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.*

Township of Matachewan Municipal Newsletter April 2026

Township Office Holiday Hours

CLOSED April 3rd-
Good Friday
CLOSED April 6th-
Easter Monday

Office CLOSED
April 13th for Training

Self Care Quotes

"April reminds us that growth can begin again, even after the longest winter."

"New month, new energy"

Recycling Dates 2026

Recycling has Switched to every other

Monday
April 13
April 27

Seasonal Water Turn ON

As Per **By-Law 2025-15** No water shall be turned **ON** prior to **April 30th in any year.**





Citizen of the Year 2025

The Municipal Office is now accepting Nominations for Citizen of the year 2025
If you know of a deserving person or group
send your nominations
Email: admin@matachewan.ca

Jokes of the Month

"What's April's favorite prank?"
"Telling people it's going to be warm…

and then snowing the next day."

"What kind of music does the Easter Bunny like?"
"Hip-hop, of course!"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Township of Matachewan is looking for Volunteers
for all Committees & Community Events

- Are you passionate about helping others?
- Do you want to give back to your Community?

Volunteers are often the Glue that holds a community together

Contact us today to learn more about volunteer opportunities
1-705-565-2274 or Email admin@matachewan.ca
www.Matachewan.com

autism speaks **April is …**
world autism month

Tax and Utility Payments

Tax and utility payments can be made by DEBIT, cheque, or cash or at the bank or online from RBC, TD, BMO, and Credit Union.
Email **accounting@matachewan.ca** for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Payments
Taxes 2nd Installment Due April 24th

TAX & WATER SCHEDULE 2026	
Interim Taxes	**Dates**
Send out	January 16/26
1st Installment Due	February 27/26
2nd Installment Due	April 24/26
Final Taxes	**Dates**
Send out	July 17/26
1st Installment Due	August 28/26
2nd Installment Due	October 23/26
Water Bills	**Dates**
# 1 Send out	February 13/26
Due	March 27/26
# 2 Send out	May 15/26
Due	June 26/26
# 3 Send out	August 14/26
Due	September 25/26
# 4 Send out	November 06/26
Due	December 11/26

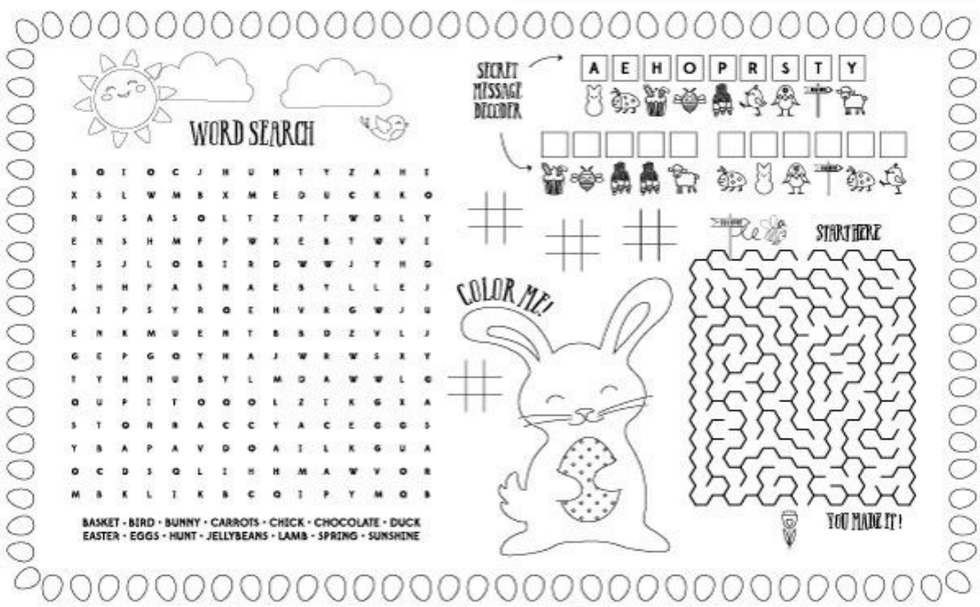
Council Meetings

The meetings are held in the council chambers at 6:00 P.M. members of the Public are welcome to attend all Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting

April 15





BE PREPARED FOR A FLOOD

FEMA

FEMA V-1005/ March 2018

Failing to evacuate flooded areas, entering flood waters, or remaining after a flood has passed can result in injury or death.

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. It is the most common natural disaster in the U.S.

Results from rain, snow, coastal storms, storm surge, and overflows of dams and other water systems

Develops slowly or quickly. Flash floods can come with no warning

Causes outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings, create landslides

IF YOU ARE UNDER A FLOOD WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.

Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

Determine your best protection based on the type of flooding.

- EXIT — Evacuate if told to do so.
- Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
- Stay where you are.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

WHEN A FLOOD THREATENS

Prepare NOW

Know your area's type of flood risk. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at https://msc.fema.gov/portal for information.

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

If flash flooding is a risk in your location, monitor potential signs such as heavy rain.

Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response.

Gather supplies in case you have to leave immediately or if services are cut off. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets. Obtain extra batteries and charging devices for phones and other critical equipment.

Obtain flood insurance. Homeowner's policies do not cover flooding. Get flood coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies.

Protect your property. Move valued items to higher levels. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.

Survive DURING

Depending on where you are, and the impact and the warning time of flooding, go to the safe location that you have identified.

If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Never drive around barricades. Local responders use them to safely direct traffic out of flooded areas.

Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown.® Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Stay off of bridges over fast-moving water. Fast-moving water can wash bridges away without warning.

If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay inside. If water is rising inside the vehicle, seek refuge on the roof.

If trapped in a building, go to its highest level. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising floodwater. Go on the roof only if necessary. Signal for help.

FEMA

FEMA V-1005
Catalog No. 17233-6

Be Safe AFTER

Listen to authorities for information and instructions.

Avoid driving, except in emergencies.

Be aware that snakes and other animals may be in your house. Wear heavy gloves and boots during clean up.

Avoid wading in floodwater, which can contain dangerous debris and be contaminated. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.

Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and away from windows.

Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **ready.gov** and search for **flood**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **flood**. Find Emergency Safety Tips under Prepare.

hydro one

What to do if your home is flooded?

- If water rises near your electrical outlets, baseboard heaters or furnace, or electrical panel, call 1-800-434-1235 to have your power disconnected.
- If any water damage to electrical equipment occurs, a Licensed Electrical Contractor needs to conduct an evaluation and make any necessary repairs before Hydro One can restore power.
- Be sure to keep your emergency kit in a backpack and make sure everyone in your home knows where to find it. See below for what to include.

HydroOne.com/Safety

1.888.664.9376
Customer Care Centre
Weekdays 7:30am – 8pm

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1.800.434.1235
Emergencies and Power Outages
24/7

Emergency preparedness kit

- Water (recommend 2L per person/day)
- Canned or dried food that won't spoil
- A manual can opener
- Cash
- Windup or battery powered flashlight
- Windup or battery powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Any medical items you require
- First aid kit
- Blankets
- Candles and matches. Remember to never leave a burning candle unattended
- At least one corded phone; a cordless phone will not work in a power outage
- Fully charged cell-phone and portable power bank chargers

FLOOD

When a lot of rain comes or a river overflows, that can bring a flood. Floods that happen very quickly are called flash floods.

Playing in flood water is not safe and could make you sick.

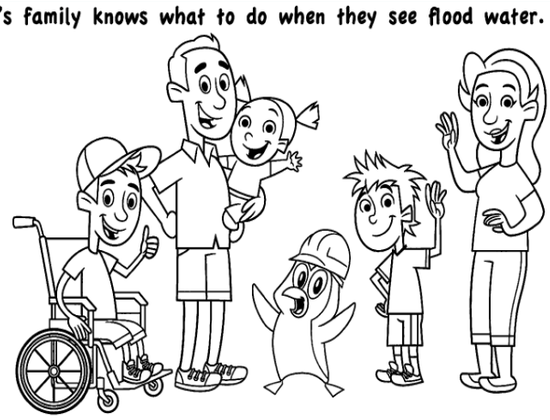
Moving water can sweep you off your feet fast. If you see flood water, never walk through it. Tell adults not to drive through it.



Did you know? Floods are the most common weather event in the United States.

Remember, Turn AROUND, Don't Drown

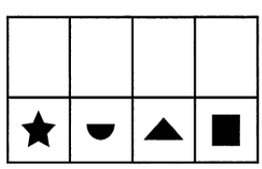
Martin's family knows what to do when they see flood water. Do you?

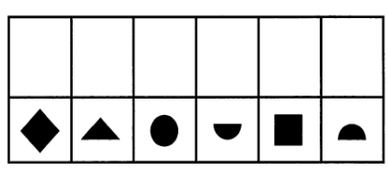


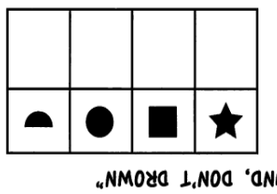
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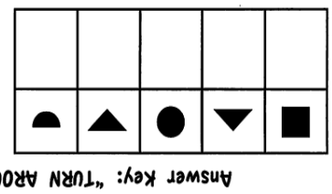
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Answer key: "TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN"