

TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

Vision Statement

Matachewan strives to preserve its friendliness and to create a progressive community that will have economic growth and bring wealth to all through strong leadership and community involvement.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe Victoria Day weekend!

Victoria Day or “May Long Weekend” is the unofficial start to the Canadian summer for many, but did you know that May 24 is Canada’s oldest holiday according to the Federal Government, May 24 was first declared a holiday by the legislature of the Province of Canada in 1845 to celebrate Queen Victoria’s Birthday

The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan regretfully accepted the resignation of Fire Chief Gerald (Jerry) Begley.

Jerry has served as a Volunteer Fire Fighter and Fire Chief from 2012 to 2021. Deputy Fire Chief Michael Schoenwald will be the acting Fire Chief in the interim.

The Township and the community send a big thank you to Jerry for his many years of volunteered service.

Spring Cleanup Week 2021

Date to be announced

Consequences of feeding wildlife

Feeding wild animals may do more harm than good.

Threats to wildlife

- animals can become dependent on artificial food sources
- animals can lose their natural fear of humans and pets, becoming more prone to conflict
- artificial feed is not healthy for wildlife
- wild animals may gather in large numbers when they are being fed — this concentration of animals in one area can spread parasites and disease and cause destruction of natural habitat
- feeding animals near roads increases their risk of being hit by vehicles

Threats to people

- feeding wildlife may attract "unwanted" animals to your property
- animals will learn to associate humans with food, and can become a problem to neighbours
- habituated animals can become aggressive
- feeding animals near roads increases the risk of motor vehicle accidents, resulting in property damage, injury or death

Household dos and don'ts

Do:

- appreciate wildlife from a distance
- keep household waste, compost and pet food out-of-reach from wild animals
- attract wildlife to your property by improving natural habitat
- work together with your neighbours to help keep wild animals wild

Don't

- put out food to attract wildlife
- try to approach or touch wild animals
- feed pets outdoors or allow pets to roam free

Waste Disposal Site

Please **Do Not** dispose of hot ashes in the Trench

Open Air Burning By-Law 2018-12

Upon recommendation of the Ontario Fire Marshall, the Township of Matachewan has passed a By-Law regulating open air burning (eg. backyard campfires), on any property within the Municipality.

Please visit www.matachewan.com and click on the By-Laws link.

Click on “By-Law 2018-12 Open Air Burning”.

Backyard Campfires

Please use a spark arrester to prevent sparks from catching buildings and brush on fire. Be safe and do not burn in windy or dry conditions.

Safe campfires

Follow these easy steps to build a campfire safely.

1. Choose a site

- Pick a site close to a water source and sheltered from the wind.
- Build your fire on bare rock, bare dirt or other non-combustible material (mineral soil).
- Build your fire at least one metre away from any flammable materials.
- Make sure the space above the fire is at least three metres from overhanging branches and vegetation.

2. Prepare the site

- Clear a space about two metres wide for the fire.
- Remove pine needles, grass, leaves and twigs.
- Scrape the area right down to the mineral soil.
- Ensure you have a pail of water and a shovel to control the fire.

3. Build your campfire

- Keep your fire small to a maximum of one metre high and one metre wide.
- Remember that small fires are safer, easier to control and easier to put out.
- A small fire will also keep cooking tools from blackening and let you get close enough to cook.

4. Stay nearby

- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Remember that **you are responsible** for tending your campfire, ensuring it is kept under control, and for putting it out.

5. Put the fire out

- Pour lots of water on the campfire.
- Stir the ashes with a stick.
- Pour more water over top of the campfire.
- Stir the ashes with a stick again.
- Repeat until:
 - the ashes are cold to the touch
 - the ashes don't hiss
 - the ashes look soaked
 - no more smoke comes from the ashes

COVID-19 Update

The Township of Matachewan would like to remind our community to follow the COVID-19 safety precautions. Stronger together!
Be Caring, Be Considerate

ALL DOG OWNERS

For community safety

All Dogs **MUST** be leashed when off property.

All Dogs tied or in fenced yard.

2021 tags are available at the Town Office

Dog Tag - **\$30.00** Spayed/Neutered –
\$15.00 (with Veterinary documents)

Speed Limit By-law 2018 -18

The **speed limit** within the Town of Matachewan is
40km/hr. **and** **ATVs 20km/hr.**

Watch for Children Playing SLOW DOWN

The Municipal Office is receiving inquiries about

SEA CAN CONTAINERS.

The By-Law 2021-07 is available on our website
www.matachenwan.com or a copy is available at the Town Office.

Any questions, please call 705-565-2274.

Reminder that recycling pick-ups are done every other Wednesday.

Recycling bins need to be out for **9:00 am** to insure pick-up

MAY 12,

MAY 26,

JUNE 9,

JUNE 23,

For Emergency Dispatch Calls

EMERGENCY

Fire, Ambulance, Police

Landline: 9-1-1

Cell: 9-1-1

NON- EMERGENCY

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Landline: 1-888-310-1122

Cell: *677

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