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
July– August 2026

Thank You and All the Best!

Holley Frank has been Administrative Assistant since 2019.

Recently Holley has accepted a position with another agency.

Congratulations on Your New Adventures!

Please Join us in thanking Holley. Any Team would be lucky to have someone as capable, dedicated, and community minded as you.

Thank you to the countless ways you contributed to our municipality's growth.

Notice to Residents

It has come to our attention that the life ring buoy at the beach has been used occasionally for play, left lying around and left knotted. While we love to see everyone having fun, we kindly ask parents and guardians to please remind children that life ring buoys are not toys, they are vital, life-saving emergency tools.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Reminder to Residents

Schedule D "Animal Free Zones"

No Pets at the Beach

Pets are welcome at other public docks located in town

Please clean up after your pets

Thank you

The **speed limit** within the Town of Matachewan is
40km/hr.
ATV/Snowmobile - 20km/hr.
Watch for Children Playing
SLOW DOWN

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

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

Tax bill send out July 17
1st installment Due - August 28
Water bills send out - August 14

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

August 19th

We would like to invite our community members to register to vote and update their voter information before the deadline of

August 12, 2026,

to ensure you are included on our Preliminary List of Electors
Register to vote/update information here: https://www.registertovoteon.ca/



CONGRATULATIONS

PAT HOPKINS

On behalf of Council, Staff, and the residents of the Township of Matachewan, we would like to congratulate Pat Hopkins on being selected as the 2025 Citizen of the Year.

Pat is being recognized for his hard work & dedication to the beatification of our community.

Thank you, Pat, for everything you do for Matachewan and for giving your time and effort to help make our community better.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Township Office Holiday Hours

Office CLOSED
Monday August 3rd, 2026
For Civic Weekend
Landfill will be OPEN

SUMMER
Victoria Day to Thanksgiving (Open Holiday Mondays)

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	10:30AM - 6:30PM
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY	10:30AM - 6:30PM
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	10:30AM - 6:30PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Recycling Dates 2026

Recycling has Switched to every other
Monday
July 20
August 3
August 17
August 31



Stay safe: Heat-related illnesses

Know the signs

Heat rash: red or pink rash usually found in areas where sweat collects.

Heat exhaustion: heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting and fainting.

Heat cramps: painful muscle cramps, caused by dehydration and lack of nutrients from excessive sweating.

Heat stroke: headache, dizziness, confusion and fainting; skin may be hot and dry or damp. This is a medical emergency – seek emergency help and cool down right away.

Consult a healthcare provider or call Health811 (TTY: 1-877-797-0007) if you experience these symptoms.

In the event of medical emergency (for example, loss of consciousness), call emergency services immediately.

Be prepared

Stay hydrated: drink plenty of cool liquids. Water is best.

Stay cool: dress in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing. wear a hat and apply sunscreen.

Stay inside: spend the hottest part of the day (typically noon to 2 p.m.) in air-conditioned homes or public buildings (for example, a mall, library, or cooling station).



Keep your house comfortable: open windows at night to create a cross-breeze. Close awnings, curtains, or blinds during the day to reduce heat indoors.

Check on friends, family, and neighbours: check in daily, particularly if they are at increased risk or they do not have access to functioning air conditioning.

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BE PREPARED FOR A WILDFIRE

Wildfires can ruin homes and cause injuries or death to people and animals.

FEMA

FEMA V-1013/May 2018

A wildfire is an unplanned fire that burns in a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or prairie.

Often caused by humans or lightning.

Can cause flooding or create problems with transportation, gas, power, and communications.

Can damage your property. Set up defense zones to protect your home.

Can happen anywhere, anytime. Risk increases with little rain and high winds.

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WILDFIRE WARNING, GET TO SAFETY RIGHT AWAY

Leave if told to do so.

Listen for emergency information and alerts.

If trapped, call 9-1-1.

911

Use N95 masks to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

OPP urges boating safety as 249 fatalities recorded in Ontario waters since 2016

By 98.9 my FM News/Oldies 99.7 staff May 21, 2026 I 6:48 AM

The Ontario Provincial Police are issuing a strong safety reminder to boaters and paddlers ahead of the busy summer season, following concerning trends in marine fatalities across the province. Between 2016 and 2025, 249 people died in OPP-investigated boating incidents, including more than 100 individuals in human-powered watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

Police say the majority of those who died were not wearing a lifejacket or personal flotation device at the time of the incident, with capsizing and falling overboard identified as the most common causes of death.

In total, 205 fatalities -about 83 per cent -involved victims who were either not wearing a life jacket or were wearing one improperly. Officers say this remains one of the most preventable factors in boating deaths.

The OPP is also warning boaters about other contributing risks, including alcohol or drug impairment, inexperience, poor weather conditions and hazardous waterways. As part of Safe Boating Awareness Week, marine officers will be conducting patrols and promoting compliance with federal boating laws.

Officials are urging all water users to ensure vessels are properly equipped, check weather conditions before heading out, and understand cold-water survival principles such as the 1-10-1 rule. Boaters are also reminded to remain sober on the water and to always wear a properly fitted lifejacket.

Key guidelines to keep you safe when river swimming

If you are venturing into rivers to swim, then these are key guidelines to keep you safe:

1. Know the body of water. Water source, risk of pollution/contaminants, flow rates and under currents, safe entry /exits points, potential under water hazards. Local knowledge is invaluable here.

2. Dynamically risk assess the conditions, i.e. the water temp, flow and depth, air temp/wind chill, potential weather changes, potential debris or pollution in the water. Definitely avoid river swimming for 3-Sdays after a storm and when a river is in spate (a largely rain-fed, fast-flowing river).

3. Never swim alone in rivers, and always have shore support, they are your call for help.

4. Always swim upstream from safe entry /exit points or be very clear on where the next safe exit points are if swimming downstream.

5. Understand your tolerance of cold water. swim within your capabilities and be prepared for your post-swim recovery if swimming in the winter. If you have a long walk back after your swim be prepared for 'after drop' and the risk of post-swim hypothermia. Have an ICE plan.

6. If the conditions aren't safe then you should walk away and accept that 'today is a non-swimming' day.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

WHEN A WILDFIRE THREATENS

Prepare NOW

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.

Know your community's evacuation routes and find several ways to leave the area. Drive the evacuation routes and find shelter locations. Have a plan for pets and livestock.

Gather emergency supplies, including N95 respirator masks that filter out particles in the air you breathe. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.

Keep important documents in a fireproof safe. Create password-protected digital copies.

Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate, or make repairs.

Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.

Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.

Review insurance coverage to make sure it is enough to replace your property.

Survive DURING

Evacuate. Leave immediately if authorities tell you to do so.

If trapped, call 9-1-1 and give your location, but be aware that emergency response could be delayed or impossible. Turn on lights to help people find you.

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

Use an N95 masks to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

Be Safe AFTER

Listen to authorities to find out if it is safe to return and whether water is safe to drink.

Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers. The ground may contain heat pockets that can burn you or spark another fire. Consider the danger to pets and livestock walking the ground.

Send text messages or use social media to reach out to family and friends. Phone systems are often busy following a disaster. Make calls only in emergencies.

Document property damage with photographs. Conduct an inventory and contact your insurance company for assistance.

FEMA

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Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov/wildfires.** Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **wildfire.**