



RECYCLING CART COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:30 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks.
Mar. 4, 18 and April 1.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Dog tag deadline MARCH 1ST - to avoid a penalty

You **must** register your dog(s) by **March 1st** to comply with the Township By-law. Dog Licences are available at the Municipal Office. The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$15.00 otherwise. **Please bring in confirmation of last rabies shot date.** A licence must be purchased by **March 1st 2021**, after which there is a **\$15.00 penalty** – per dog. If you cannot make the deadline please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 or lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca and we will be pleased to accommodate you.

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

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you every month, please email lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca

NEWSLETTER March 2021



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

On Sunday March 14th, you set your clock **forward one hour.**

When you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarms too!

Test your smoke alarm every month and change the batteries at least once a year or whenever the low-battery warning chirps. Don't remove the batteries for any other reason.



Ditch Safety

Reminder to parents to please keep an eye on their children and have them not play in or near the ditches.

Gagnon Road in particular has especially deep ditches.



Be **KIND** Algoma



To our Algoma communities,

COVID-19 does not discriminate and neither should we. Each confirmed case of COVID-19 is a person, with feelings, a family, and friends.

A person or their family should not be blamed or discriminated against by catching a virus. They should not be the target of negative social media posts, rumours or stigma.

If you know someone with COVID-19 or is self-isolating, be part of their support team.

Run some errands for them or deliver groceries. You can also connect with them virtually to let them know they aren't alone.

Anyone can catch a virus, including COVID-19.

Be kind Algoma. We are all in this together.



Skating Rink

The rink remains open, although we are not accepting any rentals. Please watch our social media sites or check the sign if you plan to attend as the weather is warming up and the rink could be shut down at any time.

A big thank you, to all the volunteers' that help with the rink. They are out there no matter the temperature, cleaning and watering the rink. Awesome job!

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.

OFFENDERS WILL BE TICKETED

Building Permits

Permits ensure that construction within the municipality meets with standards set out in the Ontario Building Code. No matter what the specific project may be, the enforcement of codes is carried out to protect public health, safety and welfare. Compliance with municipal by-laws such as the Zoning By-law is also evaluated during the review process.

Building permits are typically required for the following:

- New buildings
- Additions
- Renovations or alterations
- Demolitions
- Prefabricated structures
- HVAC systems (heating, ventilation, air conditioning)
- Miscellaneous for residential (pools, fireplaces, decks, fences, etc.)
- Temporary buildings
- Installing new windows and exterior doors
- Installing new shingles or metal roofing
- Installing new cladding (siding, stucco, etc.)

To be sure, contact the Building Division at 705-759-5398 or email building@cityssm.on.ca, describe the work to be done and investigate what the requirements are.

If your questions cannot be answered over the phone or email, you can show

your proposal to the Building Division staff at the Civic Centre - Level 5. They are always ready and willing to help!

CAO/TREASURER REPORT

It is hard to believe that it has been almost one full year since our way of life changed with the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. Thankfully, our numbers are decreasing and hopefully soon we can return to some form of normalcy. We remain dedicated to meet your needs, albeit in different ways than before.

Council has approved the extension of the employment of our Administrative Assistant, Katrina Wreggitt. She is a welcome and valuable addition in the office. It is unfortunate that most have not had the opportunity to meet her with the office being closed to the public for most of her time here.

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Application has been made to Canada Summer Jobs for two students for the Roads crew this summer. There will also be one student hired for the Library and one for the museum, pending approval. The EarlyOn centre has also applied for 2 students. Funding announcements will be made later this spring. If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit your resume to the office and specify which position(s) you would like to fill.

Some Irish Humour:

A young Irish man who was an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon.

He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he

could get in nine holes before he had to head home.

Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone.

Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly.

He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time.

Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot.

There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."



Happy St. Paddy's Day!

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Greco

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

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**COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULE**

Regular Council Meetings
& Planning Matters

Tuesday March 9th, 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Barbie Rudnicki (705)255-0419

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Dave Harnish (705)779-9927



Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre is excited to announce that as of Monday, March 8, 2021 staff at this location are welcoming families back for in-person programming! Pre registration is required through www.keyon.ca.

Enhanced health and safety measures will be in place at all times. Upon arrival, please be aware that families will be permitted entry to the building one at a time to complete the screening process. If staff are not at the entrance, please press intercom button for assistance. 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.





LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: By Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS: WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE CALL FIRST, to make sure the volunteer is available. 705-779-2992 ext. 5. You will use the **BACK DOOR.** The volunteer will buzz you in. We will still offer curb side service. The pick -up will be at the book deposit box at the front door, with your name on the bag.

HOURS:

Mon. and Tues. – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wed.: 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thurs.: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fri.: 10 am to noon and 2 pm to 4 pm.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: If you are going to browse the shelves or table for books, **THEY MUST BE PUT ON THE CART TO BE QUARANTINED.**

THE LAND by Thomas Maltman. A troubled young man in search of his lost love, finds himself involved with white supremacists at the Rose of Sharon church in the wilderness of Minnesota. “At once a mystery and spiritual noir...it explores the dark side of belief...the uniquely American obsession with end times, and the sacrifices we make for those we love”.

STILL LIFE by Val McDermid. When a lobster fisherman discovers a body in Scotland’s Firth of Forth, Insp. Karen Pirie is called in to investigate. A thriller that delves into a historic

missing persons case, fake identities, and art forgery.

THE SILENCE by Dan DeLillo. A short dystopian novel. It takes place on Super Bowl Sunday 2022 and opens with a supposed quote of Albert Einstein in response to nuclear testing at the beginning of the Cold War. The five characters end up in the same apartment, to be part of the same conversation, to make sense of what is happening in their heads and in the outside world. What happens if our digital world collapses?

CONFESSIONS ON THE 7:45 by Lisa Unger. A thriller about a chance encounter on a commuter train. Be careful to whom you tell your darkest secrets...

THE LAW OF INNOCENCE by Michael Connelly. When defence lawyer Micky Haller is pulled over by police, the body of a client is found in the trunk of his Lincoln. Not able to make bail, he must defend himself with the help of his team and half brother Harry Bosch to figure out who has plotted to destroy his life and why.

You may order books through OPAC, (Instructions follow), call us or come in(FIVE (5) maximum at one time.

USE OPAC: Instructions follow.

OPAC is similar to Overdrive in the sense that it is an online database, however, OPAC is directly linked to our library and shows a catalogued inventory of all the

items we have in the library, synced through ResourceMate. Patrons can use OPAC to request books remotely from their home. This can be used to organize curbside pick-up for their library books. Especially useful during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Access and Operation of OPAC:

1. OPAC for our library can be reached by typing in the following web address into the address bar, <https://16052.rmwebopac.com/>
2. You will be directed to the Prince Township Public Library OPAC home page.
3. You must then click the Sign In icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
4. You will type in the username provided to you from the library, typically in the format: lastnamefirstname
5. Your pin number, also provided by the library, will be the last 4 digits of your 5 digit barcode. Ex. if your barcode is 12345, your OPAC pin will be 2345.
6. When signed in you can search authors, titles, etc. You can add items you want to check out to your Book Bin.
7. To send the request, click the Book Bin icon once you are done browsing.
8. You must then do the following steps:
 - a. Press the email icon (it looks like an envelope).
 - b. In the From section, fill in your email address.
 - c. In the To section, fill in the library’s email address, ptpl@twp.prince.on.ca
 - d. In the Subject section, type something along the lines of “Book Request”
 - e. Specify if you would like to be contacted by Phone or Email in the notes section.
 - f. Press send.
9. When the request is received and processed, you will either be contacted by Phone or Email to set up a pick-up time.

10. All pick-ups will happen at the Library Book Drop-Off Box.

DROP OFF BOX: PLEASE PUT YOUR ITEMS IN A TIED PLASTIC BAG

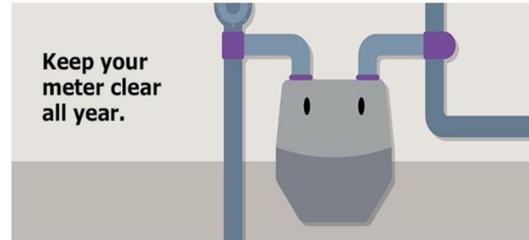


Our Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. use green flashing lights in their personal vehicles when they are responding to the fire hall for an emergency. If you see a vehicle with a green flashing light, please yield the right of way. Thanks for your co-operation!



GAS METER SAFETY

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.

HOME SAFETY TIPS

Natural gas is an efficient and cleaner way to heat your home and water. Follow these tips for staying safe all year round.

1. Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home –install at least one near sleeping areas and each floor and test monthly.
2. Have your natural gas appliances/equipment serviced and maintained by a TSSA registered heating contractor yearly.
3. Keep your fireplace clean and free of obstructions . Install a safety screen or hearth guard.
4. Go outside immediately and call 911 or the Enbridge Gas emergency number if you smell rotten eggs and suspect a leak

STAY SAFE

911 SIGNS

Residents are requested to make sure that 911 civic number signs are clear of trees, etc. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100 ft.



MNRF; Dogs chasing deer can lead to fines up to \$25,000



Photo courtesy of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Conservation officers with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are hoping to prevent dogs attacking deer this winter, and are reminding the public that you can be fined up to \$25,000 if your dog is found to be chasing deer during the closed season.

The MNRF says they investigate incidents where dogs chase deer and injure them each year, as having to run in deep snow or ice is very stressful for deer. They may injure themselves trying to escape, and the dog can wound them as well.

In Ontario, there are laws that protect deer during non-hunting seasons. Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, it's illegal to let a dog be on the loose in an area inhabited by deer, moose or elk.

The MNRF says under this legislation, they can charge owners whose dogs are found chasing deer during the closed season, and the maximum fine for an individual is \$25,000.

Staff add that dogs that aren't under control can be hit by cars, exposed to diseases, attacked by

other animals or get accidentally captured in set traps. If you see a natural resources violation, you're asked to contact the Ministry's TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667.



Do you have a will?

Do you have a power of Attorney?

WILL

Directs the distribution of your property after your death.

Can appoint a guardian for your children.

Only takes effect after your death.

Court oversight (through probate administration).

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Appoints an agent to manage your property while you are alive.

Does not appoint a guardian for your children.

Usually takes effect immediately; loses its power when you die.

No court oversight required.

Financial management.

A **Power of Attorney** is a legal document in which **you** appoint someone to **make** decisions for **you**. ... That is why **you need a will** as well as a **Power of Attorney**. A **will** expresses your wishes for after **you** die and has no legal effect before **you** die. A **Power of Attorney** only has effect before **you** die.



March 17, 2021