



The Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Reeve

I would like to extend my best wishes to all the members of our community. Let us hope that this new year will allow us to prosper and enjoy the beauty of what our area has to offer.

Your Council is working well together and would like you to know that no matter how big or small your interests or issues are, Council is interested in hearing from you.

Shuniah's Official Plan Amendment No. 2 is nearing completion. We are hoping to get the final Ministry approval next month. This has been years in the making and we are anxious to move forward.

In the next few weeks Council will be addressing the current system in which the two Landfill sites are currently being utilized. We will be examining ways in which to improve service, reduce costs associated with maintenance and to ensure that Shuniah has a viable landfill site for years to come.

As always, I would like to encourage everyone to come out and attend our Council meetings. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on our website. If you do not have access to a computer please call the Municipal Office for agendas or information about any of our upcoming meetings.

Shuniah is a beautiful place to live and play, our community is strong and we can all be thankful for the many people who work on behalf of all of us to make Shuniah a thriving Northern Ontario hamlet. I would like to thank the many volunteers, committee members and Municipal Staff for all their hard work and dedication.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and prosperous year ahead.

Kindest regards,

Maria Harding, Reeve

Your Municipal Council

Maria Harding , Reeve
 Ab Covello, Councillor (MacGregor Ward)
 Donna Blunt , Councillor (MacGregor Ward)
 Ron Giardetti, Councillor (MacGregor Ward)
 Alana Bishop, Councillor (McTavish Ward)

Changes to Landfill Tipping Fees

During the spring of 2008 the Municipality will be improving the way we do business at the Municipality's Landfill Sites. The current rates and regulations will be changed in order to encourage users to reduce, reuse and recycle.

The **new punch card system** is a form of a pay-as-you-throw program, which will require residents to purchase a card that will allow for the deposit of 4 bags of garbage per punch. The cards will accommodate 52 punches and 4 special clean-up events or 26 punches and 2 special clean-up events where users do not have to pay tipping fees on a volume of up to 3m³ of debris, which can be used at anytime.

The pay-as-you-throw fees are determined according to the amount of trash that the individual household takes to the landfill sites. Under this system, residents who discard more garbage pay higher fees. This format provides a financial incentive for residents to reduce the amount of garbage they discard and to increase recycling and composting.

Comparison of Previous and New Fees

Description	By-law No. 1987-99 (Previous Fees)	Punch Card System (New Fees)
Full Year Permit April 1 to March 31	\$25.00 \$5.00 for second vehicle	\$50 and \$25 per punch card No expiry Use until all holes punched
Seasonal Permit April 1 to October 31	\$12.50 \$5.00 for second vehicle	
Limit per occasion	8 bags of household garbage per occasion	4 bags of household garbage per punch
Replacement of lost item	\$5.00 for replacement sticker	No reduced fees for replacement.
Permit per household	2 permits per household	1 punch card per household
License Plate Numbers	required	required
Access to landfill sites	Permit gives access to both sites	Punch card gives access to both sites
Spring Clean-up	Once a year in May	Punch card allows 4 half-ton loads or equivalent of debris/punch card

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY-

Park Maintenance Operator:
 Student Employment -(Temporary Contract Position)

The Municipality of Shuniah presently requires the services of an individual to maintain the grounds and facilities of Wildgoose Park and MacGregor Recreation Centre from late May to the end of August 2008 .

The Park Operator shall provide complete maintenance services associated with the park, recreation centre, ball diamond, and other general duties as assigned. Experience in lawn care and associated equipment operation is required.

The successful candidate will be responsible for his/her own transportation to the park site located on Lakeshore Drive.

Please submit your resume and cover letter by May 1st 2008 to Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations

**Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Ave,
 Thunder Bay ON P7A 1X8
 E-mail: cbaumann@shuniah.org
 Fax: 807-683-6982**

New Times and Dates for Shuniah Council Meetings

Council passed a new procedural by-law which has made changes to the times and dates of Council and Committee of the Whole of Council (COWOC) meetings.

Committee of the Whole will meet at 4 pm on the Second and Fourth Monday of every month.

Regular Council meetings will follow at 5 pm...both are on the same day!

Agendas are posted at the Municipal Office and on our website www.shuniah.org one week prior to the meeting.

JOSH KLUKIE MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

Staff from the Municipality of Shuniah held a fundraiser last August raising over \$6,000.00 for the *Josh Klukie Memorial Trust Fund*. We are hoping to hold the event again this year! We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help organize and work at this event. It was a great success last year and we are hoping to make it even better this year. Call our office for more information and submit your name to the list of volunteers. 807-683-4545

THE YOUTH CENTER IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF COMPUTER GAMES, VIDEOS & CRAFT SUPPLIES. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF SUPPLIES. HAVE YOU GOT YOUR COPY OF THE YOUTH CENTER CALENDAR? FOR INFORMATION CALL 807-344-1908

Using RV's and Trailers in Shuniah



We would like to remind all property owners that Shuniah's By-law 2038-00 regulates the use of travel trailers and recreational vehicles within our Municipality. Zoning restrictions in Shuniah are intended to encourage permanent dwellings and cottages and to protect the integrity and esthetics of those who have built their homes and camps on the shores of Shuniah. The use of trailers and RV's are only permitted on vacant land within Shuniah for temporary accommodations during the construction of a permanent dwelling or cottage on the subject property. The use of recreational vehicles and trailers are only permitted on property which is specifically zoned for this use. If you have any further questions regarding the use of your RV or trailer within Shuniah please call our office @ 807-683-4545



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Roads Department 807-983-2550
 Fire Department non_emergency 807-983-2021

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority



If you are planning to do any work near lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands, you may require a permit from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

The Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation applies to the following development activities: the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind; the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere; and any alteration to a watercourse including culvert, bridge and boat launch installations.

The purpose of the Regulation is to prevent or restrict development in areas where the control of flooding, erosion, pollution or the conservation of land may be affected by development. It also protects the mutual needs of the watercourse and the landowners adjacent to it.

For more information visit our website: www.lakeheadca.com or call 344-5857.



2008 Explorer Cards are now on sale at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office, 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay. The Card grants the user unlimited access to local Conservation Areas throughout 2008.



Volunteers required for the 2008 Lakehead Children's Water Festival, September 24 - 25, 2008 at the CLE Heritage Building. Call 344-5857 for more information.



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds! WITHOUT A KEY. A vehicle with an unlocked door or an open

window is an easy target. Always roll up your windows, lock your doors and pocket the keys when you park your car. Park in a well-lit area and never leave your valuables in plain view.

Most Commonly Stolen Vehicles

- Dodge Caravan
- Dodge Neon
- Plymouth Voyager
- Honda Civic
- Honda Accord
- Chrysler Intrepid

In-Line Skate for MS

ON

Lakeshore Drive

Sunday, July 27, 2008
From 7:30 am – 9:30 am

For the safety of the skaters and drivers using Lakeshore Drive during that period of time the OPP and volunteers will ensure a safe flow of traffic during the event.

For more information, please contact the MS Society at 344-2944.

**FIRE- AMBULANCE- POLICE
 Emergency DIAL 911**



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Why do I need a Building Permit?

Building permits are necessary to ensure that zoning requirements, fire and structural safety standards and other building standards are met, primarily for safety reasons. Zoning requirements are contained in municipal by-laws and the building standards are contained in the Ontario Building Code. This code is Provincial regulation administered by the Housing Development and Buildings Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Under the **Building Code Act**, local governments are given authority for the enforcement of the Ontario Building Code within their municipality.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing maintains a website which contains useful information about the Ontario Building Code at www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that a Building Permit is obtained when required. Failure to comply with Municipal By-laws and Provincial Building Codes, may lead to unnecessary and costly litigation.

When do I need a Building Permit?

Under the Ontario Building Code Act, a Building Permit is required for the construction or alteration of any structure over 10 m² (108 Sq.Ft.) in area; for example, a structure with outside dimensions greater than 3.16m x 3.16m (10.37 ft. x 10.37 ft.). **However all structures must still comply with zoning requirements. For information regarding minimum setbacks, lot coverage and height requirements, please contact the Building Department at (807) 683-4546.**

*The following is a list of typical projects that **require** a building permit:*

- New buildings / additions
- Alterations / renovations
- Attached or detached garages, carports
- Decks / porches
- Finished basements
- Fireplace, woodstoves & chimneys
- Garden sheds (accessory buildings)
- New, replacement, or repair of private sewage systems
- New or structural alterations to windows or doors
- One or two storey additions / solariums or sunrooms
- Plumbing and/or drains

*The following is a list of typical projects that **do not require** a building permit:*

- Wooden decks (including pool decks) with no roof, where the finished deck level is not greater than 0.6 metres above adjacent finished grade either attached or detached to a structure.
- Open slot wood roof joist with no sheathing or roof covering placed on the narrow edge not closer than 12 inches on centre.
- Skylights installed in a single family, semi-detached or townhouse dwelling units, provided no structural members are cut.
- Re-cladding with non-combustible material excluding brick or stone veneer.
- Re-insulating or adding insulation.
- Window or door replacement providing the opening is not enlarged.
- Furnace and boiler replacements, add on cooling systems, gas fireplaces, air cleaners and in-line humidifiers installed in single family, semi-detached and townhouse dwelling units.
- Repair or replacement of plumbing fixtures and/or appliances.
- Re-roofing using similar materials except where structural work is involved.
- Finished basements where there are no structural alterations or additional sleeping accommodations proposed. Note all proposed plumbing requires a plumbing permit.
- Canopy/storm porch enclosures where the roof is existing, enclosing not more than 5.0 square metres of floor area.
- Minor repairs such as installation of chimney caps, chimney liner and re-pointing of brick work.
- Installation of counters, millwork and floor finishing.
- Repair of leaking foundations where there is no structural work involved.
- Emergency drain repair.

Why is the Ontario Building Code in place?

1. To protect public health, safety and welfare.
2. To keep construction costs down.
3. To provide consistent standards in construction.
4. To contribute to the well being of a community.

****It is the duty of the Municipal Chief Building Official to enforce this code****

If you are still not sure if you are required to get a Building Permit it is best to call to be sure.

**Main Office (807) 683-4545
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