



## NEWSLETTER March 2026

### RECYCLING CART COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:00 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks. **Pickup Dates are March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### TAX BILLS

The first Interim Tax installment was due **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. The next 2026 Interim due date is May 25<sup>th</sup>. Final Billing due dates are Aug 25<sup>th</sup> and Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. **Overdue balances accrue interest at 1.25% per month.** Arrears notices are mailed out the month following tax due dates.

### DEBIT AND CREDIT

Prince Township office now accepts **Interac-Debit for Tax Payments in office**. Debit and Credit payments are available for other services.

### WE NOW OFFER TAX BILLS VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive yours electronically, please fill out the contact form on our website at: [Princetownship.ca/taxpayer-contact-update--e-billing-authorization-form.html](https://princetownship.ca/taxpayer-contact-update--e-billing-authorization-form.html)

### NEWSLETTERS:

You can sign up to receive the newsletter to your inbox directly on our website at: [Princetownship.ca/newsletters.html](https://princetownship.ca/newsletters.html) or by emailing: [Adminassist@princetwp.ca](mailto:Adminassist@princetwp.ca) **Please let us know if your email address changes.**

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



### WINTER PARKING

Motorists are reminded that there is no parking of vehicles on Township streets between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, during the winter months. All parking should be done in accordance with Bylaw 2020-33

Residents are reminded that all off-road vehicles must comply with By-Law 2021-08 and should respect posted speed limits and private property.

### 2026 DOG LICENSES

Under by-law 2024-04, all residents who own a dog or dogs must register them by purchasing an annual dog license. Dog licences are due **Mar. 1, 2026**, after which a \$15 late fee applies for each dog. Dog Tags are available for purchase at the **Municipal Office or Online at: [Princetownship.ca/dog-tags.html](https://Princetownship.ca/dog-tags.html)**

**After Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, the cost for each dog license is:**

- \$25 for each spayed/neutered dog
- \$35 for each unaltered dog

**Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the time of registration.**

If you no longer own your dog, or if you require assistance, please contact us at 705-779-2992 or email: [Adminassist@princetwp.ca](mailto:Adminassist@princetwp.ca)

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.



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

**REMINDER:** Fire Permits and Summer restrictions are no longer in affect as of **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**. Fire Permits will be required again for all open air burning after **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

Anyone wishing to burn must purchase a fire permit. Please fill out the form in office or on our website at: [Princetownship.ca/fire-permit.html](http://Princetownship.ca/fire-permit.html) with Interac E-transfer to [Treasurer@princetwp.ca](mailto:Treasurer@princetwp.ca). Payment can be made by credit or debit through our website by clicking the **FIRE PERMIT** button. **The seasonal permit fee is \$20**. Burning without a permit will result in a fine in accordance with our By-law 2016-14.

## SENIOR EXERCISES

Senior exercises are hosted at the Township hall every **Tuesday from 11AM-12PM**. For March, exercises will be held on **Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, Mar 24<sup>th</sup> and Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meeting

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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

## FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Hey Prince Township Residents!  
Hoping Spring 🌹🌸🌻 is around the corner. It's been quite a winter!

The Recreation Committee is partnering up with Sarah-your dance fit instructor! Sarah is holding dance fit classes at the Township Hall to get everyone fit for summer 🕶️🍹☀️. Her classes are scheduled as follows:

- Sunday March 8
- Sunday March 15

Each session is from 6-8PM

The cost per person is \$15.00 per session. Please pay in cash or e-transfer to [Kaiyahopkins@gmail.com](mailto:Kaiyahopkins@gmail.com)

Come out and have some fun! *\*No dance experience required.\** Check out Sarah Domingue's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1904748630412107/> for her dance fit classes celebrating International Women's Day!

## RINK

The outdoor rink will continue to be open (cold-weather permitting, for

safety reasons, the rink will be closed when the temperatures rise above 0°C.). Please refer to the Prince Township ODR Facebook page for daily updates.

Another huge **THANK YOU** to **Adam Lyons** and his volunteers who make this happen.



We are hoping to plan some Easter activities so stay tuned!

## Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:** Melanie Mageran (705)989-4346  
[mmick@princetwp.ca](mailto:mmick@princetwp.ca)

Eugene Caputo (705)989-4309  
[ecaputo@princetwp.ca](mailto:ecaputo@princetwp.ca)

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Jane Weir (705) 989-4356  
[jweir@princetwp.ca](mailto:jweir@princetwp.ca)

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[tianatrutenk@princetwp.ca](mailto:tianatrutenk@princetwp.ca)

To report a concern on township-maintained roads, please contact the office 705-779-2992 ext.2 or submit a feedback form here: [Princetownship.ca/citizen-grievances-concerns.html](http://Princetownship.ca/citizen-grievances-concerns.html)

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.

For roadwork requests on Provincial highways; **Second Line W (Highway 550)** and **Airport Rd (Highway 565)**, please direct inquiries to **Ledcor** at **1(866)453-3267**

### **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](mailto:publicworks@princetwp.ca) or to the office (705)779-2992.

### **Animal Control Officer: \*Dogs and cats only**

Barbie Rudnicki – (705) 255-0419

### **WINTER & SUMMER ROADS TENDER**

Prince Township is seeking bids for Winter and Summer Road Maintenance to support our public works team. Bids are being accepted until **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00PM**. Any applications should be provided to the Municipal Office in a sealed envelope or by email to [Treasurer@princetwp.ca](mailto:Treasurer@princetwp.ca). For detailed information, go to our website [Princetownship.ca/quotes-and-tenders.html](http://Princetownship.ca/quotes-and-tenders.html)



### **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](http://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

**\*First Friday of every month (March 6<sup>th</sup>) - 9:00am-1:00pm**

Find us on Facebook: EarlyOn Child and Family Centre Prince, SSM & Sault North

### **PRINCE TOWNSHIP 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](mailto: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!

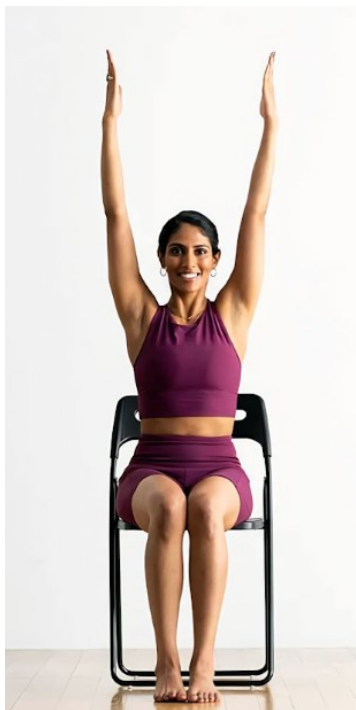
The advertisement features the Royal LePage logo at the top left, which includes the text "ROYAL LEPAGE" and "NORTHERN ADVANTAGE, BROKERAGE". Below this is the name "DALE RAYNER" in a large, bold font, with "REALTOR" in a smaller font to the right. A photograph of Dale Rayner, a man in a black t-shirt and green pants, stands on the right side of the ad. At the bottom, the contact information is provided: "CELL: 705.989.4488" and "EMAIL: DEALWITHDALE@ROYALLEPAGE.CA". A small red maple leaf logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the image area.



### LIBRARY:

We are a volunteer-run library and at times we are not available. If you would like to volunteer on Thursday afternoon, it's two hours of *peace and quiet* (and basic computer skills).

**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES:** There will be **YOGA** on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 and a **CRAFT NIGHT** on Wednesday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30, free but please bring your own supplies.



### Yoga

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:30PM**

**Suggested Donation: \$5**

Prince Township Library presents Yoga. Join us for Yoga sessions where you can utilize either a mat, a chair, or a combination of both. Please bring your own mats. A \$5 donation to our library is appreciated.

### Open Craft Night

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>- 6:30-8:30PM**

**Cost: Free**

We will be having an open craft night for all crafters. Please bring your own supplies and enjoy a night of creating. There is yarn and knitting needles available for those who want to try knitting. If you don't want to craft, join us for some tea and socializing. Handcrafted items will be available for purchase.

If there are any questions, please send an email to

[Createprincetwp@gmail.com](mailto:Createprincetwp@gmail.com)

See the complete list of activities and dates on the Library web site:

<https://www.ptpl.ca/> and [Prince Twp Library Activities](#) Facebook page!

Have any questions? Email us at [princetwplibary@gmail.com](mailto:princetwplibary@gmail.com)

As a **volunteer-run** library, sometimes we are not available as we are short a volunteer. The winter hours are the same, except on Thursday it is an **OPEN DOOR POLICY** in the daytime.

### LIBRARY 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\*\*\*,  
5:30 pm-7:00pm**

**\*\*\*NO DEFINITIVE VOLUNTEER**

**Friday: -----10:00am-12:00pm,  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**CLOSED WEEKENDS**

We have an **OPEN DOOR POLICY**. If the door is open, so are we. Please call ahead on Thursdays, if it is open, the volunteer has taken an extra shift. **705-779-2992 ext. 5 and leave a message. We will call back if we are open!** Thursday evenings volunteer Art is here, we are open from 5:30-7:00PM, and if there are any activities we will remain open until they are finished.

If you are interested, have any questions, or to join the Library Board please call Rita in the Library at (705)779-2992 ext.5

### BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month (**March 11<sup>th</sup>**) at **1:00PM until 3:00PM in the Library**. You are more than welcome to join us. We will be discussing **THE NAMES** by author **Florence Knapp**.

The novel deals with the power of a name. Cora's controlling husband expects her to follow tradition of naming boys. She believes names can influence a person's life. She worries that he will grow up to be like his father... There are three narratives about three lives and the different ways in which they turn out.

April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be discussing **FINDING FLORA** by **Elinor Florence**. This is a historical novel set in turn-of-the-century Alberta, about a young woman on the run and her quest to find a home in the wild west.

#### RECOMMENDED READS:

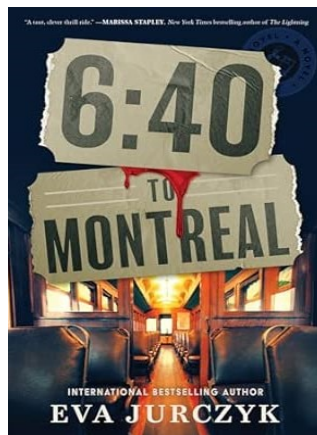
We have received our new shipment of **LARGE PRINT BOOKS** from Ontario Library Service. We have them for three months and off they go to another Library. They are a mix of genres. Check the brown table near the front desk as we have catalogued some “new to us” books that are recent editions.

**MCNAUGHTON BOOKS:** These are best-seller authors and books that are leased from the company and ordered by staff. We keep them for about four years and then send them back.

**THE DEVIL’S DAUGHTER** by **Danielle Steel**. A novel of two different sisters~ one calculating and egotistical and the other honourable, kind, compassionate, clash in this tale of good and evil...



**FALSE WITNESS** by **Phillip Margolin** is a thriller. Karen Wyatt exposed corruption in the police force and the district attorney’s office. Her reward was to be falsely charged, disbarred and imprisoned on fake drug charges. Her innocence proven, she is now determined to find out who ordered to set her up.



**6:40 TO MONTREAL** by **Eva Jurczyk**. Agatha’s husband has bought her a business class ticket as a gift to go to a writer’s retreat. But when the train is detailed, and a fellow passenger dies in his seat, the pleasant morning in transit turns into a fight for survival against an unknown and unseen enemy...

**INTER LIBRARY LOANS:** If you can’t find a copy in our library of a book you want to read or an extra copy for the book club, this is a service that we offer (three week lending period). It can take a week or so to arrive after it is ordered.

OUR USED BOOK SALE IS ONGOING IN THE LIBRARY



**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**  
In case of an emergency requiring Police, Fire or Ambulance, please call 9-1-1

If you see a vehicle with a green flashing light, please yield the right-of-way for our Volunteer Fire Fighters. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### NEW CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR RULES COME INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Carbon Monoxide Detectors are now required to be on every storey of your home, in addition to the previous requirements of being adjacent to each sleeping area (such as Hallway or area just outside the door).

Carbon Monoxide (**CO**) is an odorless, colourless toxic gas that comes from burning fuel, wood or natural gas. Carbon Monoxide becomes toxic at amounts 25x lower than Carbon Dioxide (**CO<sub>2</sub>**). **Carbon Monoxide is the leading cause of fatal poisoning in North America.**

## REPORTING POWER OUTAGES

To report power outages, contact PUC at (705)759-6500 ((705)759-6555 for after hours/emergencies), or by submitting a tip on the MyPUC App with any additional information that will help crews get power restored faster (i.e. Tree on line, saw a flash, heard a bang).

## 911 SIGNS

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



## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Local Elections will be held this year. To check, update, or add your information to the voters list for municipal and all other Ontario elections, go to [Registertovoteon.ca](https://Registertovoteon.ca)

More information will be provided in the coming months in both the newsletter and to our Prince Township Website at [Princetownship.ca/municipal-election-2026.html](https://Princetownship.ca/municipal-election-2026.html)

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is offering free online training and information sessions from February through May for residents, first-time candidates and those seeking re-election, who are interested in running for Council. Links to apply are posted onto our website for interested residents.



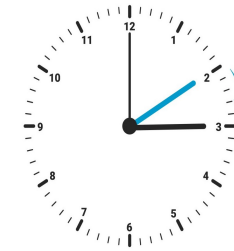
## DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

The Sault Ste. Marie Source Protection Authority is excited to announce that it is seeking applications for the Prince Township – Municipal Member Representative position. This is a paid role.

A full description of the role and how to apply is available at: [ssmrca.ca/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=ViewOneBooking&id=248](https://ssmrca.ca/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=ViewOneBooking&id=248)

The deadline to apply is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

#SourceWaterON

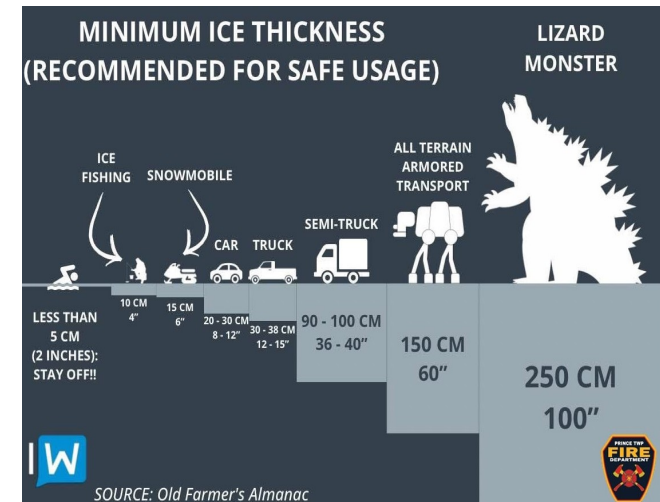


## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Spring Forward  
Set your clocks ahead one hour

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, your clock will need to be set forward one hour starting from 2AM until Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



As the weather warms up, be aware that the ice beneath your feet might not be as thick as you think. These are the recommended thicknesses for the strongest, clear blue ice that is safe for people (and lizards) to use. White-opaque or snow ice is half as strong, and gray ice is unsafe, the grayness indicates the presence of water. **If you break through the ice, stay calm, kick your legs hard and pull yourself up and crawl/slide back the way you came to disperse your weight across the ice surface. Get dry, warm and seek medical attention.**