

# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER MARCH-APRIL 2024

## 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.*

#### Mayor and Council

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#### Taxes

Interest of 1.25% per month will be added to all unpaid taxes after the due date.

#### Water/utility

interest of 5% will be added to unpaid utility bill after the due date

#### **Tax and utility bills 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](mailto:accounting@matachewan.ca) for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments,

use "What township is it?" as the security question "Matachewan" as the answer.

#### **TAX & WATER SCHEDULE 2024**

<b>Interim Taxes</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Send out</b>	<b>January 19/24</b>
<b>1st Installment Due</b>	<b>February 29/24</b>
<b>2nd Installment Due</b>	<b>April 30/24</b>
<b>Final Taxes</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Send out</b>	<b>July 19/24</b>
<b>1st Installment Due</b>	<b>August 30/24</b>
<b>2nd Installment Due</b>	<b>October 31/24</b>

<b>Water Bills</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b># 1 Send out</b>	<b>February 16/24</b>
<b>Due</b>	<b>March 29/24</b>
<b># 2 Send out</b>	<b>May 17/24</b>
<b>Due</b>	<b>June 28/24</b>
<b># 3 Send out</b>	<b>August 16/24</b>
<b>Due</b>	<b>September 27/24</b>
<b># 4 Send out</b>	<b>November 08/24</b>
<b>Due</b>	<b>December 13/24</b>

### Municipal Office Easter weekend Hours

Friday March 29- **CLOSED** Monday April 1st – **CLOSED**

#### Council Meetings are being conducted on

#### Catalis (All-Net) Meetings

### NEW MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The new Township website is now up and running please check it out at [www.matachewan.com](http://www.matachewan.com)

The Month of April is ....



# world autism month

The Township of Matachewan recognizes the month of April as Autism Awareness month!

*#LightitupBlue*

*#AutismspeaksCanada*

## Matachewan Landfill Hours

Open Holiday Mondays from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving

Monday	<u>CLOSED</u>
Tuesday	10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	<u>CLOSED</u>
Thursday	10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday	<u>CLOSED</u>
Saturday	10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	<u>CLOSED</u>

## Recycling Dates

Recycling Pick up is every other Wednesday

March 27      April 10  
April 24      May 8  
May 22        June 5  
June 19       July 3rd

## Recycling

If you wish to contact  
Eco Logix Please call  
705-647-2322  
& leave a message

## NOTICE

All Municipal Vehicles have been equipped with Cameras.

## All DOG OWNERS

All Dog Owners must purchase a dog tag for each dog every year

**2024 tags are available at the Town Office**

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

No Exemptions except for Service animals (with proof)

Contact the Municipal Office for By-law 2013-15 regarding other Species

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

## Parking By-Law 2012-13

Please be aware that snow removal is happening now.

Please remember that vehicles must be parked off of municipal streets, at night, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:30 am from November 1st to April 15th

## Speed Limit By-law 2018-18

The speed limit within the Town of Matachewan is

40km/hr. ATV/Snowmoblie 20km/hr.

Watch for Children Playing **SLOW DOWN**

## *Citizen of the Year 2023*

The Municipal Office is now accepting  
Nominations for  
Citizen of the year 2023

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

The Township of Matachewan  
P.O BOX 177 Matachewan, P0K 1M0  
Or by Email [admin@matachewan.ca](mailto:admin@matachewan.ca)

Starting in the 2024 new year

The Salvation Army will be doing a  
monthly delivery to Matachewan!  
This will be done at the end of every  
month. If you require their services,  
you can contact the Salvation Army at  
1-705-567-5877

To obtain these services you will need to  
do an intake form with Amy Rivait.  
You must also reach out each month to  
notify them of what you need.

# COMMUNITY SURVEY FOR THE TOWN OF MATACHEWAN

*Have your say on recreational infrastructure upgrades.*



SCAN THE CODE TO  
TAKE OUR SURVEY



# Solar Eclipse Safety

April 8, 2024

As the moon aligns perfectly between Earth and the Sun, parts of Ontario will experience temporary darkness. Use the advice below to stay safe during the eclipse.

## Warning!

Looking directly at the uncovered Sun without protection can cause retinal burns, blurred vision, or loss of eyesight. There are no pain sensors in your retinas to tell you that your eyes are being damaged. Once symptoms begin, the damage is usually too late to reverse.

## Quick facts

- 1 The eclipse is expected to start just after 2:00 p.m. EDT with a full eclipse from approximately 3:20 p.m. and move eastward. The specific time and duration of the eclipse will depend on your location. Areas outside the path of totality will observe a partial solar eclipse.
- 2 Historically, eclipses have prompted mass movements of people to prime viewing areas.
- 3 Check your municipality's website for service changes and local closures.
- 4 For more information about viewing the eclipse in Ontario, visit [Destination Ontario's website](#).

## Travel tips

- 1 While driving, avoid looking at the eclipse. Keep your eyes on the road to safely operate your vehicle and avoid collisions.
- 2 Follow local directives and road signage as you travel on April 8. While travelling on highways, do not stop, take pictures, or get out of your car to view the eclipse.
- 3 Stay updated on road conditions before, during, and after the eclipse by visiting [511on.ca](#).
- 4 Expect increases in traffic and road congestion. Plan ahead, fill your gas tank, and have snacks, water, entertainment, and first-aid supplies on hand.
- 5 If travelling to view the eclipse, plan to arrive at your destination 24 to 48 hours ahead of time.

## Eye safety

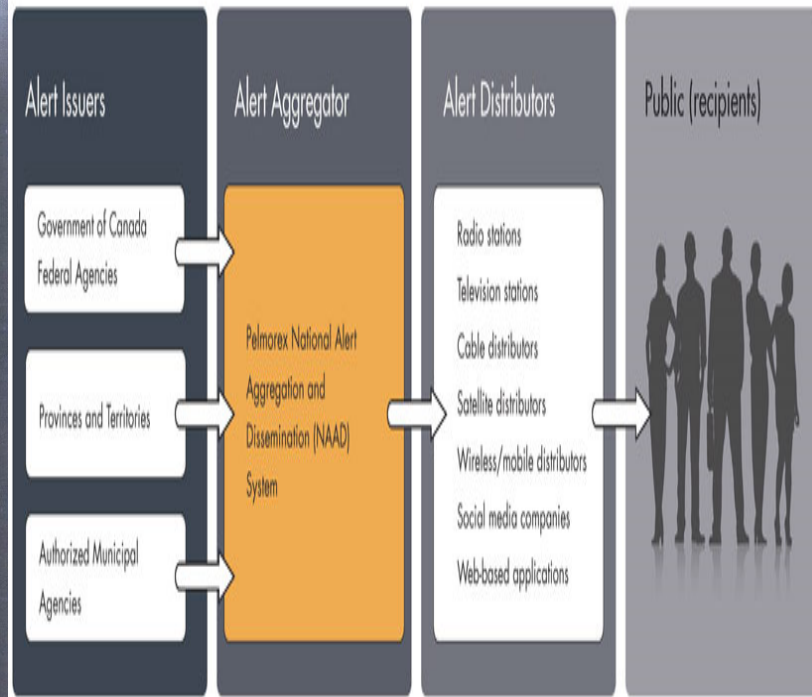
- 1 It is not safe to look at the Sun without eye protection. Looking at even a small sliver before or after the eclipse without eye protection can be harmful to your vision. Health impacts may include retinal burns, blurred vision, and loss of eyesight (immediate or delayed onset).
- 2 Glasses with specialized filters adhering to the ISO 12312-2 international standard can be worn to prevent eye damage. Glasses should be inspected for wrinkles or scratches ahead of use and should not be used if damaged.
- 3 If appropriate eye protection is not available, alternative viewing strategies should be considered, such as an [eclipse box](#) or a live stream.

Visit the [Canadian Space Agency's website](#) for more information.



Ontario

# Emergency Alerts and the National Public Alerting System



## Alert Timeline

- 1 An emergency management organization (Issuer) decides to issue an alert.
- 2 An authorized Issuer enters the alert into the NAAD System.
- 3 The NAAD System ensures quick and secure delivery of alerts to the Distributors, exactly as provided by the Issuer.
- 4 The Public receives alerts through various channels and responds appropriately to the emergency or situation.

# BE PREPARED FOR A FLOOD

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



FEMA V-1005/ March 2018

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.



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



**Know your area's type of flood risk.** Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov/> 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.

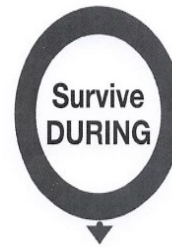
**Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans,** and flash flood response.

**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.



**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.



**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.



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Catalog No. 172334

February  
2024

“The Timiskaming Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Committee is a multi-sectoral group representing 23 municipalities within Timiskaming District, including the municipality of Temagami.”



TIMISKAMING

SIX MONTH REPORT

**Success of the CSWB to date:**

Since adopting the CSWB Plan in 2022, the following has been accomplished:

Hired CSWB coordinator (June 2023)

Built district-wide capacity and established a steering committee and 4 working groups (September to October 2023)

Expressed advocacy to the Provincial Government for financial support of the implementation of Ontario CSWB Plans (November to January 2023)

Developed connections with 24 liaisons to organizations and programs outside the umbrella of the CSWB Committee (Ongoing 2024)

Held 18 meetings, engaged 12 exterior organizations, completed and supported 4 funding opportunity applications (Ongoing 2024)

**CSWB GOALS:**

Increasing access, lowering barriers, reducing crises, high quality health & wellbeing.

Greater housing inventory, more housing options, more pathways to housing, expanded shelter services.

Creating career pathways for local work opportunities, reducing skilled job vacancies and underemployment.

Addressing root causes of poverty, improving public transportation, reducing food insecurity.

Building sense of community around the environment, creating plans for mitigating climate change effects.

Increasing feelings of belonging and safety, ensuring access to justice, improving road safety.

**Health & Well-Being:**

**Goal:** Linking municipalities to community health, and improving accessibility to health services.

**In Action:** Developing an effective service map for the health of our communities.

What is the CSWB doing for our communities?

**Housing & Homelessness:**

**Goal:** Increasing the availability of housing options, and serving community members experiencing homelessness.

**In Action:** Addressing housing-related stigma in our communities.

**Community Safety:**

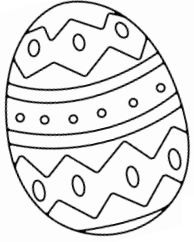
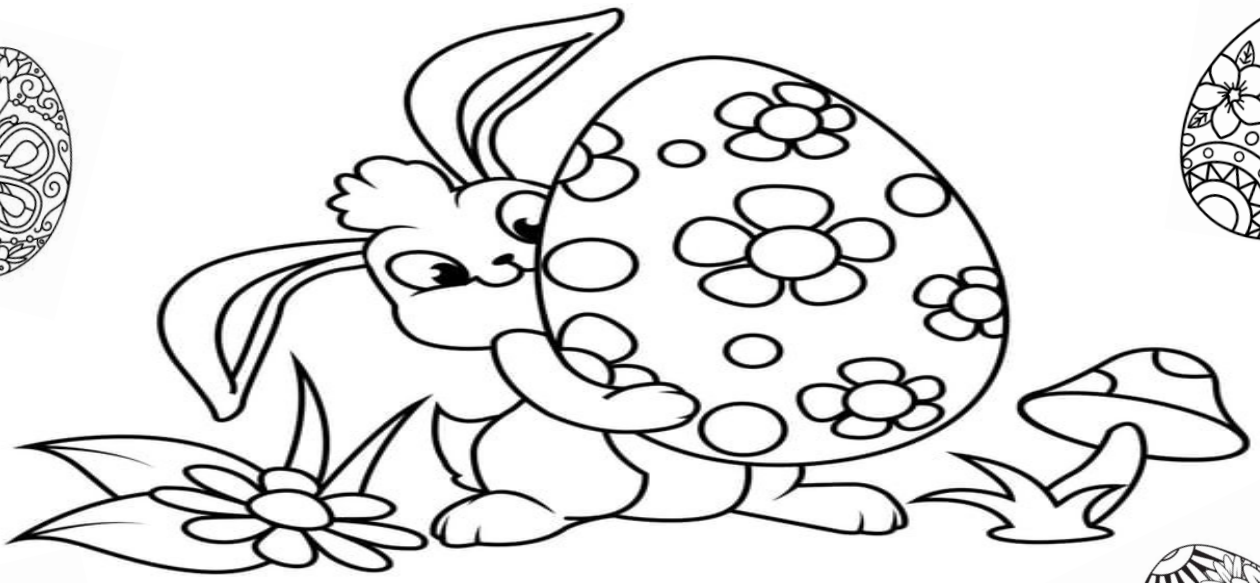
**Goal:** Increasing feelings of safety and belonging in our communities, ensuring accessible justice, and improving road safety for all Timiskaming residents.

**In Action:** Combining efforts with the Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy.

**Direct Action Response Team (DART):**

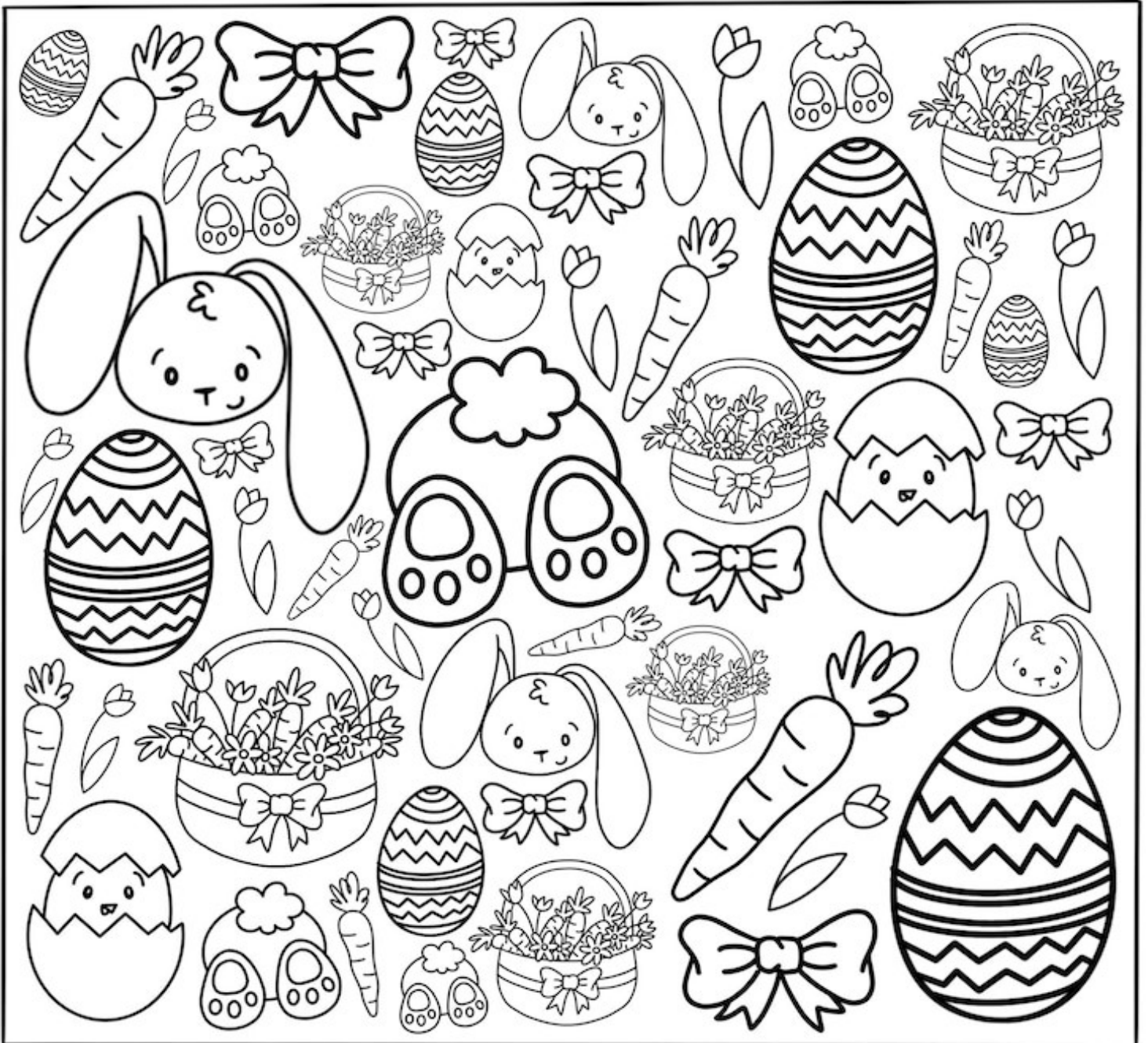
**Goal:** Addressing short-term initiatives and emerging issues in our communities.









**In Action:** Exploring opportunities for inter-municipality transportation.



# Easter I Spy

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