

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER April 2021

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.



The Municipal Office is now accepting Nominations for
Citizen of the year 2020

If you know a deserving person or group send your nomination to:

The Township of Matachewan
P.O Box 177 Matachewan, ON POK 1MO

OR

By Email: deputyclerktreasurer@matachewan.ca

Deadline for Nominations is April 30th, 2021



world autism month

The Township of Matachewan will recognize the Month of April as Autism Awareness Month

On Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Town Office

We will be Raising the Flag and wearing Blue in Honour of World Autism Awareness Day

#LightitupBlue #AutismspeaksCanada

Water message:

Chlorine odours may be caused by off-gassing in the water line this happens if there is low water usage. When off-gassing occurs, it can cause a Javex or a bleach smell. The best solution is to run the water for a couple of minutes until the smell dissipates

If you have any concerns about your water please call the Township Office so we can try and resolve the matter

2019 Audited Financial Statements

If you would like a copy, please contact the Town Office and copy will be made available.

GET-FIT GYM!

Get Fit Gym is only open by **Appointment** Due to COVID- 19 Restrictions

To book an appointment Email: admin@matachewan.ca or

call the Office 705-565-2274

Membership packages available at Town Office

The Municipal Office is receiving inquiries about

SEA CAN CONTAINERS.

The By-Law 2021-07 is available on our website

www.matachewan.com or a copy is available at the Town Office.

Any questions, please call 705-565-2274.

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, Be Safe**

For Emergency Dispatch Calls

Fire and Ambulance

Landline: 9-1-1

Cell: 9-1-1

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Landline: 1-888-310-1122

Cell: *677

**For more information call Fire Chief Gerald Begley 1-705-570-1478
Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department**

Dog Tag By-Law 2013-15

As per By-law # 2013-15 dog tags are required for all dogs,

2021 tags are available at the Town Office

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

Township Office

All municipal staff are following the COVID-19 protocols

Telephone: 705-565-2274

CAO Clerk-Treasurer: Janet Gore

Email: clerktreasurer@matachewan.ca

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Barbara Knauth

Email: deputyclerktreasurer@matachewan.ca

In case of Emergency Janet Gore may be reached at:

Home: 705-647-4824

Cell: 705-679-4085

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

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

March 31,

April 14,

April 28,

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

Mayor's Message

Spring was in the Air...at least it was until Mother Nature provided us with another layer of snow, guess that meant we needed a break from doing any outdoor spring cleanup. ☺

Reflection...it's been just over a year now since not only our community but our whole world was told that we were in a Pandemic. Our whole world suddenly changed in so many ways and with a price: socially, economically, financially and emotionally.

I would like everyone to take the time with your families, relatives and friends to reflect on where we were a year ago and reflect on how the impact of the pandemic has had on ourselves, our families and our communities.

A year later, as we look back to where we were and where we are today, think about all the things that have changed and how as a resilient people we are still persevering.

There has been so many unknown's in the past year, and so many adjustments we have all had to make, as a people, as your leadership and as a community. And we will continue to persevere.

As a Council, we have been meeting bi-weekly (via Zoom, when needed) with respect to municipal matters, economic development, tourism, i.e. Walking Trails, Pioneer Park enhancements, and so much more.

We encourage all residents to continue contacting (email or phone) our municipal staff with any community ideas or regarding any matters of concern and/or have your concerns added to Council Meeting Agenda.

We have received wonderful ideas from residents regarding the betterment of our community and we want you to know your feedback is important, we are all in this together.

On behalf of Council we would like to take this time to extend Easter Wishes to everyone near and far.....

"The great gift of Easter is hope."

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life."

