

# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 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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Applications to fill the Council vacancy can be filed until **October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM** applications can be found on our website or picked up at the office

### 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, cash or at the bank, 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

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

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

## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday-Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm**

**Council Meetings are being conducted on**

**Catalis (All-Net) Meetings**

## Water

If you have any concerns regarding the water ie: colour, sediment, odour  
please contact the office 705-565-2274



## 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](mailto:KLfoodbank@salvationarmy.ca)

New clients will need to complete an intake form

Must reach out to notify that services will be needed each month



EarlyON Program will be at the YDMC  
 September 24th 10:30 am to 12:30 PM  
 Intended to support children,  
 parents and caregivers in learning, growing  
 and connecting - together.



Adult PickleBall at the YDMC  
 Monday 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM  
 Wednesday 6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
 Saturday 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

# INFORMATION SESSION

Accelerate Your Success: Discover our Services

- Business Counselling
- Business Financing
- Community Development

1 pm to 2 pm  
**OCTOBER 3 2024**  
 YOUNG DAVIDSON  
 MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPLEX

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
 THE CORPORATION OF  
 THE TOWNSHIP OF  
 MATACHEWAN

Société de développement communautaire  
**Kirkland & District**  
 Community Development Corporation

Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario / Agence fédérale de développement économique pour le Nord de l'Ontario

Canada

## Regular Meeting of Council

September 18th, 2024  
 October 2nd, 2024  
 in the Council Chamber at 6:00 PM

## STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUSES

School buses in Ontario come in a range of sizes. All are chrome yellow and display the words "School Bus."

You must stop whenever you approach a stopped school bus with its upper alternating red lights flashing, regardless of whether you are behind the bus or approaching it from the front. When approaching the bus from the front, stop at a safe distance for children to get off the bus and cross the road in front of you. If you are coming from behind the bus, stop at least 20 metres away. Do not go until the bus moves or the lights have stopped flashing.



As well as the upper alternating red flashing lights, school buses use a stop-sign arm on the driver's side of the bus. This arm, a standard stop sign with alternating flashing red lights at top and bottom, swings out after the upper alternating red lights begin to flash. Remain stopped until the arm folds away and all lights stop flashing.

It is illegal to fail to stop for a stopped school bus that has its red lights flashing. If you don't stop, you can be fined \$400 to \$2,000 and receive six demerit points for a first offence. If you are convicted a second time within five years, the penalty is a fine of \$1,000 to \$4,000 and six demerit points. You could also go to jail for up to six months. In Ontario, school bus drivers and other witnesses can report vehicles that have illegally passed a school bus.

**Note:** Watch for school buses near railway crossings. All school buses must stop at all railway crossings; however, the upper alternating red lights are not used for these stops.



## Using a Generator Safely at Home

Cross is not liable for any defect in the materials, any decision or action you take based on the materials, or any associated damage or expenses (direct or indirect).

Using a portable generator after a power outage is definitely handy, but generators can be dangerous if they're used incorrectly. Be cautious and always follow all safety instructions provided by the manufacturer. The following are some safety tips and information about the dangers of home generators. You should consult a professional for assistance when installing a home generator and for advice with respect to your specific circumstances and generator type.

### Setting up your generator

- Start by making sure the generator has all the necessary safety labels.
- Make sure the generator you purchase is rated for the power that you think you will need.
- Find a qualified electrician to install the generator in a safe location.
- Before using a generator make sure the unit is properly grounded and follow the instructions and electrical codes carefully.
- When in doubt always ask a professional.

### Potential Hazards

The two main hazards to be aware of when using a generator are electrocution and carbon monoxide poisoning. Portable generators can also be fire hazards.

## What are the most common type of school bus accidents?



### rear-end collision

The most common type of school bus accident is a rear-end collision. This type of accident typically involves two vehicles, one of which is the school bus, and occurs when one vehicle strikes another from behind. Rear-end collisions are often caused by tailgating or distracted driving, such as texting while driving. Mar 29, 2023

## Speed Limit By-law 2018-18

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

### Electrocution

- Losing power during a flood is not uncommon. However, never use a generator in a flooded basement. It's important to keep the generator in a dry place.
- Make sure to protect the generator from rain and cover it with a canopy if necessary.
- Always operate the generator in a dry place and make sure your hands are dry.

### Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Carbon monoxide poisoning happens when someone breathes in too much carbon monoxide, an odourless colourless gas that can be deadly.
- Be sure to keep the generator somewhere with proper ventilation.
- If the generator is outside, don't place it close to any windows or vents because carbon monoxide can build up inside.
- Have working carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home and check the batteries frequently. If the detectors are wired to the house's electricity supply, make sure they have battery-powered back-ups.
- The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include dizziness, headaches, nausea and tiredness. If you experience any of these symptoms go outside for fresh air immediately.

### Fire Hazard

- Generators become extremely hot during operation.
- Let the generator cool down and turn it off before refueling. Never refuel the generator while it's still hot.
- Store your fuel outside in approved containers. Don't store any fuel near a fuel-burning appliance or the generator itself.

Canadian Red Cross emergency preparedness information is provided for free to the public on an "as is" basis to increase preparedness and safety. Best effort is made to ensure accuracy and the absence of defects. However, Canadian Red Cross does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement of the information. By using the information, you agree that Canadian Red

## By-law 2022-24 Property Standards Yard maintenance

14.4 C. Grass, plantings and hedges shall be kept trimmed and neat. Every yard and vacant property shall be kept free from heavy undergrowth, excessive growth of grass, weeds and noxious plants in accordance with the Weed Control Act, 1990, Chapter W.5,

## Backyard Chicken Regulations

### Backyard Chickens Regulations By-Law 2024-18

- A maximum of eight (8) chickens/hens shall be allowed on premises zoned 'residential'
- Roosters are strictly prohibited
- Chickens will be kept in the coop between 9:00p.m. and 6:00a.m.
- Each hen is provided with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care if needed and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the chickens in good health
- Hens must be contained on owner's property and kept in a coop and or run at all times
- Owner of the chickens must reside on or next to the property where the hens are kept
- Rental properties require written permission from the owner
- Multi-residential properties such as apartments are not permitted to have chickens
- All other by-laws will still apply, for example, noise, animal control, property standards



**Kirkland Lake  
Ontario Provincial Police  
Detachment Present**

# **ATV/HUNTING SAFETY PRESENTATION**

**September 20th, 2024**

**Time: TBD**

**Location: YDMC**



## Accepted Recycling Practices

### What can I put in my clear recycling bag?

- Empty plastics that contain the recycling symbol on them (water bottles and laundry soap containers)
- Empty steel and aluminum cans used for food and drink (soup cans and soda cans)
- Empty paper products (newspaper and cereal boxes etc.)
- Empty glass jars (spaghetti jars and drink containers etc.)
- Broken down cardboard boxes
- Electronics (cell phones, tvs, radios, batteries)

### General rules

- All cardboard must be broken down flat for recycling. Very large amounts should be bundled together.
- Cardboard boxes cannot be used as recycling bins for mixed recycling, however a box can be used to contain other broken down cardboard boxes.
- Black bags are not accepted for containing recycling. Clear bags are accepted.
- No food waste
- No medical waste
- No wood or metal scraps
- No cigarette butts
- No human or animal waste
- No large heavy carts for loose recycling (we must be able to safely lift and tip and recycling container) but you can use the larger carts to hold your clear bags.
- No Kleenex, toilette paper, paper towels, pads or tampons
- No clothes, fabrics, shoes etc.
- No pots, pans, dishes, vases etc.
- Collectors will not be verbally or physically abused or bullied. This will result in discontinued collection services to your residence or business.
- Inappropriate materials will be left behind

## 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

September 11    September 25

October 9        October 23

November 6     November 20

### Recycling

If you wish to contact

Eco Logix Please call

705-647-2322

& leave a message

## Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief : Mike Schoenwald Cell: 905-767-7094

Email: [matachewanfire@matachewan.ca](mailto:matachewanfire@matachewan.ca)

We are Still Looking For Volunteers to join our team Contact Fire Chief Mike to join



## Reminder

# No Dogs at Beach and Park



# Truth and Reconciliation Week

September 23rd to 27th

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 30 IS A DAY TO REMEMBER THAT EVERY CHILD MATTERS.

**P**hyllis Webstad is Interior Salish, from the Stswecem'c (Canoe Creek) Xgat'tem (Dog Creek) First Nation. In 1973, when she was six, she was sent to St. Joseph's Mission Residential School in Williams Lake, B.C. She wanted to look nice, so she chose a new orange shirt her grandmother had given her to wear on the first day of school. When she arrived, the

people who ran the school took away her beautiful orange shirt and forced her to wear a uniform. That was the start of many things taken away from Phyllis and other children forced to live in that residential school. In 2013, she started Orange Shirt Day as a day for everyone to learn about residential schools and think about the harm they did to her and those who came before her.

### TRUTH

"That which corresponds to reality"

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS WERE A CULTURAL ASSIMILATION. THE EFFECTS STILL IMPACT INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES.

- Residential schools operated from 1831 until 1996.
- Indigenous children nationwide were compelled to attend.
- While there, they faced abuse, neglect, malnutrition, and disease. Thousands died.
- They were forced to speak only English or French, and forbidden to use their own languages.
- This nearly destroyed Indigenous cultures and languages across Canada.

It is estimated that **150,000 children** attended residential school in Canada.

### RECONCILIATION

"Restoring positive relationships"

RECONCILIATION COMES THROUGH COMPASSION FOR AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND A WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN.

- The history of residential schools still burdens many Indigenous communities.
- The first step toward reconciliation is a willingness to listen and learn.
- Listen empathetically and with an open mind.
- Reconciliation requires action.



### ACTION

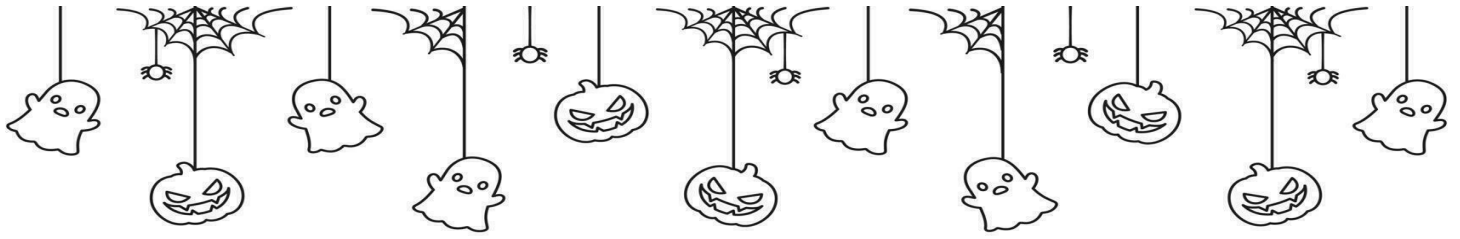
- Participate in **Orange Shirt Day (September 30)** and learn the story behind why we wear orange at [orangeshirtday.org](http://orangeshirtday.org).
- Learn about whose land you live on to honour **land acknowledgement** at [native-land.ca](http://native-land.ca).
- Read the **94 Calls to Action** and learn about what important steps still need to be taken towards reconciliation.

"There are no shortcuts. When it comes to Truth and Reconciliation, we are forced to go the distance."

– JUSTICE MURRAY SINCLAIR

*Township of Matachewan*  
**National Day of Truth & Reconciliation**  
**September 30**  
 Join us in observation at the **Beach at 10:00 am**  
 We will be letting off orange smoke flares from Miners Hill  
 As a way to Honour & Remember Those impacted by Residential Schools





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

The Township office will be handing out Goodie bags during office hours

Wednesday October 30th

Thursday October 31st

from 8:30 am—5:00pm

Stop at the office to pickup a goodie bag

JOIN US FOR A

## KIDS HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 26TH FROM 6-8PM  
AT THE RECREATION HALL

Bring your jack-o-lantern to enter the pumpkin decorating contest!

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM

# HALLOWEEN

## SAFETY TIPS



### Costumes

Ensure costumes fit well and do not obstruct vision or impede movement to prevent trips and falls. Avoid long, trailing costumes or accessories that may cause accidents or entanglements.

### Trick-or-Treating

Always accompany young children during trick-or-treating and plan a safe route in well-lit areas. Stay on the sidewalks. Look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing the street; never cross the street between parked cars.



### After Dark

Consider having trick-or-treaters use glow sticks or wear retro-reflective tape on costumes and on treat buckets. Bring flashlights!



### When Driving

Drive slowly in neighborhoods and stay alert. Look for children crossing the street, and keep your headlights on at all times.



### Fire Safety

Keep fire away from flammable materials like decorations and costumes, and never leave open flames unattended. Use flameless candles or battery-operated lights for decorations to avoid fire hazards.



### Haunted Attractions

Follow all posted rules and guidelines when visiting haunted houses or mazes. Be aware of any age restrictions or recommendations for certain attractions.

