



A reminder that the Township Office will be closed Monday February 19th 2018 for Family Day.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE

As a result of the February 19th Family Day Holiday, garbage pick up will be on Wednesday February 21st instead of the usual Tuesday.

BAG TAG LOCATIONS

Please remember to use bag tags when you have more than two bags of refuse to be collected. Each bag tag is \$2. Tags can be purchased at Airways General Store or the Municipal Office.

RECYCLING CART COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:30 a.m. Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks.
Feb. 7, 22, Mar. 7

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 now available at the Municipal Office. The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$15.00 otherwise. **Please bring in conformation of last rabies shot date.** A licence must be purchased by **March 1st 2018**, 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.

NEWSLETTER February 2018



SUMMER DAY CAMP IMPORTANT NOTICE

Prince Township Council will be deciding at the next council meeting (Feb. 13) whether or not to continue the Summer Day Camp Program. If you are interested in the program, please fill out the survey on the last page of this newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On June 9, 2018 we are planning a **GRAND OPENING** of our new **FESTIVAL OF EVENTS PAVILION.**

We are planning a car and motorcycle show and many more events. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success.

Please come out on **Monday Feb. 5th 2018** at 7:00 at the Township Hall to get together to plan our grant opening.

Memo to Students: This is a great opportunity, for High school students who need volunteer service hours as a requirement for graduation.

For more information, please call the Municipal office at 705-779-2992 ext. 3 or email spc@princetwp.ca.

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 15th, 2018**. Remember we are set up for telephone and Internet banking for your convenience. We are **not** set up for debit, Visa or MasterCard. Cash or cheque only.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2018 NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Any person planning to seek office in the 2018 Municipal Election for one of the Councils below must file a nomination form with the Clerk before any money is spent or raised for campaign activities.

Nominations may be made by completing and filing in the office of the Clerk, nominations on the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other offices, payable by cash, certified cheque or money order.

Nomination forms are available at each Municipal Office during regular office hours. A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 1, 2018 and July 26, 2018, and between 9 am and 2 pm on Friday, July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day). All completed and filed forms are public documents.

NEW: As of April 1, 2018, the nomination of a person for an office on Council must be endorsed by at least 25 persons who are eligible to vote in a municipal election.

A person is qualified to be elected or hold office who, as of the day they file their nomination, is:

1. A Canadian citizen
2. At least 18 years of age; and

3. Resides in the local municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such a person;
4. Not disqualified by any legislation from holding office.

In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the respective Clerk's office.

**THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD
ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018
ADVANCE POLL: WED., OCTOBER 10, 2018**

THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE
Peggy Greco, CAO/Clerk
3042 Second Line W.
Prince Township, ON P6A 6K4
Telephone: 779-2992, Ext.2
List of Positions: 1 Head of Council,
4 Councillors

**Voyageur Trail Association
Newsletter Notice**

The Winter 2017/2018 Edition, #127, of the Voyageur Trail Newsletter is now available in PDF format on the VTA web-site. They are published usually the first part of January, May, and September of each year.

Use the following link for the current newsletter: <http://www.voyageurtrail.ca/pdfs/newletters/currentnewsletter.pdf>

For previous editions go to <http://www.voyageurtrail.ca/index.html>. From the home page click on the "Resources" tab and drop down to 'Newsletters'.



Best Start Hub

ABC, You & Me!

ABC, You & Me provides children with an opportunity to learn and explore in a group setting. We will include a variety of fun, interactive and hands-on activities for children, reinforcing literacy, numeracy, listening, and socialization skills. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00am.

Family Music

Our get up and go family music program will provide children with opportunities to: explore rhythm and movement, listen to and identify sounds and engage in group. These parent/child interactive sessions will lead families through a variety of music and movement activities. Begins Saturday February 24, 2018 at 11:00am for four weeks.

ELR Consultant Visit

The Early Learning Resource Consultants work with parents and community agencies to provide a circle of care for children with special needs. An Early Learning Resource Consultant will be available on the Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 10:00am to 11:00am. Topic discussions will begin at 10:30 am, followed by opportunities for information sharing and question/answer sessions.

Math Activities

Beginning Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30pm, we will be having six weeks of math activities. Each week you and your child will participate in interactive math activities that will challenge a new math concept.

Nipissing District Developmental Screen

Early supports through the use of the Nipissing District Developmental Screen provide parents with the opportunity to follow their child's growth and development examining the thirteen key developmental stages. Based on screening results, we initiate registration or refer to specialized services through the local access mechanism. For appointments, please call 705-779-3627.

Mother Goose and Story Time

Come on out and enjoy Mother Goose! We will be having interactive stories and songs with all materials we use to take home to keep. Begins at 10:45am Thursday, January 11, 2018 for six weeks. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

School Readiness Program

This program is designed for children ages 3-5 years old. It is a six-week learning readiness course, providing age appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction to children, which will enhance their entry into kindergarten or other structured environments. Begins Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at RM Moore Public School from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627.

One to One Primary Care Triple P

This Triple P Program includes brief one to one sessions that assist parents to develop parenting plans to manage behavioural issues

(such as tantrums, fighting, going shopping) and skill development issues (such as eating independently, toilet training, staying in bed at night). For appointments, please call 705-779-3627.

Tiny Tot Gym Time

This gross motor activity will work on you and your child's balance, coordination and cardio, while playing fun games and singing songs. Begins Friday, January 12, 2018 at 10:30am for five weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Cooking with Kids

Make cooking with kids fun! These recipes are perfect for young chefs. Beginning Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11:00am for four weeks.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Saturday, February 17, 2018, and Monday, February 19, 2018.

Hours

Monday to Friday	9:00-3:00pm
Thursday, also	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	10:00-3:00pm

Visit us on Facebook: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub"

Or Google: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub" if you do not have Facebook

Email: prince.beststarhub@hotmail.com



LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday February 07th at 7:00 p.m.

BOOK CLUB: NEVER SAW IT

COMING by Linwood Barclay will be held on Thursday **February 1st at 2:00** p.m. in the Library.

March Book club will be held on Thursday **March 22 at 2:00 p.m.** We are reading **LILAC GIRLS** by Martha Kelly. Please join us.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: These are from McNaughton, but there are also some excellent, donated books, and Large Print from OLS-N. We will be getting a new shipment in early March.

I KNOW A SECRET by Tess

Gerritsen. Two separate homicides, at different locations, with unrelated victims, have more in common than just being investigated by Detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles. In both cases the bodies bear startling wounds- yet the actual cause of death is unknown...

TEARS OF SALT: A DOCTOR'S STORY by Pietro Bartolo. This is a non fiction.

A moving account of his life and work set on the island of Lampedusa for the past quarter century. The first port of call, for hundreds of thousands of African and Middle Eastern refugees, fleeing civil war, and terrorism.

DANGEROUS CROSSING by Rachel Rhys.

England, September 1939. Lily Shepherd boards a cruise liner for a new life in Australia and is plunged into a world of cocktails, jazz, and glamorous friends. Suddenly Lily finds herself trapped with nowhere to go- Six weeks later the world is at war, and a beautiful young woman is escorted onto dry land in handcuffs. What has she done?

THE ENGLISH WIFE by Lauren Willig.

Annabelle and Bayard Van Duyvil live a charmed life, so it seems. A scandalous New York Gilded Age novel full of family secrets, affairs, and even murder.

ROBICHEAUX by James Lee Burke.

Robicheaux is a haunted man. Between his recurrent dreams about Vietnam, his battle with alcoholism, and the sudden loss of his beloved wife Molly, his thoughts drift from one irreconcilable memory to the next. Did he commit the homicide he's investigating?

THE MIDNIGHT LINE by Lee Child.

Reacher takes a stroll past a pawn shop and sees a West Point class ring from 2005. It's tiny; a woman cadet's graduation present to herself. Why would she give it up? Reacher is a West Pointer too and knows what she went through to get it. Reacher tracks the ring back to its owner...

MONTHLY DRAW: The winner of December's themed basket was **TANYA ENGELHART.** The January basket is autobiographies and biographies.

DROP OFF BOX: Please put any items in a tied plastic bag. It protects them and it makes it easier for us to grab them out of the box.

DONATIONS: If at all possible bring them up to the Library door in bags or boxes.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS:

Tuesday: 6 - 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 2 - 4 p.m.
Thursday : 10 a.m.-noon,
2 - 4 p.m. & 6 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - noon, 2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 to noon
EXCEPT ON A HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY

FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day

To mark St. Valentine's Day, we're inviting visitors to the Prince Township Public Library to enter their names in a free draw for a basket of books on a romantic theme. The draw will take place at the end of the month.

Speaking of baskets, our supply is running low. If you have baskets lying around that once held fruit, candies, knickknacks, etc. we'd be happy to spruce them up and use them for future draws.

Donations of baskets may be brought to the library during open hours.

Looking Ahead Mammoth Book Sale –

April 12-14: The Friends are always on the lookout for donations of gently used books for our annual Mammoth Book Sale. This year's sale runs from Thurs. Apr. 12 through Sat. Apr. 14 in the Station Mall during business hours.

We also accept donations of magazines (cooking, home decorating and hobby related

magazines are popular) DVDs, musical CDs, and puzzles.

Please note that we cannot accept encyclopedias, Readers Digest condensed books, National Geographic's, or text books, except recently published titles in the For Dummies series.

We've found that books in these categories do not sell and take up too much of our limited storage space.

Book Sale Volunteers Needed: We always need volunteers to help us sort books and transport them to and from the Station Mall.

We're also looking for volunteers to take shifts supervising our sales tables. Each shift lasts for three hours and requires at least two volunteers. During the mall's busiest hours, we like to have three or four.

Memo to Students: The Friends welcome high school students who need volunteer service hours as a requirement for graduation.

Don't have a ride? Let us know, and we can arrange for transportation to and from the mall.

If you can help transport books on sale days or take shifts in the mall, please call M. La Haye at [705-779-3907](tel:705-779-3907) or D. MacNaughton at [705-759-0733](tel:705-759-0733).

CAO/TREASURER REPORT

Happy Valentine's Day

At their meeting of January 9, 2018, Council set the tax ratio by-law. The Boards and Committees by-law will be passed at the February 13 council meeting. If you have not signed up for any of our committees, it is not too late. We are looking for volunteers, particularly for our recreation committee. There are some exciting things in the works, especially with the completion of our new Festival and Events Pavilion. If you are a high-school student and looking for volunteer hours before graduation, this is an excellent opportunity to earn your hours and engage in your community. Please contact the office prior to February 7th to have your name put on a committee.

This year there will be a municipal election on October 22nd. There are 5 positions: 1 Head of Council and 4 Councillors. A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 1, 2018 and July 26, 2018, and between 9 am and 2 pm on Friday, July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day). The fee for filing is \$200 for the position of Head of Council and \$100 for Councillor or Trustee. New this election is the necessity to have at least 25 signatures with your nomination papers. Forms are expected to be made available for this.

SAVE THE DATE – The Prince Township Women's Institute will be hosting an All Candidate's Meeting on October 1st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre. This will be your opportunity to hear from the people whose names are on the ballots.

If you have small children, please complete the survey regarding Day Camp. The fate of this program hinges on the results of the survey.

February 19th marks the 11th annual Family Day! Enjoy time with your families. The office is closed that day! ☺ Please remember, garbage and recycling pick up will be delayed by one day.



Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Greco

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

Mayor

Ken Lamming 705 - 971-3663
klamming@princetwp.ca

Councillors

Dave Amadio 705-779-2836
damadio@princetwp.ca

Ian Chambers 705-779-3364
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Enzo Palumbo 705-975-4343
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Michael Matthews 705-779-3575
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**COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULE**

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday February 13th, 2018
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.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Dave Harnish (705)-779-9927

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Barbie Rudnicki (705)255-0419

SNOW REMOVAL
Please remember, that pushing snow either onto or across roadways when cleaning driveways, is not permitted. This may result in charges to the property owner. Your cooperation is appreciated.

POSTAL DELIVERY / 911 SIGNS
Property owners are reminded to keep mail boxes (including green boxes) clear of snow and other obstacles in order to receive uninterrupted mail should be kept clear of snow so that they are visible by emergency vehicles. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100ft.

DO YOU KNOW?

Volunteer Fire Departments Use **Green Flashing Lights**
When Responding to the Fire Hall



Please yield the right of way. We could be going to your house.

Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department

Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department has issued a safety reminder to residents.

Property owners, ensure you have working smoke alarms on each storey of their home and outside every sleeping area.

Fire moves so fast that you may have less than 60 seconds to safely escape a fire, so early warning is crucial to survival. Only working smoke alarms give you that early warning.

Developing and practicing a home escape plan is just as important, Chief Harrison added.

Simple smoke and carbon monoxide alarm tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home. For added protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom according to manufacturer's recommendations. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms;
- Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning

appliance, fireplace or attached garage. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of your home according to manufacturer's recommendations;

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly by pressing the test button. Change the batteries every year; and,
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms wear out over time. Replace alarms according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- Everyone should know two ways out of each room, if possible;
- All exits must be unobstructed and easy to use;
- If someone in your home has a disability, develop a home fire escape plan with your household that takes into account their unique needs. Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults and anyone who needs assistance to escape;
- Choose a meeting place outside, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for;
- Call the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or a neighbour's home;
- Practice your home fire escape plan; and,
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.



PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

If you feel your assessed value as of the legislated valuation date or property classification is not correct, MPAC will review it free of charge. Please call MPAC 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) or visit AboutMyProperty on their website for any questions you may have and if you are filing a **Request for Reconsideration** the new deadline is **March 31st**.

Visit www.mpac.ca to download a Request for Reconsideration form or file online through AboutMyProperty. 1 (866) 296-MPAC (6722) or 1 (877) 889-MPAC (6722) TTY

MPAC INFORMATION

Filing a 2018 Request for Reconsideration (RfR): What You Need to Know (Residential Properties)

Who is MPAC?

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. We are responsible for accurately assessing and classifying more than five million properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations established by the Government of Ontario.

What is a Request for Reconsideration (RfR)?

If you disagree with MPAC's assessment of your property's value and/or classification as of January 1, 2016, you can ask MPAC to review the assessment to make sure that it is right. This is called a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). You can make this request by completing and sending an RfR form to us. This request is free of charge.

What is the deadline to file an RfR for the 2018 property tax year?

Your deadline is printed on your Property Assessment Notice. If you have misplaced your Property Assessment Notice, please call us at 1 866 296-6722. One of our customer service representatives can assist you.

What information does MPAC need to reconsider my property's assessment?

Section 39.1 of the Assessment Act requires you to provide the reasons for your RfR. This includes sending us all key details about your property that we should know. We also compare your property's assessed value with sales and values of similar properties in your area.

How long does it take for MPAC to review my RfR?

Your RfR deadline is included on your Property Assessment Notice. MPAC will send you a letter with the results of our review within 180 days (or less) of when we get your request. Sometimes, we need more time (up to 60 more days) to reconsider a property assessment and complete our review. We will contact you if we need more time.

We also look at these five factors, which account for 85% of your property's value:

- Location

- Living area
- Age of the property
- Quality of construction
- Lot dimensions

How do I submit my completed RfR?

The fastest way to start the review of your property's assessment is to send MPAC your completed RfR form through aboutmyproperty.ca. While there are a number of factors that account for a property's assessed value, location is the most important one. As a result, comparing your assessment to similar properties in your area or neighbourhood will help you review your assessment. Log in to aboutmyproperty.ca with the Roll Number and Access Key found on page one of your latest Property Assessment Notice to compare your property to others in your neighbourhood. You can also use the interactive map to view and save your favourite properties, and download a detailed report to accompany your RfR submission. You may also fill out an RfR form, available on mpac.ca, and submit a completed form via mpac.ca/ContactUs, or mail.

Need more information?

If you need more information or help completing the RfR form, or have any accessibility needs, please contact us for assistance at 1 866 296-6722 or TTY 1 877 889-6722.

How does MPAC use the information in my completed RfR?

The information on the RfR form is collected under the authority of the Assessment Act. It will be used to reconsider your property's assessment. Please note that if your RfR is about eligibility for the farm property class, Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, or Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program, your request must be handled by the Ministry

of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 282/98. When you file your RfR with MPAC, you authorize MPAC to transfer your request to the appropriate ministry for this purpose. Your privacy is protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Appealing to the Assessment Review Board (ARB)

You may also file an appeal of MPAC's assessment with the ARB. The ARB is an independent tribunal (decision-making body) of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Please note that if your property, or a portion of it, is classified as residential, farm or managed forests, you must first file an RfR with MPAC, and MPAC must make a decision, before you are eligible to appeal to the ARB.

There is a time limit to submit an appeal to the ARB. It starts on the date that MPAC issues the results of your RfR, and ends after 90 days.

The deadline for submitting an appeal to the ARB will be in the letter that MPAC sends you with the results of the RfR review.

You can find more information about how to file an appeal, including forms and fees, at elto.gov.on.ca/arb.

Tips for keeping your property and neighborhood safe

Lock it

Lock your garage, your vehicles and your home - even when you are home. It may sound obvious, but many criminals will check to see if doors are unlocked, giving them an easy opportunity to strike. Also, whether or not you have a security system or a dog, put up signs warning people about both. If everything is locked up and criminals are faced with the prospect of additional deterrents, most will move on.

Secure it

Install additional security locks on exterior doors and windows and don't forget about surveillance! When possible, install devices that permit sight to the other side, such as chain link fences, and keep shrubs and bushes trimmed below ground level windows and trees pruned above eye level to eliminate areas of potential concealment. Consider installing a security system as an additional deterrent.

Light it

Turn on your lights! Use timers on your lights when you're away from your home or business so they appear occupied. At night, use outdoor lighting to enhance illumination in dark areas around your property where an intruder might hide, such as stairwells, alleys and hallways. Install motion lights and/or cameras at all entrances and turn your porch lights on at night.

Hide it

Install and use blinds and curtains to prevent people from seeing inside your home, especially at night. Protect yourself, your belongings and your privacy with good quality window coverings. Consider frosted treatments on

garage windows, which will still allow in natural light, but prevent people from seeing inside your garage. And don't "hide" spare keys under a doormat or in a planter; keep them with a trusted neighbor or nearby business.

Remove it

Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially a wallet or purse. Take any electronics, such as cell phones, tablets and laptops inside with you, including your remote garage door opener. In many cases, criminals will enter a vehicle for the sole purpose of stealing your garage door opener in hopes of gaining access to your garage and, subsequently, your home.

Also be cautious about placing boxes from big ticket items, such as a new television, out for recycling as this can be an invitation to thieves who now know exactly what's in your home.

Share it

Introduce yourself to your neighbor's, as neighbor's who know each other watch out for one another. Get to know other people who live on your street. Consider setting up (or joining!) a page on social media for your subdivision as a way to communicate and share information with one another. But keep in mind you need to be cautious about what you share on social media sites - even if it's considered a friendly or helpful group. Divulging too much personal information can potentially put you and your property at risk, as there is no way to know or control the intentions of other social media group members. Do not share or discuss personal information, such as upcoming vacations or when you, or other family members, will be away from your home, on social media. Advertising when you are going to be away from your property for an extended period of time is like hanging a "come on in" sign on your door for thieves. Personal information like this should only be shared with

a trusted neighbor, friend or family member who can keep an eye on your property while you're away.

Report it

See something suspicious? If it's an emergency or crime in progress, call 9-1-1.



DAY CAMP SURVEY

❖ Name: _____

❖ Address: _____

❖ Phone #: _____

Do you want Summer Day Camp for your children this summer?

Please fill out this survey and return to the Prince Twp. Office.

1. If Summer Day Camp was available at the Township Hall, would your children attend?
Yes No

2. How many of your children would be attending the Summer Day Camp program?

3. Would you send your children (age 5 to 12) if the cost per child was \$28.00 - \$30.00 per day or \$135 -\$145 per week. Yes No

4. Do you have a student (age 18 and older) that would be interested in a Day Camp Counselor position for the summer.
Yes No

❖ **mandatory fields**
Day Camp this summer may hinge on your response and any comments to this survey.

Comments

STAXABLE INCOME TAX SERVICE



2903 Second Line West
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- Personal Income Tax
- Small Business Income Tax
- New Home / Renovation HST rebate

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"Don't spend your return, trying to file your return!"