere to all hosting organizations and municipal pandemic health protocols. **MEETINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Contact the Constituency Office listed below for further information or to book an appointment.

Monday January 16th

- Iron Bridge — 8:30 a.m. @ Municipal Office
- Searchmont — 11:00 a.m. @ Community Centre
- Goulais River — 12:30 p.m. @ Fire Hall
- Prince Township — 2:00 p.m. @ Township Office
- Garden River — 3:30 @ Band Office

Tuesday January 17th

- Echo Bay — 9:00 a.m. @ Township Office
- Richards Landing — 10:30 a.m. @ Township Office
- Jocelyn Township — 1:00 p.m. @ Township Office
- Village of Hilton Beach — 2:30 p.m. @ Village Office

Wednesday January 18th

- Desbarats — 9:00 a.m. @ Arena
- Bruce Mines — 10:30 @ Town Office
- Thessalon — 1:00 p.m. @ Town Office
- Thessalon First Nation — 2:30 @ Band Office



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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday January 10th, 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.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Dave Harnish Home: 705-779-9927

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

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: Thursday January 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Welcome to new board members Helen M. and councillor Jane Weir.

HOURS: As we are a VOLUNTEER run Library

we are posting these MONTHLY.

Please call ahead at 705-779-2992 ext. 5. Leave a message as we could be out of the room.

JANUARY HOURS:

MON. 10:00 – NOON and 1:00 – 3:00
TUES. 2:00- 4:00
WED. 1:00 – 2:30
THURS. 10:00-NOON and 1:00-3:00
FRI. 10:00- NOON and 2:00- 4:00

BOOK CLUB: We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the library. The first one is a double header: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE by C.S. Lewis and ONE MORE DAY by Mitch Albom. We will have our complete list of books for 2023 in February's newsletter.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: These will be found on the bookcase at the back of the room.

GONE BY MIDNIGHT (A Crimson Lake Novel) by Candice Fox is a Large Print. Four young boys are left alone in a hotel room while their parents dine downstairs. When Sara Farrow checks on the children at midnight, her son is missing...

SEA CHANGE: A Man, A Boat, A Journey Home by Maxwell Taylor Kennedy (LP). A Non fiction, Kennedy relates the voyage to deliver his boat, *Valkyrien*, a 90-foot dilapidated wooden schooner, from San Francisco to Washington, DC.

1989 is a journalist Allie Burns novel by Val McDermid the "Queen of Crime."

The world of newspapers is beginning to undergo a revolution and add a murder to this, forces Allie to question all her old certainties.

THE BOYS FROM BILOXI by John Grisham. A novel of two sons from immigrant families who grow up as friends, but ultimately find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Life itself hangs in the balance.

DROP OFF BOX: The big metal box near the front door is the Library's. **PLEASE** Put your items in a tied plastic bag. They are too difficult to reach when they are loose, and it helps to protect them from the dampness.

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

FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE TWP. LIBRARY WE'RE BACK!

The Friends of the Prince Township Library are happy to resume our activities after the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to pause large fundraisers over the past two years

First, we'd like to wish all Prince Township residents, library patrons, and visitors health and happiness over the holiday season and throughout 2023

Safe travels to all those who will be driving or flying to spend Christmas with distant loved ones.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sat. Jan. 07 at 10 a.m.** in the library. New members, including students, are welcome to join us and help plan our next fundraising events.

Funds raised by the Friends go toward the purchase of essential items and services our library might otherwise be unable to afford. Past purchases have included new books, audio books, magazine subscriptions, library furniture, and computer equipment.

As a registered charitable organization, our Friends group also applies to Canada Summer Jobs each year for funding to hire a student librarian during July and August.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS: The Friends always welcome help from secondary school students who want to earn volunteer hours toward graduation. Duties may include sorting sale items, transporting and selling them, and organizing sales tables at public events.

For further information, contact President Margaret Christenson, (705)779-3996, email: peggy.christenson1@gmail.com, or Secretary Marguerite La Haye, (705-779-3907), email: mclahaye70@gmail.com.

ONGOING BOOK SALES: The Friends wish to thank library volunteer Helen Mackay for setting up a table of gently used books near the library's entrance. These books are available for sale by cash donation. Patrons and visitors are welcome to browse for titles by their favourite authors during the library's open hours.

On Thursday evenings, Helen also wheels a bookcase filled with sale items into the Best Start Hub (Parent/Child Resource Centre), so that parents and kids can look them over. Remember: Cuddle up with kids and a book for few minutes each day, and the kids will soon be picking up books on their own. Have fun!

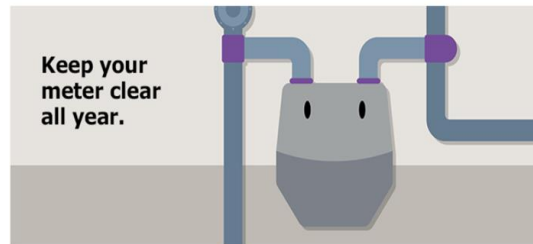
PRINCE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Institute meets regularly on the third Monday of the month unless it is a holiday, in the library. It will be posted on the community calendar or in the monthly newsletter. The first meeting for 2023 will be held on Monday January 16 at the home of Jane in case it snows!!!

Remember to bring your LUNCHES FOR LEARNING donation.

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



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!

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
- Flashlight 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.



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



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.

Back to Health Clinic
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 ctavormina@sympatico.ca

Dr. Alfonso Tavormina, D.C.
 Chiropractor

Auto and Sports Injuries
 Extremities ~ Full Spine
 Soft Tissue Work ~ Laser Therapy
 Electric Stim ~ Ultrasound

Mayor's Message

On behalf of your Council, our administration, and myself we would like to wish all residents of Prince Township a Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year!

Since being elected Mayor, I've had the opportunity to meet with many local individuals, groups, and committees who all work at a grassroots level for the benefit of our whole community. Thank you for your contributions and we wish you a successful 2023.

Council would like to thank all staff for another year of professionalism, reliability, hard work, and their attention to a safe workplace. Special thanks are extended to our community of volunteers. Without your generous enthusiasm, hard work, and support our community would not be able to succeed in the way that it does.

To our residents, we send a heartfelt thank you. Our beautiful community would not be what it is today without having so many amazing residents who genuinely care for one another. We hope you share our belief that the Township of Prince is a strong and sustainable community; it is an exceptional place to live.

To our volunteer fire fighters, led by Chief Steve Hemsforth, we are grateful for your continued service and the risks you're all willing to take to keep our community safe.

We would like to extend a special

thank to our road superintendent, Brian Evans, and our Community Emergency Management Coordinator, Bruce Gregoire, for their years of hard work. We wish them and their families happiness and health throughout their retirement.

As well, to our past Mayor Ken Lamming, thank you for your dedication to our community and I sincerely wish you and Mrs. Lamming fulfillment in your new adventures and good fortunes in the coming years.

With my glass half full, I toast to a new year of partnership, dedication, and hard work. There's a lot to do as we enter another decade of prosperity for Prince Township. It takes the input, participation, and respect of everyone to keep our community prosperous and moving in a positive direction that future generations will appreciate. Together we are hitting the ground running in 2023 as we accelerate promoting the changes you, the constituents of our beautiful township, are expecting.

Finally, as we step into the new year 2023, I trust Council would like to see us continue to respect each other's values and beliefs, laugh together, and look out for each other. As 2022 is ending, it's an opportunity to leave behind the personal struggles and hard times we may have faced to enter the new year. In 2023 we will see exciting initiatives benefiting residents, businesses, stakeholders, and partners in making Prince Township safer, healthier, and unified.

Let us all embrace 2023, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From all of us, Happy New Year!
 Mayor Enzo Palumbo