

TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN **MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025**

Birthday/Anniversary Shout-outs

For \$5.00 you can have someone's Birthday or anniversary posted in the Municipal Newsletter in this location

Birthday/anniversary Funds will be in Support of committee events

Obituary's

Obituary's can also be posted here Must be original from the family

Recycling Dates

Recycling Pick up is every other Wednesday January 15 January 29 February 12 February 26 March 12 March 26 April 9 April 23 If you wish to contact Eco Logix Please call

& leave a message

705-647-2322

Citizen of the Year 2024

The Municipal Office is now accepting Nominations for Citizen of the year 2024

If you know of a deserving person or group send your nominations

Email: admin@matachewan.ca

Water Lines Reminder

Reminder to our Community that frost can cause water lines to freeze.

In order to prevent your water lines from freezing, Please ensure you have a water bleeder installed.

Should your water lines Freeze, an outside company would need to be called in, and the homeowner will be responsible for the cost of

thawing the line

Joke Of The Month

"Why didn't the whistleblower go outside during the winter?"

"He was Snowden"

"Why should you stand on one leg on New Year's Eve? To start the new year on the right foot"

THE SALVATION ARMY DELIVERS **TO MATACHEWAN!**

Near the end of every month, a food-drop off will be made if services are required. Salvation Army Phone #: 1-705-567-5877

or E-mail:

KLfoodbank@salvationarmy.ca

New clients will need to complete an intake form you must, reach out to notify that services will be needed

each month

TAX & WATER SCHEDULE 2025 Dates interim Taxes end out January 17/25 Lst Installment Due February 27/25 2nd Installment Due April 25/25 Dates Final Taxe Send out July 18/25 lst Installment Due August 28/25 2nd Installment Due October 24/25 Water Bills Dates # 1 Send out February 14/25 March 28/25 # 2 Send out May 16/25 June 27/25 Due

August 15/25

September 26/25

November 07/25

Happy New Year



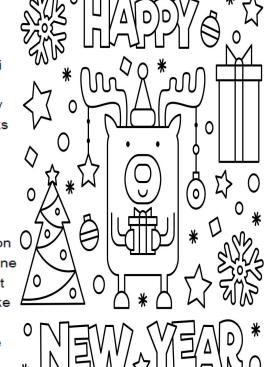
Dance Confetti Clock January Fireworks Family Goals Year **Kiss** Party Resolution Champagne Midnight

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Township of Matachewan - Economic Development

"VISION - GROWTH - SUSTAINABILITY"

Our community is growing, we are open for development and together we all have a vested vision of its sustainability.

As community members, Elders/Seniors, Families, Youth, Transient Employee's, Business Owners/Entrepreneurs, external stakeholders, Visitors, Industry Partners, Tourists, Volunteers, Leadership, we all are a part of the growth and sustainability in one fashion or another.

"We all need to understand where we are so we can decide where to go."

Throughout 2024, as part of the growth and development of our community, the Township of Matachewan, leadership, staff and volunteers have been working on several projects and

- > FEDNOR: Updated 2015 Strategic Plan Funding Application Ongoing
- NOHFC: Splashpad Funding Application Stage 2
- OTF: Splashpad Funding Application Declined-lots of applications
- ➤ Ministry of Solicitor General-Fire Protection Grant 5 SCBA's Ongoing
- Ministry of Seniors & Accessibility: Seniors Active Living Centre Application Ongoing
- Alamos Gold Initiatives and Donations
- Temiskaming Northern Ontario Sno Travelers: Tentative Re-open Ski-doo Trail
- Kirkland District Community Development Corporation: Business Loans & Information
- > YDMC Initiatives Ongoing
- > Seniors Action Plan-Inclusive Community Grant: Declined-lots of applications

Going into 2025, we will continue to bring you Economic Development highlights as part of the monthly newsletter that will be available on the municipality's website, Facebook page, in the mail and at the municipal office.

- ➤ Updates on 2024 Funding Applications, Projects & Initiatives
 ➤ Temiskaming Northern Ontario Sno Travelers: Tentative Prep trail for Winter 2025-Volunteers will be needed
- Agriculture Economic Development: Are there opportunities for development?
- Outdoor Rink Roof: Quotes and Funding
- > Quarterly Reports
- Succession and Community Improvement Planning
 Community Recreation and Social Activities

"We welcome any additional Economic Development Project ideas or

Initiatives you may have."

Call our office at 705-565-2274 and speak with the Economic Development Coordinator

ICE MYTHS AND COLD REALITIES

Be Water Smarts in summer, and winter! Always check the ice before you go on it, measure clean hard ice in several places and be wary of varying temperature conditions. Here are some myths and realities to

1) Myth: Waterlogged clothing pulls you down in the water and makes you drown.

Reality: Actually, air trapped in your clothing will help keep you afloat temporarily. Once the clothes are soaked with water, they will be heavier, making moving and swimming more difficult.

2) Myth: The better you swim the better your chances of rescuing yourself if you fall through the ice.

Reality: Swimming proficiency plays only a small part in ice-related rescues. After as little as five minutes, cold water begins to rob you of your ability to move your limbs. This makes it very difficult for you to get out of the water, no matter what your swimming ability.

3) Myth: Snow on a frozen lake or river makes the ice surface stronger.

Reality: Snow acts as an insulating blanket, actually hindering ice formation and growth.

4) Myth: If the weather has been cold, the ice must be solid and safe.

Reality: Other factors that are largely independent of air temperature (e.g., wind, a layer of snow on the ice, currents and fluctuating water levels) can weaken ice and make it unable to bear weight. A sudden drop in air temperature, which is actually more dangerous than a sudden rise, can create cracks in the

5) Myth: Thick ice is stronger than thin ice.

Reality: Even thick ice may be weak if it is "rotten" or contains layers of water. Rotten ice has frozen and thawed repeatedly, making it potentially fragile even when it appears solid.





Join OTF's Grant Review Committee! https://otf.ca/who-we-are/volunteering

We are recruiting volunteers for OTF's Grant Review Committee to support the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF). Volunteers use their lived experiences and community connections to provide unique insights and make grant recommendations to OTF's Board of Directors. Eligible volunteers include:

- Individuals at various life stages: young leaders, parents, guardians, caregivers, and elders.
- People with experience supporting youth or running community-based programs.
- Those who share identities and lived experiences with the Youth Opportunities Fund's diverse priority populations.

How to apply: Send us a brief description of your lived experiences, community work, and knowledge of equity frameworks that align with the Youth Opportunities Fund.

Email: volunteersupport@otf.ca

Email us to submit your application

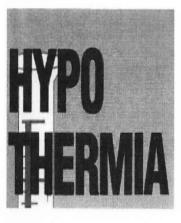
CHECK THE ICE BEFORE YOU GO ON IT.

Thin ice is responsible for many fatalities each year. Hypothermia, which is a decrease in body temperature, kills people in cold water by reducing their ability to swim or stay affoat. A person who has fallen through the ice can eventually die of cardiac arrest if they are not rescued or rewarmed.

Although most victims who fall through the ice are men, it is important that safety tips are practiced by all.

Safety Tips:

- Always check ice thickness before venturing out. Snowmobiles require at least five inches of clear solid ice and autos at least eight inches to a foot of clear solid ice.
- 2. Be suspicious. You cannot tell the strength of the ice by its appearance. Temperature, thickness, snow cover, water depth, size of water body, currents and distribution of the load on top of the ice are all factors affecting ice safety.
- 3. Before you head onto any ice, check with a local bait shop operator or resort owner for known ice conditions, thin ice areas or dangerous open water conditions.



What to do if you break through the ice?

- Don't panic the clothes you're wearing will trap air and keep you buoyant.
- 2. Turn toward the direction you came from and place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface
- Kick your feet and try to push yourself forward on top of the unbroken ice on your stomach like a
- 4. Once you are lying on the ice, don't stand up. Roll away from the break until you're on solid ice.