



## NEWSLETTER September 2020

### TAX BILLS

Final 2020 tax bills were mailed in July. Council passed Bylaw 2020-25 to provide for the township's final tax levy. The due date for the third installment has been deferred to **Sept. 15** from Aug. 15. The fourth installment has been deferred to **Nov. 15** from Oct. 15.

During COVID-19 the office is closed to the public, payments can be dropped off into the black locked box by the entrance door of the Community Centre. Payments can also be paid by telephone or internet banking.

### LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that the Prince Township Office will be **closed on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

### HOLIDAY GARBAGE

As a result of the Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday, garbage pick up will be one day late. Please have your cart out **at the end of your driveway** by 7 am.

### RECYCLING COLLECTION

Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks. Sept. 3, Sept. 17 and Oct. 1, etc. Please have your cart out **at the end of your driveway** by 7 am.

### Prince Twp. Monthly Newsletters

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please email Lorraine at [lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca](mailto:lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca).



### A message from your Emergency Management Team

#### Vulnerable Citizens Registry

At the April 14, 2020 council meeting Council approved a confidentiality agreement with the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre that will see the township's municipal office become a registration location for the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR).

The township office will distribute VPR registration kits and provide secure storage for the completed application and consent forms to ensure that personal information remains confidential. The office will then mail the forms in sealed envelopes to the Innovation Centre's VPR Coordinator at 99 Foster Dr.

If you or a loved one in your home have a disability or have special needs, or if you care for a family member suffering with Alzheimer's or Dementia, please consider registering with our Vulnerable Citizens

Registry. Help us to help you during an emergency. For more information or to register email us at the municipal office, [lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca](mailto:lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca) or [cemcprince@gmail.com](mailto:cemcprince@gmail.com) or you may call 705-779-2992

### 911 SIGNS

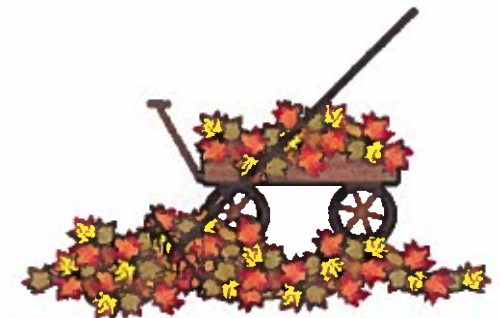
Residents are requested to make sure that 911 civic number signs are clear of trees, etc. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100 ft.

### BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER STUDENTS

Evan, Jarret, Jonah, Kayla, and Liam.

Job well done! Good luck in the year ahead.

### COMING SOON!





The work has begun on the Conway Homestead, part of our museum complex, to repair the roof. It will be in great shape for next summer when we can hopefully be open to the public for tours.

Base Line will be resurfaced between the 1st and 15th of September. Be aware that the road will most likely be down to one lane of traffic and there may be delays. Please be courteous of the workers.

In the preparation of the final tax bill, an error occurred, wherein the proportional figure for the education tax rate was used, rather than the full education rate. With 153 lines of rates to be input, some with the proportional rate (based on enrolments for each board) and others with the full rate, this was not caught, and resulted in the residential properties being billed at the proportional rate. Fortunately, this was discovered before the first installment of taxes became due and letters were sent to those properties that were affected.

For any ratepayers that feel they need an official document for tax purposes, rather than just adding the amount in the letter to the tax bill they received, a tax certificate can be emailed or sent to you upon request.

I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you for your understanding.

A friendly reminder that the first instalment of the final taxes is due on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The additional education tax is due at the same time as the final instalment, on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The office and library staff will not be available on Labour Day, September 7th. Recycling and garbage collection will be delayed by one day that week, as well.

Happy Labour 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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**CAO/CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Where did the summer go? But, what a beautiful summer it was!



The office has been closed to the public for a very long time and remains so. The staff has been working throughout the summer, with the exception of vacation time, in order to make sure that the needs of the residents are being met. It has taken some ingenuity, but we are doing our best to make sure we keep both staff and residents safe during this pandemic.

Our EarlyON Parent and Child Resource and the Prince Township Public library have been closed to the public since March, also. Both have continued to offer services to their clientele in innovative ways.

Hopefully, with things starting to open across the province, we will all be able to offer more in-person services, albeit, not as it was before COVID-19 became our new reality.

**COUNCIL MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

**Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020

6:45 pm

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**

David Harnish (705)779-9927

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**EARLYON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE**

Please follow the Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EarlyOn-Child-and-Family-Centre-Prince-SSM-Sault-North-100505418293/> for current updates, at-home activities and more information for families. We look forward to continuing to support and engage with our communities through social media!



**LIBRARY NEWS**

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:** This is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. You will be notified by Chair Bev Couch.

**CALENDARS:** All orders are to be handed in on Friday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will be sending the order by mid September in order to have them for delivery at the end of October. THANK YOU to : the **advertisers** old and new; please support them; the **library board and volunteers** who took the time to phone our community patrons and will be delivering the calendars; to the **community** for supporting this fundraiser. *Sandy and Rita co-chairs for the community calendar fund raiser*

**WANT LIBRARY BOOKS?**

**CALL THE LIBRARY:** 705-779-2992 ext. 5. Leave a message and we will get back to you. If you want to access OPAC, you need your Pin number.

**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](mailto: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.
2. When the request is received and processed, you will either be contacted by Phone or Email to set up a pick-up time.
3. All pick-ups will happen at the Library Book Drop-Off Box.

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS:** Our McNaughton orders have not been coming in BUT, Kayla has catalogued an excellent selection of items for all patrons. Check on OPAC.

**HOURS: SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.** Until the Municipal Hall is open to the public, the Library will be operating with curbside service, or limited delivery by telephone or e mail [ptpl@twp.prince.on.ca](mailto:ptpl@twp.prince.on.ca). We wish Kayla all the best as she returns to Carleton in September.

## 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!



## Taking the School Bus

### How to prepare your child for the school bus

Most mishaps take place outside the bus, so here are some precautions you can take:

- Don't let your children arrive at the stop too early. They may be tempted to wander or get into mischief.
- Make sure they know what to do if they miss the bus: come back home; or if at school, report to a teacher – and never, never accept a ride from a stranger.
- If the stop is a long way from home, plan and discuss with your children where they can go in an emergency.
- If it is dark on the way to or from the bus, make your children visible. Use retro-reflective tape on their clothing and avoid dark colors.
- Make sure they wait well away from the roadway and stay well back until the bus has come to a full stop and the door opens.

- Explain they must walk at least three metres (10 feet) away when crossing in front of the bus so the driver can see them.
- Forbid running, pushing and horseplay!
- Tell your children to come straight home from the bus no detours.



HAPPY LABOUR DAY





## POWER OUTAGE SAFETY TIPS



To reduce the risk of fire during a power outage, the Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department has the following safety tips for our residents:

- **Make sure your home has battery-operated smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.** Electrically-connected smoke and carbon monoxide alarms will not work when the power is out unless they have battery back-ups.
- **Develop and practice your Home Fire Escape Plan.** Make sure everyone understands the sound of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows what to do when a fire occurs.
- **Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of candles or hurricane lamps.** If using candles, place them in a secure holder and cover them with a glass chimney, away from children and pets.
- **Propane and charcoal barbeques are for outdoor use only.** Do not bring them inside.
- **Purchase generators with recognized, approved labels.** Make sure the unit has proper connection receptacles and circuit breakers.
- **Portable generators should only be used outdoors and carefully located so that exhaust fumes do not enter the home.** Allow the generator to cool before refueling and ensure that refueling takes place outdoors, following manufacturer's instructions. Store fuel outside the home in approved containers.

- **Use only portable space heaters that have been designed for indoor use and follow the manufacturer's instructions.**
- **Make sure electric stove elements and small appliances are OFF or unplugged** to prevent fires from occurring when the electricity is restored.
- **Cordless phones will not work when the power is out**, so have at least one phone that does not require electricity to operate.
- **Use extreme caution during flood emergencies and power outages.** Electrical equipment impacted by flood water can be extremely dangerous. For more important information about electrical safety during floods, please visit the [Electrical Safety Authority](#) website.
- Further information on emergency preparedness, visit the [Emergency Management Ontario](#) website.

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# It's the LAW!



## Be Respectful. Be Courteous.

### 1 METRE (3 FEET) is a safe passing distance



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