



NEWSLETTER

March 2025

RECYCLING CART COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:30 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks.
Mar. 13, 27 and April 10.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

As part of the **Building Broadband Faster Act**, the Municipality has received a request for approval consent from UTS Consulting, on behalf of Bell Canada, to install infrastructure including poles, conduits, and anchors on the roads in the Township.

Construction will be completed by Pickard **Construction and is scheduled between March and November 2025.** All roads and lands affected by the work will be restored to their previous condition or better.

ARREARS NOTICES

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

NEWSLETTERS:

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please email: clerk@princetwp.ca

**We do not physically mail the newsletters.*

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



Fire Chief Steve Hemsworth Honoured as 2024 APH Public Health Champion!

Prince Township is proud to announce that our very own Fire Chief Steve Hemsworth has been recognized as a 2024 Algoma Public Health (APH) Public Health Champion! This prestigious award celebrates individuals who have made

outstanding contributions to public health and safety in our community.

Chief Steve has demonstrated unwavering dedication to fire safety, emergency preparedness, and community education, ensuring that Prince Township remains a safe and resilient place to live. His leadership, commitment to public health initiatives, and efforts in fostering community safety have earned him this well-deserved recognition. Please join us in congratulating Chief Steve on this incredible achievement! 🎉👏



We are excited to share that **Enbridge Gas** has approved our **Fueling Futures** grant for \$2,500! This funding will be used toward the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) for the **Prince Township Fire Service** Department, enhancing firefighter safety and emergency response in our community.

A big thank you to **Enbridge Gas** for supporting local initiatives that strengthen community safety, sustainability, and resilience. Your commitment to making a lasting impact is truly appreciated!

ROADS:

As temperatures begin to rise, the freeze-thaw cycle may reveal potholes and other road issues. Please note that our **Public Works team is seasonal** and will begin pothole repairs as soon as weather conditions allow.

To report a concern on township-maintained roads, please submit a feedback form here: <https://www.princetownship.ca/citizen-grievances-concerns.html>

on the website or contact the office at: 705-779-2992 ext. 2

For roadwork requests on **Second Line (Hwy 550) and Airport road (Hwy565)**, please direct inquiries to **Ledcor at 1-866-453-3267**.

We appreciate your patience as we work to keep our roads safe and well-maintained!

NOTICE TO TRUCKERS **HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS**

Half load restrictions on all municipal roads are in effect until further notice. Any inquiries may be directed to the Public Works Superintendent, at: publicworks@princetwp.ca

Protective Measures – S Curve on Second Line

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has acknowledged our request for protective structures and lighting at the S Curve in the 3275 area on Second Line (Highway 550). MTO has advised that a **complete operational review of this section of the highway will take place in Spring 2025**, following the winter season. Once the review is complete, MTO will provide further recommendations as deemed appropriate. For any inquiries related to this matter, please contact Veronique Filion at Veronique.Filion@ontario.ca.

Additionally, we submitted an application on December 10th for the installation of a streetlight in this area with PUC. The engineering team is currently evaluating this request, considering the science of

roadway lighting and the need to ensure that any additional light adheres to current standards and does not inadvertently create new hazards.



**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK,
CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES**

On Sunday March 9th, 2025 you set your clock **forward one hour**. When you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarms! Test your smoke alarm every month and change the batteries at least once a year or whenever the low-battery warning chirps.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Dog Tag Deadline – March 1, 2024. Avoid a Late Penalty – Register Your Dog(s) Today!



All dogs in Prince Township must be **licensed annually** by **March 1st** to comply with our Dog Control By-law.

Licences are available at the Municipal Office:

- **\$10** for spayed/neutered dogs
- **\$20** for unaltered dogs

After March 1st, a \$15 late fee applies per dog.

Please bring **proof of rabies vaccination** when registering.

If you no longer have your dog or need assistance, contact us at **705-779-2992** or

Animal Control Officer: *Dogs and cats only
Barbie Rudnicki – (705) 255-0419

RINK:

We want to give a massive thank you to Adam Lyons and the entire group of rink volunteers who braved the cold and dedicated their time to making this skating season possible! Your hard work and commitment have been truly appreciated, and we are so grateful for everything you've done to keep the rink running. 🧤🧤🧤

As the weather slowly warms up, please be aware that warm spells may take the rink out of action. **For safety reasons, the rink will be closed when temperatures rise above 0°C. Please stay off the ice during closures.**

Additionally, due to the unpredictable temperatures, we will no longer be accepting rink rentals for the rest of the season.

For updates on rink closures, please check our Facebook page and website. Thank you for your understanding and enjoy the rest of the skating season! 🛷❄️

GAGNON BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE - Building a Stronger Future.

At the February Council Meeting, Council reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) Summary Report and the Engineering Consultation Proposal from Tulloch Engineering for the Gagnon Bridge replacement.

After careful consideration, Council selected Option 2 — a 3-sided concrete open-bottom structure, with a project cost of approximately \$968,000. This option was chosen because it offers the longest lifespan and will require the least ongoing maintenance, providing the best long-term value for the Township.

Council also approved moving forward with engineering consultation to keep the project on track. Construction is expected to begin in the spring or summer, with completion anticipated by fall. We'll continue to share updates as this important project moves ahead, ensuring safe and reliable infrastructure for our community.

Mayor and Council:

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

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meeting

**Tuesday March 11th, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

Agendas are posted on the website the Friday before the meeting.

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 2015-19 is also evaluated during the review process.

Building permits are typically required for the following:

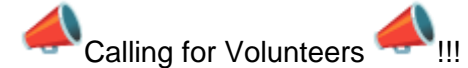
- New buildings
- Additions
- Renovations or alterations
- Demolitions
- Prefabricated structures
- HVAC systems (heating, ventilation, air conditioning)
- Miscellaneous for residential (pools, fireplaces, decks, fences, etc.)
- Temporary buildings
- Installing new windows and exterior doors

- 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!

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE



The Rec Committee is looking to organize a

pancake 🥞 breakfast and spring vendor show at the Township Hall in April. We need your help for this event. Interested in helping out? please email: princereccommittee@gmail.com.

The Rec Committee is counting on members of the Prince community to help us make this a successful event, so please sign up to volunteer for this event by March 26-we are flexible so if the date for the event doesn't work for you, just let us know. We are tentatively looking at the end of April. **Come out and get involved!**





PARENT AND CHILD/EARLYON

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

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: Thursday March 6th at 5:30pm in the library.

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have NOT received any applications to hire an individual to assist the library with programming, which was set to begin early March.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER RUN LIBRARY AND OCCASIONALLY ARE NOT AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL FIRST 705-779-2992 EX.5

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

BOOK CLUB: You are welcome to join us at 1:00 p.m. in the library on the third Wednesday of the month. There will be a list of books for discussion, in the library. The March 19th selection will be **THE FIRST LADIES** by Marie Benedict.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS:

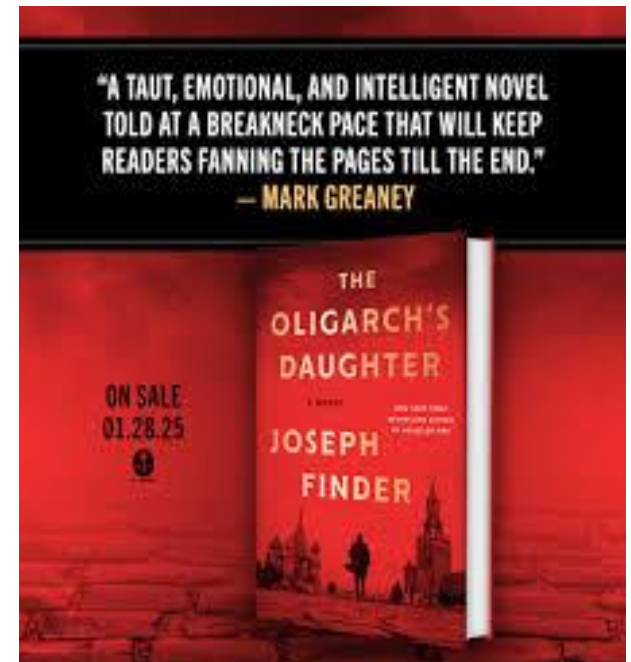
Our new shipment from Ontario Library Service North has arrived for your enjoyment. We have the books for three months and then they are sent on to another library. They are in the bookcase at the back of the room with the new arrivals. There are all types of books, western, non- fiction, thriller, and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

“NEW” TO US BOOKS: These hard cover and paperback 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.

SWEET VIDALIA by Lisa Sandlin. When her husband dies unexpectedly, revealing a hidden double life, Eliza Kratke finally starts to live on her own terms. She moves into the hotel the Sweet Vidalia, which is filled with aspiring young people. With these new friends and possibilities, she finds that it isn't so simple to leave the past behind.

THE OLIGARCH'S DAUGHTER is a novel by Joseph Finder. Six years ago, Paul Brightman fell in love with Tatyana, unaware that her father was a Russian oligarch, and the object of considerable interest from several U.S. intelligence agencies. Now to save his own life, Paul must unravel a decades old conspiracy that extends to the highest reaches of the government.



THE SEASIDE HOMECOMING a novel by Julie Klasssen. Disgraced eldest sister Claire Summers has been living in exile as a companion to her aunt in Scotland. She sees an ad for a “respectable female partner” in a boarding house in Sidmouth on the Devonshire coast. With the passing of her aunt, Claire’s family begin to search for her...

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.

These are some award winning authors for pennies on the dollar!

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.

Join Our New Strategic Planning Committee!

Prince Township is forming a Strategic Planning Committee, and we are looking for engaged and enthusiastic community members to join!

This committee will play an important role in shaping the future of our Township by helping develop key goals and priorities for the years ahead.

If you are interested, please complete the Boards and Committees Application Form — available on our website at:

<https://www.princetownship.ca/boards-and-committees.html>

Paper copies are also available at the Municipal Office, and completed forms can be emailed to: clerk@princetwp.ca

We look forward to hearing from residents who want to help guide our community’s future!



Advertise with Us – Get Noticed!

Looking for a cost-effective way to promote your business? Prince Township offers business card-sized ads in our monthly newsletter, reaching hundreds of local readers! Want even bigger exposure?

Showcase your brand with a large ad in our high-traffic rink or pavilion.

 **Affordable. Local. Highly Visible.**

For details or to secure your ad space, contact the Municipal Office today!

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!

APRIL 1st - BURNING PERMITS

Anyone wishing to burn must purchase a burning permit. Please fill out the form on our website at: <https://www.princetownship.ca/fire-permit.html>

The seasonal permit fee is \$20.00. You can send your payment by cheque or by EFT to: treasurer@princetwp.ca

Or you can drop by the office to pick up your fire permit. We only accept cash or cheques in office.

Remember burning without a permit, will result in a fine.

Monthly Municipal Tip – Be Septic Smart!

With spring approaching, it’s a great time to check your septic system. Regular maintenance helps prevent costly repairs and protects the environment. Remember:

- Pump your tank every 3-5 years.
- Avoid flushing wipes, fats, or chemicals.
- Check for signs of trouble, like slow drains or odours.

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



A MESSAGE FROM PRINCE'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Are you prepared for a major winter storm lasting several days?

Are you prepared to manage an extended power outage this time of year?

Do you have loved ones that have special needs living with you?

If you aren't certain, you could visit emergencymanagementontario.ca. There you will find the information needed to Make A Plan and how to build a 72 hour kit.

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

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

All events listed are either free or by donation

1. **Algoma Autism Foundation – March Break Family Swim**
 - Date: March 13th, 2025
 - Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 - Details: A family swim session tailored for children with autism and their families. A safe and inclusive environment. **Admission is free, but registration is required.**
 - Location: John Rhodes Community Centre
 - More Info: [AAF March Break Family Swim](#)



2. Community Pancake Supper

- Date & Time: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
- Details: Join the community for a delicious pancake supper. **Admission is by free will offering.**
- Location: St. George's Anglican Church, 159 Church Street, Echo Bay
- More Info: [SooToday Events](#)

3. Mini Maestros Concert

- Date & Time: Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 3:00 PM
- Details: An afternoon of music tailored for young audiences. Admission is free.
- Location: St. Basil Catholic School 250 St. George Ave.
- More Info: [SooToday Events](#)

