



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

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To all users of the Matachewan Public Water Utility:

Due to the extremely cold weather and the lack of snowfall earlier this winter, the frost line is significantly lower than normal. This is resulting in the freezing of a number of household water lines around town. By-Law 2005-19, the water by-law, clearly states that users must keep their service pipe(s) and all fixtures protected from frost at their own expense. This includes the installation of an Aqua Flow unit, bleeder or pyrotenics. If you don't currently have these protective devices properly installed, you should partially **run a single tap in your home during the night** to prevent freezing until the weather warms above -20° Celsius.

This by-law also stipulates that charges where water pipes are found to be frozen due to a lack of water flow **FROM THE MAIN LINE** shall be paid by the consumer or owner within fifteen days after the thawing in accordance with fees outlined in the User Fee By-Law 2006-21. Depending upon the severity, this can cost you between \$100.00 to upwards of \$1000.00 per occurrence if outside equipment and labour have to be brought in to thaw out your frozen water lines.

Please take all of the appropriate preventative measures to protect your home, your water line and your pocket book!