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A Newsletter from the Town of Princeton

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## WELCOME NEW CAO AND DOF

We would like to welcome our new Chief Administrative Officer, Cheryl Martens, as of January 22, 2018 to our office. Cheryl has come to us from Saskatchewan.

On March 5, 2018 we will be welcoming our new Director of Finance, Bobbi Thomchuk, who is coming to us from Alberta.

## TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS



Town Hall is **closed** for the lunch hour.

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30p.m.

## DOG AND BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS



Dog licence renewals have been mailed out. If you have

not received your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require a dog licence, please call Town Hall at 250-295-3135 or send an email to info@princeton.ca.

## CONSERVATION SERVICES

To report a conflict with wildlife please contact the BC Conservation Officer Service reporting line at **1-877-952-7277**.

In order to reduce the risk of conflict while out enjoying areas in our communities where deer are known to frequent, a few simple actions can go a long way to avoiding a negative incident with a deer.

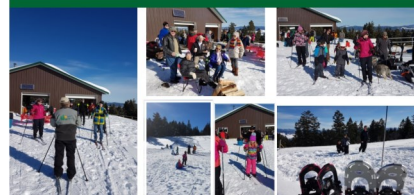
On the home front, we can all help to reduce conflicts with deer and other wildlife:

- Make your yard an unwelcome space; chase or move deer off your property whenever you see them. This will discourage them from using your yard a safe haven.
- Do Not Feed any wildlife around your home including deer, coyotes, raccoons, or heaven forbid - bears.
- Take down birdfeeders as deer easily access the seed, and what they don't eat they spill all over the ground which attracts, coyotes, bears, and other critters you don't want in your backyard.
- Make sure pet food and domestic livestock feed e.g., chicken feed, is not left open on the porch or accessible.

**More information on wildlife can be found at: [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com).**

## PRINCETON FAMILY DAY FUN

**FAMILY DAY FUN**  
February 12, 2018  
10:00am-2:00pm  
@ China Ridge Trails Longhouse



Learn to cross country ski or snowshoe, take a guided tour on groomed trails, visit by the campfire, enjoy a warm meal, and toboggan down the hill with laughter! Don't forget a mug for a warm beverage, sleigh for the toboggan hill and family and friends for this great day!



The world can be a negative place sometimes, lowering self-esteem and creating bullying behaviour. This February, aim to change that! Promise to stand up to bullying. Promise to be kind to your peers. Promise to make the internet a positive place.

**Pink Shirt Day**  
**February**  
**28<sup>th</sup>**



## TOP 10 REASONS TO SUPPORT LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES

The following comes from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance ([www.ilsr.org](http://www.ilsr.org)), a non-profit organization working to strengthen independent businesses and local economies, and is reprinted here with permission.

### Local Character and Prosperity

In an increasingly homogenized world, communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character have an economic advantage.

### Community Well-Being

Locally owned business build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centres, linking neighbours in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.

### Local Decision-Making

Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impact of those decisions.

### Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy

Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.

### Job and Wages

Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits than chains do.

### Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship fuels Canada's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.

### Public Benefits and Costs

Local stores in town centres require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

### Environmental Sustainability

Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centres-which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

### Competition

A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.

### Product Diversity

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

