

The Township Office will be closed Friday March 29 and Monday April 1, 2024, for the Easter Holiday.

#### **HOLIDAY GARBAGE**

As a result of the Easter Holiday, garbage pickup will be one day late.

#### RECYCLING CART COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:30 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks. **Mar. 14, 28 and April 11.** 

#### **COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGE**

Please note that regular council meetings are once a month, every second Tuesday and now start at 6:00 p.m.

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00 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.

# **NEWSLETTER**March 2024



## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

On Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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. Don't remove the batteries for any other reason.

# 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 Road Superintendent, at (705) 779-2992.

#### **ATTENTION DOG OWNERS**

## <u>Dog tag deadline MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> - to</u> <u>avoid a **penalty**</u>

You **must** register your dog(s) by **March 1**<sup>st</sup> to comply with the Township By-law. Dog Licenses are available at the Municipal Office.

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

## Please bring in confirmation of last rabies shot date.

A licence must be purchased by **March 1**<sup>st</sup> **2024**, 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 <a href="mailto:deputyclerk@twp.prince.on.ca">deputyclerk@twp.prince.on.ca</a> and we will be pleased to accommodate you.

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

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Barbie Rudnicki (705)255-0419

**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.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

## **By-law Enforcement Officer**

Join our Team!

We're on the lookout for a dedicated By-law Officer to help ensure our community stays safe and thriving. If you're passionate about upholding regulations, maintaining order, and serving the public, we want to hear from you!

For more information, please call the Prince Township office at 705-779-2992 ext. 2 or 3.

## **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!

#### **Arrears Notices**

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



#### **ONTARIO EARLY YEARS**

Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre is open for in-person programming! All program and event information can be found at <a href="www.keyon.ca">www.keyon.ca</a> 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**

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

**BOOK CLUB:** This is held on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month at 1:00 p.m. Our MARCH 20th selection will be THIS TIME TOMORROW by Emma Straub.

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS:** These are from our McNaughton selection found on the back bookcase.

FOURTEEN DAYS edited by Margaret Atwood. This is a collaborative novel written by thirty-six American and Canadian authors, from all genres. You won't know who wrote the stories, until you look up the list at the end. The storytellers are a group of New Yorkers left behind during the Covid-19 pandemic who gather on

the rooftop of their apartment building and exchange stories...

SAVING EMMA by Allen Eskens. Lawyer and law professor who works for the Innocence Project, Boady Sanden's race to reveal a wrongful conviction of Elijah Matthews collides with the dark shadow cast by a murder in his own home of his colleague and friend Ben Pruitt...

GOODBYE GIRL a Jack Swyteck novel by James Grippando. Piracy costs the movie and music industry billions. No one has been able to stop it, but that won't stop Jack. His newest client a pop music icon has gone on social media and told her fans "go pirate" preferring thieves to profit rather than her ex husband. The case leads to an unsolved murder and she is the accused killer

\*\*If you haven't read **THE HOUSEKEEPER** by Joy Fielding, you are missing out on a great read. It's a paperback on the brown table. There are new paperbacks and hardcover that patrons asked us to purchase and we appreciate their input as to what they want to read and new authors.

BOOK SALE: We have hard cover for \$1.00, trade paper backs for 50 cents other PBs are 25 cents each and most children's books 25 cents each or five for \$1.00. Come in and Browse. We have something for all ages!



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 1<sup>st</sup> - BURNING PERMITS

Anyone wishing to burn, must purchase a burning permit. Please fill out the form on our website <a href="www.prince.ca">www.prince.ca</a> and email it to <a href="adminassit@twp.prince.on.ca">adminassit@twp.prince.on.ca</a>. You can send your payment by cheque or by EFT to <a href="deputclerk@twp.prince.on.ca">deputclerk@twp.prince.on.ca</a>. Use **fire** as the password. Or you can drop by the office to pick up your fire permit.

The seasonal permit fee is \$20.00.

Please monitor the Prince Twp. Fire Department Facebook page, for updates on the possibility of a fire ban.

No day burning still applies.

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



March 17th, 2024

## 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 thes tips for staying safe all year round.

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

**STAY SAFE** 







March 10, 2024





If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you monthly, please email

deputyclerk@twp.prince.on.ca

You can sign the PHO labs petition (as seen below) either in the municipal office or at Airways!

## Prioritize public health: keep our community PHO Labs open!

## To the legislative assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS the mission of Public Health Ontario is to "enable informed decisions and get actions that protect and promote health and contribute to reducing health inequities", we have grave concerns that the closure of 6 community-based PHO labs will increase health inequities, especially in northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS combined these labs collect and process thousands of water samples and time sensitive medical tests each day; and

WHEREAS there are grave concerns about the integrity of samples being compromised if travel time is increased by centralizing all tests to a few locations; and

WHEREAS these labs already process overflow tests and samples when labs such as Toronto and Ottawa cannot keep up to demand and many scaled up to meet demand during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS we are concerned about the impact that potential closure of these sites would have in rapidly identifying and controlling future outbreaks of infectious diseases in local hospitals and long-term care facilities.

## We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

- Stop the closure of the Public Health Ontario labs in Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie, Hamilton, Peterborough, Kingston, and Orillia.
- Invest in the public health infrastructure that keeps Ontarians safe and healthy.

NAME (printed)	ADDRESS (printed)	SIGNATURE
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Please return completed petitions to OPSEU/SEFPO 100 Lesmill Road. Toronto, ON M3B 3P8.

Original copies only.

Please contact campaigns@opseu.org to arrange pick-up.

EMAIL / CELL PHONE				