

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MATTICE - VAL CÔTÉ**

BY-LAW NO. 953

Being a by-law to control open air
burning within municipal boundaries

WHEREAS section 7.1 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, R.S.O. 1997, c.4, as amended, provides that the Council of a Municipality may pass by-laws for regulating the prevention of the spreading of fires and the setting of open air fires, including times during which they may be set, and;

WHEREAS the Forest Fires Prevention Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.24 and O. Reg. 207.96 provide rules for outdoor burning within the Fire Regions;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mattice - Val Côté hereby enacts as follows:

1. "Fire season" means the period from April 1st to October 31st in each year, or as determined by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).
2. Open air burning shall be strictly prohibited within the built-up areas as identified in Appendix "A".
3. Notwithstanding the provision of section 2, the use of an enclosed device or charcoal installation shall be permitted, for the purpose of cooking, obtaining warmth or controlling insects, within the built-up areas as defined in Appendix "A" and within municipal boundaries, without a permit.
4. Notwithstanding the provision of section 2, open fires may be set for recreational purposes within the built-up areas defined in Appendix "A" and within municipal boundaries, without a permit, when such burning consists of a small confined residential campfire, provided that: i) it is supervised at all times; ii) only clean dry wood or charcoal is burnt and iv) there is a bucket of water or a garden hose at the site.
5. No person shall set any fire outdoors to burn, or shall burn outdoors, any kitchen garbage, construction materials or materials made of or containing rubber, plastic, petroleum or tar.
6. During the fire season, a municipal Burning Permit approved by the Fire Chief or his appointee shall be required for any open air burning in rural areas outside the restricted areas, as defined in Appendix "A".


7. There is no fee for acquiring a municipal Burning Permit. Each permit will be valid for a maximum period of seven (7) days. The permit outlines the conditions under which open air burning is authorised to proceed, including, but not limited to, the time of day, the amount to be burned, the distances to be observed, the number of persons and the equipment required on site.
8. A fine of \$50.00 shall be imposed by the Municipality for any open air burning that has taken place in rural areas, outside of the restricted areas defined in Appendix "A", without the property owner having previously acquired a municipal Burning Permit.
9. A fine of \$100.00 shall be imposed by the Municipality for any open air burning that has taken place in the restricted areas defined in Appendix "A".
10. When proceeding with controlled open air burning under the authority of a municipal Burning Permit, the permit holder shall abide by all municipal and provincial regulations.
11. An open air burning conducted under the authority of a municipal permit shall be subject to any provincial restrictions, as enforced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) under the Forest Fires Protection Act, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, or the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).
12. In the event that the permit holder or persons assisting in the controlled burning lose control of their fire and the Municipal Fire Department and/or the MNR have to intervene, the permit holder and/or owner of the property from which the fire initiated shall be fully responsible for the full reimbursement of all costs associated with such intervention(s), as per current rates. Current rates shall be based on and reflect the rates negotiated and agreed to from time to time between the Crown (as represented by the MNR) and the Municipality under the Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement.
13. This By-law shall take effect on the day following its adoption.
14. This By-law repeals by-law no. 863

ADOPTED IN OPEN COUNCIL

This 18th day of April 2023



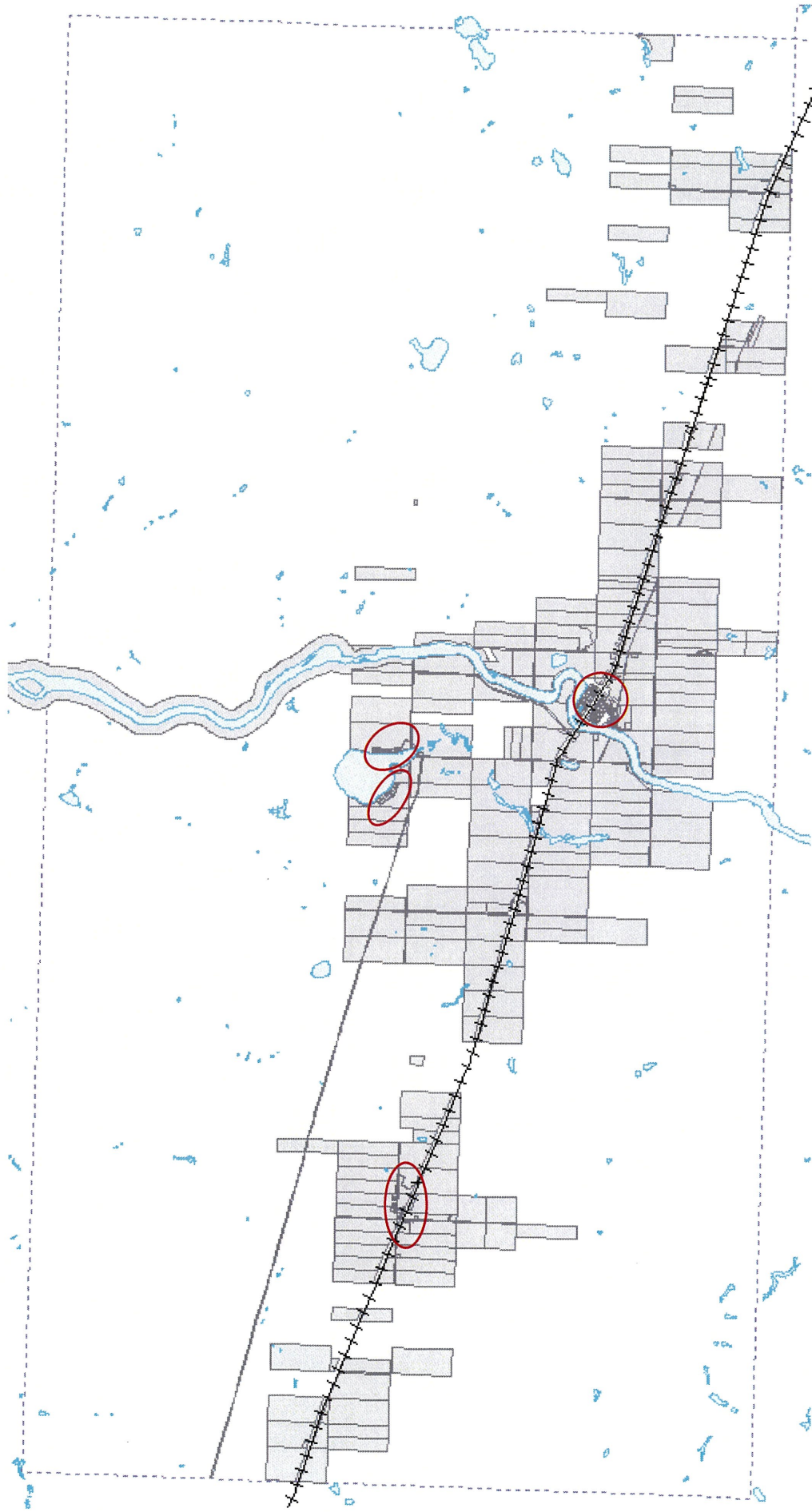
Mayor



CAO/Clerk

Appendix « A »
to By-law no. 953

Mattice - Val Côté



Municipal built-up areas :

- Village of Mattice
- Village of Val Côté
- Shallow Lake Hamlet