

PROCLAMATION

2026 Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 10, 2026

WHEREAS, fire safety education and prevention are essential to protecting the lives, property, and well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the devices used every day, including mobile phones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, scooters, and other rechargeable products, are powered by lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries can pose a fire risk if they are damaged, improperly charged, or used incorrectly, making public awareness and safe charging practices more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has designated the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2026 as “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower,” highlighting the importance of safe charging habits that help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to use manufacturer-approved chargers, charge devices on hard, flat surfaces, monitor devices for signs of battery damage, and follow recommended safety practices when using and charging lithium-ion battery-powered devices; and

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County Fire & Rescue and fire service personnel across our community play a vital role in promoting fire prevention education and helping residents understand how to reduce fire risks in their homes and workplaces;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Steve Ferguson, on behalf of Council of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby recognize October 4 - 10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week in Prince Edward County and encourage all residents to learn and practice safe charging habits, to support fire prevention education initiatives, and to help create a safer community for all.

DATED at Picton this 22nd day of September 2026
Mayor Steve Ferguson