



## MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013



*First day of Summer June 21, 2013*



### STEEL RECYCLING: REQUEST FOR TENDERS

The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Matachewan invites tenders to be submitted for the following contract.

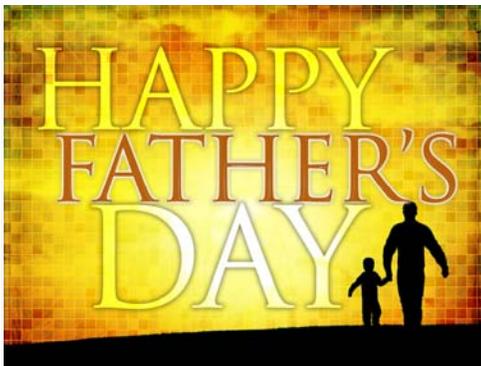
MRFP 2013-02 Steel Recycling:

Operator and equipment required to remove recyclable steel.

Interested contractors are invited to submit sealed bids quoting MRFP 2013-02 prior to Friday, June 28th at 4:30pm to the attention of:

Andrew Van Oosten  
The Township of Matachewan  
P.O. Box 177  
Matachewan, ON  
POK 1M0

### To all Dads, Stepdads and Granddads



Sunday June 16, 2013

### THE FUNDRAISER DINNER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all those who donated their, time, effort, food, money and gifts to the recent Spaghetti Dinner.

The event was a great success, and it is exciting to see such a small community come together for such a good cause.

Let's keep up the Matachewan spirit and have more community-inspired events in the future!



### 2013 BUDGET

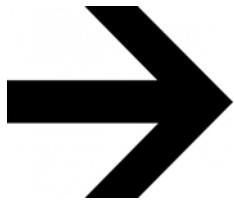
The Township of Matachewan has a number of new initiatives planned for this year that are included in the municipal budget. These include: completion of the cemetery improvements that have been ongoing over the past few years, major upgrades to the outdoor rink, the completion of the ball field across from the town hall, the acquisition of additional development lands, some new equipment and training for the fire department, new equipment for public works, some road repairs, some minor water system improvements, an enhanced recycling program, improvements to the Recreation Hall and Young Davidson Multifunctional Complex, and a town beautification program, including clean-up, new park benches, new flower boxes and improved signage.

### PUBLIC WORKS

The Township of Matachewan is pleased to announce that we have summer students joining our team this year. The Public Works summer students will soon be hard at work.

### COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for Monday June 17, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Matachewan Township Office.



Recycle your pop cans, drop them off at the designated area at the landfill or the front of the public works garage.  
 Proceeds from the recycled steel goes towards the fireworks for Canada Day!

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### WILDLAND FIRES

#### Facts about wildland fires in Canada

- Canada has approximately 10% of the world's forests. Each year over the last 25 years, about 8,300 forest fires have occurred. The total area burned varies widely from year to year, but averages 2.3 million hectares annually.
- Only 3% of all wildland fires that start each year in Canada grow more to more than 200 hectares in area. However, these fires account for 97% of the total area burned across the country.
- Fire suppression costs over the last decade in Canada have ranged from \$500 million to \$1 billion a year.

Canadian Wildland Fire information System, fire weather and behavior maps can be viewed at  
[www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca](http://www.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca)

**SMOKE ALARM**  
 • YOUR •  
**COTTAGE**

Just like your home, your cottage or cabin must have working smoke alarms on every storey.  
 It's the law.

### CAMPFIRES

It's important to protect yourself and the environment by enjoying campfires safely.

- **Choose a safe site for your campfire.** Pick a site close to a water source, sheltered from the wind, at least 15 meters from buildings and tents and at least three meters away from logs, bushes and overhanging branches.
- **Prepare the site.** Use designated fire pits where possible. If a fire pit is not available, build your fire on a rock surface or bare dirt. Clear a space about two meters wide, being sure to brush away all pine needles, twigs, grass and leaves. Make sure you have a bucket of water and a shovel close by.
- **Build your fire.** Build your fire like a teepee, with a layer of kindling surrounded by logs. Keep the fire small, no more than one meter tall and one meter wide. Small fires are easier to control. **Never** leave a fire unattended.

When you're ready to put out your fire and call it a night, follow these guidelines:

1. Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible
2. Pour lots of water on the fire, drown ALL embers, not just the red ones
3. Pour until hissing sound stops
4. Stir the campfire ashes and embers with a shovel
5. Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers
6. Stir and make sure everything is wet and they are cold to the touch

If you do not have water, use dirt. Mix enough dirt or sand with the embers. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cool. Remember: do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire.

**Drown! Stir! Drown!**