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SUMMER NEWSLETTER—JULY 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE REEVE

Welcome to a great summer in the Municipality of Shuniah on the shores of Lake Superior, the land of the Sleeping Giant. I would like to focus my message on our Landfill Sites and recycling as there is an urgency to ensure the maintenance and ultimate survival of these two facilities.

In the spring newsletter we announced changes to the landfill permit system. Staff and Council worked very hard on trying to improve the way in which refuse would be handled at each Landfill Site. Unfortunately, we as a Council could not agree on the final considerations and proposed changes. Council will be meeting early in the fall to give further consideration in implementing a new system.

As citizens of Shuniah who use the Landfill Sites, we must become more aware and proactive in reducing what we are disposing of.

There are a few simple ways of cutting down on the overflow in our recycling bins:

- Collapse and fold cardboard boxes;
- Bundle newspapers with string;
- Collapse pop and water bottles by expelling the air inside;
- Take plastic grocery bags back to stores for reuse;
- Don't throw anything into the garbage trenches that belongs in the recycle bins;
- ALL batteries must be placed in special containers;
- Motor Oils must be poured into the designated tank; and
- Ask the Attendants where to take your garbage. They are there to ensure and manage these areas.

These are **your** Landfill Sites. Please be good stewards and do your part in limiting what you dump as non recyclable waste. This will serve to extend the life span of these facilities. The estimated remaining life of the MacGregor Site is 19 years and the McTavish Site is 24 years.

On a special note, when an emergency arises and in order to better assist our residents who have special needs, we would ask that you forward your names and addresses to our office to be kept in confidence.

Maria Harding, Reeve

2nd Annual Josh Klukie Memorial Fundraiser



On **Saturday, August 9th, 2008 from 12 pm to 4 pm** join your community at the **2nd Annual Josh Klukie Memorial Fundraiser** at the MacGregor Recreation Centre in memory of Private Josh Klukie! All proceeds stay in Shuniah! The day will include an antique vehicle display, a BBQ, great prizes, games and more. **NEW** this year is a Bike Rodeo put on by the OPP and the Shuniah Community Policing Committee.

Come out and support your Community! For more information, please call the Municipal office at 683-4545.

Property Standards By-law

The intent of this by-law is to protect the health and safety of residents in the Municipality and to promote a pleasant and tidy community by ensuring that both buildings and properties are maintained in an attractive, safe and healthy manner.

Enforcement of this by-law will be largely generated on a complaint basis, unless any violations are obvious to the Officer. The identity of the complainant shall be treated as confidential information and shall not be released to the offending property owner.

The lot grading portion of this by-law is necessary

as it is intended to regulate the directing of surface water run-off to an appropriate downstream outlet in order to minimize the damage that can be caused by flooding, erosion and freeze-over.

The by-law indicates that yards be kept clean and free from rubbish or other debris such as remnants or abandoned or wrecked and discarded vehicles and other mechanical equipment unless fully covered with a canvas or tarpaulin in good repair.

You can get a full copy of the by-law on our website: www.shuniah.org or call the office to make other arrangements.

Help for Homeowners—Is your home in need of repairs that you can't afford?

You might qualify for the **Northern Home Repair Program** if your total household income is within the established Annual Household Income Limits.

For further information and details on how you can apply, visit the TBDSSAB website at www.tbdssab.on.ca or call their office at (807) 766-2111, ext 4070 or 2104.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority



Enjoy unlimited visits to any of our Conservation Areas when you purchase a 2008 Explorer Card! Available at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office, 130 Conservation Road or use your VISA and order by phone: 344-5857. Or a \$2 fee per vehicle can be deposited directly into the fee boxes located at each conservation area.

Ontario Rangers will be assisting with Purple Loosestrife control this summer. The goal is to finally eradicate a large patch of loosestrife on Lakeshore Drive in Shuniah. The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will be releasing a small quantity of Galerucella beetles in a patch of Purple Loosestrife along the Thunder Bay Expressway this summer. The beetles eat only Purple Loosestrife and are not harmful to native plant species. To report Purple Loosestrife call the provincial Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711.

If you are planning a project on your property and you live near a waterway, call the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority first. You may need a permit. Call 344-5857.

When visiting a Conservation Area or any other outdoor area please remember to be a good steward. Carry out everything you carry in, take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints.

**Shuniah Youth Centre
800 Lakeshore Dr.
Macgregor Rec Centre
344-1908**



Hey Kids! Looking for a place to go this summer with your friends?
Looking to meet other kids?
Come out to the Youth Centre for fun, organized activities like water games, soccer with snow cones, survivor challenges, movie nights and more!

**Summer Hours: Tues 12-4 pm
Thurs 6-10 pm**



"If a fire broke out tonight while you were sleeping, would you and your family get out alive? You must develop a home fire escape plan now and practice it regularly. Make sure that every family member knows two ways out of every room and establish a family meeting place away from the house so that everyone can be accounted for. Call the Fire Department from a neighbour's home. Remember, fire won't wait--so plan your escape."

Shuniah Fire & Emergency Services

PUBLIC MEETING – Zoning Amendment

TAKE NOTICE that Council will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday August 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Office to consider a proposed zoning by-law. Anyone who wishes to support or oppose the amendment will be given the opportunity to be heard at the meeting or written submissions may be forwarded.

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to add certain text that was inadvertently not included in By-law No. 2038-00, the zoning by-law. The proposed by-law would clarify, re-word or otherwise adjust certain text within By-law No. 2038-00 as well as update various definitions, and amend some of the regulations within various zones. A draft copy of the proposed by-law is posted on our website at www.shuniah.org. Should you need additional information please contact our office.

Shuniah Police Services Board—PREVENTING FALSE ALARMS

The Board has been concerned about the number of home security systems being tripped accidentally or malfunctioning false alarms. Having the Ontario Provincial Police Officers respond to these false alarms causes unnecessary costs to the taxpayers and takes the officers away from other needed duties.

Please ensure your system is running properly and be sure to call in immediately to cancel when the alarm has been set off accidentally. Here are a few steps you can do to help to keep your alarm system in good order:

1. Have your system regularly maintained
2. Upgrade parts of your system as needed
3. Train everyone who uses the system
4. Change the backup battery as needed



The Great Refrigerator Roundup—Hydro One

If you have an old fridge in **working condition** that is at least **10 years old**, call Hydro One and they will pick it up from your house for free. They will dispose of it in an environmentally responsible manner.

Contact Hydro One: 1-877-797-9473 or visit everykilowattcounts.com/roundup

Public Works Department

July 2, 2008- It appears that summer may finally be here! The recent heavy rains that occurred during the past month caused a measurable amount of damage to Shuniah's roads and associated infrastructure, which in turn has kept the public works crew busy with ongoing repairs. The dedication, knowledge and talent of our Public Works Crew is second to none, hats off guys on a job well done.

2008 Capital Improvements to Shuniah Roads

The flood repairs set back our Capital Improvement schedule for this season slightly but we are still hoping to complete the following list of projects during the 2008 construction season. The Municipality's Capital Budget provides funding for these projects.

- **North Star Road;** southerly from Lakeshore Drive for a distance of 0.3km. Remove existing asphalt, improve drainage, add granular 'A' and Asphalt .
- **Blind Creek Drive;** southerly from Lakeshore Drive for a distance of 0.75km. Improve drainage at select locations; add granular 'A' and Asphalt.
- **Silver Harbour Road;** southerly from Lakeshore Drive for a distance of 0.15km to the CN Railway crossing. Remove and replace Granular 'A' and Asphalt .
- **Silver Beach Road;** southerly from Lakeshore Drive for a distance of 0.15km. Improve drainage at select locations, add granular 'A' and Asphalt .
- **Coral Bay Road;** northerly from the CN Rail Crossing for a distance of 0.10km. Remove existing asphalt, improve drainage, add granular 'A' and Asphalt .
- **West Loon Road;** westerly from the CP Rail Crossing for a distance of 0.20km. Remove asphalt, add granular 'A' and Asphalt.
- **Road #5 South;** gravel resurfacing and drainage improvements where warranted.
- **Birch Beach Road Culvert;** culvert replacement and pavement re-instatement
- **Copenhagen Road Washout,** re-instatement of asphalt road base that was washed out during flooding in the fall of 2007.
- **East and West Loon CP Rail Crossings;** Municipal portion (12.5%) of costs associated with the proposed installation of gate barriers and constant warning equipment.

Compressor Station Road Bridge Replacement; installation of a new modular Bailey Bridge structure.

Tow Away Zones- The Municipality passed a By-law in the spring of this year regulating **NO PARKING ZONES** to include provisions for **Tow Away Zones**. These **Tow Away Areas** will be **designated and marked with signs in order to provide a clear understanding of the area under regulation. In a Tow Away Zone, all cars parked within the prohibited area will be towed away at the owners expense.**

Landfill Sites

Recycling Opportunities

The MacGregor site presently has bins set up on site to receive recyclable materials. The bins are clearly labeled and identified as per the following list of present recycling opportunities:

- Pop Cans
- Mixed Cardboard and Paper Products
- Tin
- Plastic Bottles #1 & #2 only

Sorry we cannot accept glass products.

Lay Down Areas

Demolition waste/furniture/painted wood/ mattresses; material that is deposited in this area is compacted with machinery and covered with granular material.

Metal material is taken to a scrap metal recycler for processing

Domestic Garbage; Tie bags securely and deposit into trench, in order to reduce the amount of windblown material.

Reuse and Recycle Options

If you have items that you are unsure about, the Attendant has a list of places where additional recyclable items can be dropped off. Further opportunities can be found in the local yellow pages or by calling the Habitat for Humanity Restore, or on the internet @ www.freecycle.org and www.ecosuperior.com

Unacceptable Items

Our sites are not permitted to accept the following; tires, oil based paints, chemicals and hazardous waste. Refrigeration units will only be accepted if a certified technician has tagged and drained the refrigerant (fluorocarbon) material.

2008 Capital Improvements to Shuniah Landfill Sites

MacGregor Landfill, Autoshredder Relocation and Capping Project; the contract for this project has been awarded to BJ Hallow & Sons Construction of Thunder Bay. Construction activities are currently scheduled to take place during July and August of 2008. The work generally consists of the reshaping, clay capping, topsoil placement and seeding of the southeast quarter of the landfill site in order to reduce the possibility of off-site leachate impacts and prepare the area for future closure.

Residents of the McTavish Ward will soon be able to do their part in reducing the amount of recyclable material that is land filled on a yearly basis. The municipality is currently in the process of obtaining roll-off bin containers that will be used for collecting recyclable materials at the site. Look for this new service to be in place by the fall of 2008.

The Public Works Department strives to deliver superior serviceability to the ratepayers of Shuniah; this can only be achieved, with the help of your input. Please feel free to drop-in or contact the Public Works Department @ 983-2550 if you come across any transportation or environmental service items that you feel require our attention.

Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations



Churches Close By & In Thunder Bay

Church Name	Address	Phone No.	Church Name	Address	Phone No.
St Marks Catholic Church	1901 Hwy 11/17, RR #13	983-2075	Current River United Church	333 Morse St	683-6521
Our Lady of Loretto Church	290 Grenville Avenue	683-8753	Epiphany Lutheran Church	499 Dewe Ave	683-6621
Salem Lutheran Church	Pass Lake, ON, P0T2M0	977-2652	St Stephen The Martyr Anglican Church	494 Leslie Ave	683-6051
Calvin Presbyterian Church	350 Surrey St	683-8111			

Municipality of Shuniah Rates of Taxation on Property for 2008

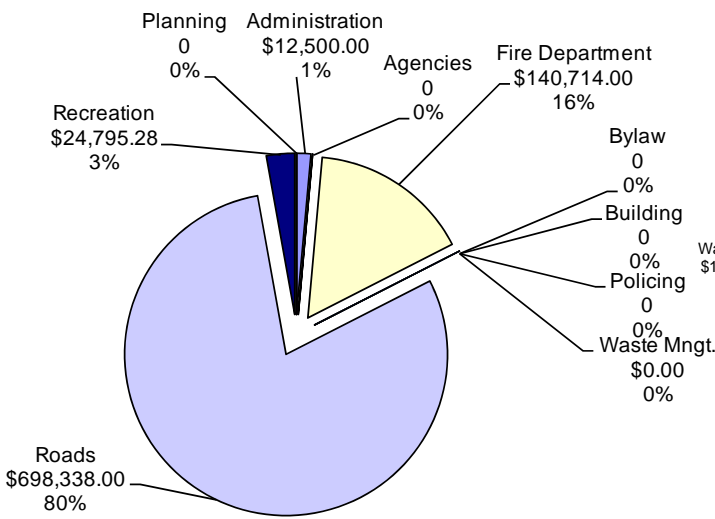
Property Class	Municipal Rate	Education Rate	Total Rate 2008
Residential	0.869 %	0.264%	1.13%
Multi Residential	1.35 %	0.264%	1.61%
Commercial – Occupied	1.48%	2.35%	3.83%
Commercial – Excess Land	1.04%	1.64%	2.68%
Commercial – Vacant Land	1.04%	1.64%	2.68%
Industrial – Occupied	2.28%	2.75%	5.03%
Industrial – Excess Land	1.48%	1.78%	3.27%
Pipeline	1.56%	2.75%	4.31%
Farmlands	0.21%	0.066%	0.283%
Managed Forest	0.21%	0.066%	0.283%

The 2007 Financial Statements, the 2008 Municipal Performance Measures and the 2008-2009 Municipal Accessibility Plan will be available on our website by September 30 ,2008 at www.shuniah.org.

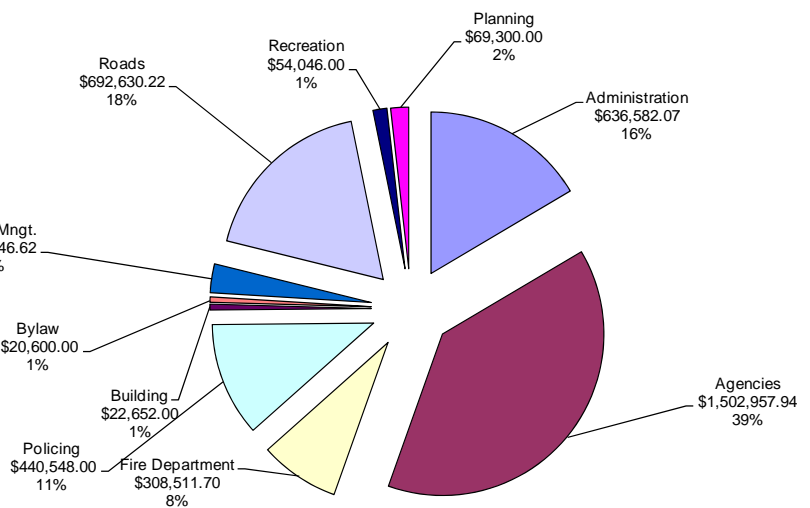
In 2007 no employees of the Municipality of Shuniah were paid a salary defined in the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act of \$100,000 or more.

Where your Money goes.....

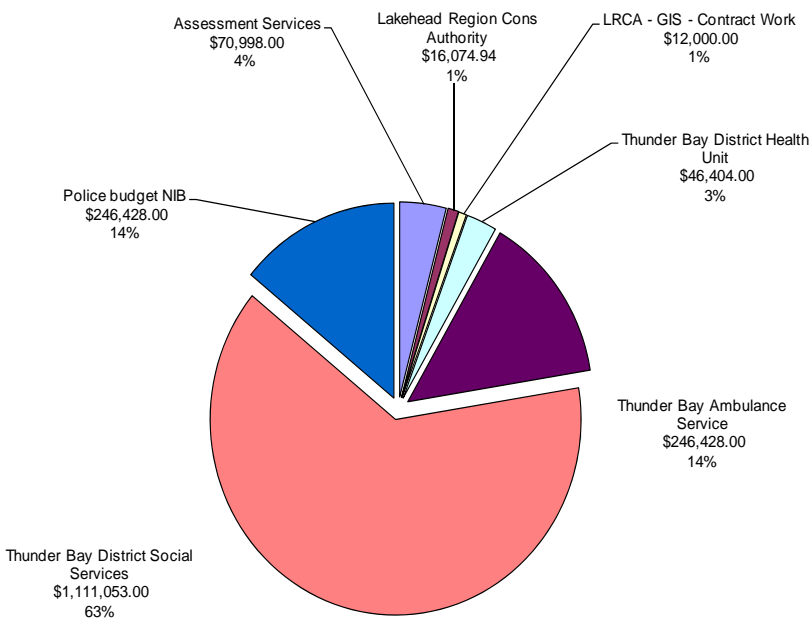
Capital Expenditure



Operations



Agency Operations



Roads Capital

