

PRINCETON



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A Newsletter from the Town of Princeton

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MEETINGS WITH MAYOR ARMITAGE



Mayor Armitage will be at
Town Hall on **Tuesdays** from
11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.
Please drop by and share your thoughts with him.

WATER & SEWER RATES



At the Regular Meeting of Council on January 16th, 2016, Council adopted the 2017 Water and Sewer Rates. The water rate sees a residential dwelling increase of \$10.07 and a residential dwelling sewer rate increase of \$3.14. Water and Sewer rates are invoiced annually and will be in mail in the next couple of weeks.

Water revenue charges are designed to cover the cost of operations and create a reserve for the replacement of infrastructure.

Sewer revenue charges will be used to upgrade our monitoring (SCADA) system at the sewage lagoon, carried forward from 2016 and we have applied for funding for the deslugging of cell one at the sewage lagoon.

CONSERVATION SERVICES

To report a conflict with wildlife please contact the BC Conservation Officer Service reporting line at :

1-877-952-7277

What is Wildlife Alert Reporting (WARP)?

Visit www.wildsafebc.com and view the WARP program. This program will let you know what wildlife has been seen in your neighbourhood plus a whole lot more.

DOG AND BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS



Dog and business licence renewals have been mailed out. If you have not received your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require a dog or business licence, please call Town Hall at 250-295-3135 or send an email to info@princeton.ca.

TOWN OF PRINCETON'S FACEBOOK PAGE



Visit our facebook page to view our Family Day video

CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150



Is your group planning an event this year?

The Recreation Department would like to learn about all the Canada 150 celebrations happening in our community. We encourage you to put a Canada 150 theme to show your Canadian pride at your community events.

Please send your events to the Recreation office at nmcewen@princeton.ca or call the Visitor Centre at 250-295-0235.



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
22nd



WOOD BURNING STOVE SAFETY TIPS

A wood burning stove that is properly installed and carefully maintained can provide the warmth and comfort you need in winter. Wood burning stoves also provide the perfect heating alternative when there is a power outage. To keep your family both safe and warm this winter, follow a few basic safety tips before you light your fireplace or wood stove.

- **Keep a Class A fire extinguisher on hand;**
- **Don't use gasoline, charcoal starter fluid or other flammable liquids to start your fire;**
- **Ensure your stove meets WETT (Wood Energy Technology Transfer) safety guidelines; AND**
- **Ensure your house insurance company is aware you have wood heat.**

Maintain the Required Distance between the Stove and Surroundings

During installation of your wood burning stove, you must ensure that it meets the clearance requirements.

Burn only Seasoned, Dry Wood

The best material to burn in a wood burning stove is dry wood that has been seasoned for at least 6 months. This type of wood burns quicker and brighter, thereby reducing the formation of creosote. Creosote is a highly inflammable byproduct of incomplete combustion of firewood, which usually forms in the chimney and can increase the likelihood of fire. Burning unseasoned or wet wood greatly increases creosote formation and must be avoided. Burning paper or trash in the wood burning stove may seem like a quick way to light a fire, however, this practice is dangerous because these substances are highly combustible and may emanate toxic gases.

Have the Chimney Inspected and Cleaned Every Year

Have a licensed chimney sweep inspect and clean your chimney at least once a year. This maintenance is critical to maintaining the safety of your stove and chimney, because it removes any soot and creosote formation.

Install Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Any home that uses a wood burning stove must have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector. These devices warn you in times of danger and can save your home and family.



FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS

The Town of Princeton is happy to announce the appointment of our new Fire Inspector, Eric Gregson. Eric Gregson member of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years and Fire Chief for 17 years. Eric will be providing fire inspections to our local businesses. Under the BC Fire Code annual inspections are required by every business with exception of home base businesses. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Town Hall at 250-295-3135.