



BY-LAW NO. 2024-010

BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A TREE CANOPY AND NATURAL VEGETATION POLICY.

WHEREAS The Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan deems it expedient to establish policies;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattawan is required under section 270(1)(7) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, as amended, to adopt and maintain a policy for the manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS that this policy shall apply to all staff and Members of Council;

AND WHEREAS the definition of natural vegetation means the native plant that grows naturally without human intervention in a geographic area and the definition of tree canopy means the layer of tree leaves, branches and stems that cover the ground when viewed from above;


AND WHEREAS the purpose of this policy is to protect and enhance the natural heritage features and functions, including tree canopy and natural vegetation, in the municipality, while recognizing that resource industries are important to local and provincial economies;


NOW THEREFORE the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan enacts the objectives of this policy to include:

- To protect, restore and/or improve its tree canopy and natural vegetation;
- To maintain the Natural Environment and Heritage features as per the Official Plan;
- To prevent negative impacts to the water quality, hydrological and hydrogeological characteristic of watercourse, lakes, aquifers and wetlands;
- To encourage a natural vegetation buffer around all shoreline designations; and
- To promote awareness and education on the benefits of tree canopy and natural vegetation. Benefits could include, but not limited to, reducing heating/cooling costs, better air quality, more privacy, mitigating carbon emissions and erosion control.

THAT this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon being passed by Council.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, THIRD TIME ENACTED AND FINALLY PASSED BEFORE AN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 11th DAY OF JULY 2024.


MAYOR


CLERK TREASURER