



# The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan

MONTHLY  NEWSLETTER



THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN  
 WHERE THE HIGHWAY ENDS AND THE ADVENTURE  
 BEGINS!



## November/December 2008

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2ND ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS AND CHILD CARE WORKER APPRECIATION DAY RECIPIENTS! and thank you...



2008 Recipients

(Picture from left to right)

(Back Row) Andrew George -Matachewan Town Councilor, Joe Bisson-Matachewan Deputy Reeve, Albert Durand-Matachewan Town Councilor, Beverley Hine - Matachewan Reeve.

(Front Row) **Lisa Hendrix** -Early Childhood Educator, **Bernice Grossinger**, Educational Assistant/Development Services Worker & Autism Intensive Behavior Therapist. **Lorraine Davies** - Educational Assistant, **Celine Verrier** - Autism Behavior Consultant

### Pioneer Park

The council of Corporation of the Township of Matachewan has been looking at acquiring some of the crown land in and around the township. Many of these properties are single, unserviced lots within the town site. One of the sites council was inquiring about was the "Pioneer Park" and area. Be advised that council has **NO** intention of purchasing this or any of these properties for an unwarranted fee and are only in the inquiry phase.

### To all users of the Matachewan Public Water Utility

Keep your service pipe(s) and fixtures protected from frost. This includes the installation of either a pyrotenics or an Aqua Flow bleeder at your expense. Ensuring that it is on and functioning properly for the winter months is your responsibility.

Protect your property!

If you don't currently have these protective devices properly installed, now is the time.



### Surplus Land

The Corporation of Township of Matachewan has surplus land for sale. Anyone interested in tendering on these properties can contact the municipal office for details 565-2274

### A message from the Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department



Don't forget to change the batteries in your fire alarms and to keep your tree fire free.

Keep the base of your tree well immersed in water and don't leave candles burning close to it.

### Call before you build

The Ontario Building Code Act has had hundreds if not thousands of regulation changes over the last year. Building without a permit can result in unwanted implications. Check with your local Building Official to be sure. Bill Glassford, CBO can be contacted at (705) 563-2375. Mr. Glassford makes regular visits to Matachewan, usually once a week, on Thursdays.

### SNOWMOBILE TRAILS MAY NOT OPEN FOR THE 2008-2009 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

The Elk Lake Trail Blazers takes care of 399 KM of groomed trails that link Shining Tree, Gowganda, Matachewan and Elk Lake. They are in desperate need of support from Matachewan. Both tourism and local snowmobile enthusiasts alike will suffer if these trails are not groomed. You can help my purchasing your trail pass today or volunteering. You can get your pass at the Municipal Office, Dogstar or Camp Matachewan. For more information on how you can help prevent our trails from closing contact the Elk Lake Trail Blazers at 705-624-3446 or email: [info@gowgandalakecamp.ca](mailto:info@gowgandalakecamp.ca) or contact Crystal St-Jean the District Manager for the Timiskaming Abitibi Trail Association at 705-567-2088.

THE NEXT ELK LAKE TRAIL BLAZERS MEETING WITH BE HELD AT THE MATACHEWAN TOWN OFFICE ON DECEMBER 4TH AT 7PM.

**EVERYONE WELCOME, COME AND BE INFORMED!**

**Deadline for Committee and Fire Department submissions for the January 2009 Monthly Newsletter is Friday December 19, 2008 at noon.**



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Council and Staff of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan

## Want more social events in Matachewan?

...THEN VOLUNTEER FOR THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TODAY!



Do you want more dances,



Halloween, Easter & Christmas parties for both kids and adults or do you want to see our winter carnivals resurrected? Or were you hoping to see regular winter curling events in Matachewan

Many of you have asked "why are not having more social events in Matachewan?"



The municipality is always willing to help volunteers and coordinators of committees of council to achieve these and other goals.



But, there is a lack of volunteers on the Recreation Committee as well as other committees and until people come forward and volunteer to become active members there will not be events like the ones described.



So, let's revive Matachewan's social life!



Sitting on a committee is a fun & rewarding experience as well as a great way to get to know your neighbors.

**DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

Now is the time for action, so get your friends together and get your names into the township office today and volunteer to sit on the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** or ask about some of the other committees that are waiting for volunteers.

**LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME LAUGHS!**



## MATACHEWAN GETS TOUGH ON BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan has hired a Municipal By-Law Control Officer. Malcolm Lenton will be enforcing all municipal by-laws such as Property Standards and Animal Control.



Dog or cat owners must now purchase an annual tag and register your cat or dog. 2009 Dog and cat tags will be available as soon as December 2008.

Don't get caught off guard, be knowledgeable about the By-laws that regulate Matachewan and visit our website at [www.matachewan.com](http://www.matachewan.com).



If you know of someone who is in direct non-compliance with one of the municipality's by-laws contact the municipal office by telephone: (705) 565-2274 or by e-mail: [township@ntl.sympatico.ca](mailto:township@ntl.sympatico.ca).



### The Matachewan Curling Club and Multifunctional facility

The project is coming together slowly but surely. This facility boasts a 156 foot ice capacity and beautifully renovated

club house, kitchen and bathrooms. The Council and Staff of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan can't wait to open its doors to the public. As the project comes to a close we will be keeping you posted about a planned open house and when it will be in operation.

If anyone would like to fundraise or volunteer or support our efforts in attaining some of the items on our wish list, the club will certainly shine with Matachewan community spirit and polish off its appeal.

- Furnishings
- A sound system
- Score boards. (We would like to see them sponsored by one of our local businesses so to display their community spirit and advertising just as the old score boards did).
- Is looking for volunteers to salvage the black mats from the skating rink to use at the facility
- New curling rocks
- New Dishes, silverware and kitchen supplies.
- Lockers
- Benches (If anyone were able to build them for the club)

**A Rink attendant position will be available soon. Anyone interested can tender on the position once it has been posted.**

