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Message from the Reeve

As I was driving into the office this morning to write this message to you, I saw the beautiful fields of lupines and wild flowers and fresh greens in spite of a long hard winter and I felt very blessed and very fortunate to call Shuniah home.

Council and staff have been working hard on behalf of all residents trying to ensure that our fair share of federal and provincial funding is received in order to continue improving and expanding infrastructure within Shuniah. The most recent announcement of government funding went to improve the ball field and recreational uses at the McTavish Recreation Centre. My hopes are that both the parents and children in McTavish take full advantage of these new facilities.

The MacGregor Recreation Centre continues to provide excellent programming for all of our community members including children and youth programming, as well as yoga and seniors programs all of which have had great success and support.

Municipal staff, Fire Department and Roads Crew continue to provide us with excellent service and are available to answer questions and to provide information to assist you with your needs.

My wish for all of you is the ability to see the beauty that Shuniah effortlessly provides as an embellished backdrop to our homes and businesses.

Reeve Harding

Review the Shuniah Official Plan?

The Shuniah Official Plan (OP) is a key planning document comprising general principles and policies intended to guide and control future land use development and redevelopment, while safeguarding significant natural features. It also provides a general policy which gives direction and land use planning framework as it pertains to the physical, social, economic and environmental management and growth of the Municipality. The current Official Plan was approved in 1996. The Planning Act states that a Municipality is to revise its official Plan every 5 years in order to conform with provincial plans and policies as set out in the Provincial Policy Statement.

Council is requesting your input regarding any matters that you may determine would require an amendment to the current OP. If you would like to review the current Official Plan, including amendments to date, it can be found on our website at www.shuniah.org, or you can visit or call our office to obtain a copy. Please forward your comments to the Clerk by mail, email or fax. The comments received will become part of a record that is available to the general public. If you have any questions or need any items clarified please contact us at 683-4545 or email shuniah@shuniah.org.

What's happening this Fall?

SHUNIAH RECREATION NEWS

Playgroup -- Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30am

Youth Activities --Wednesdays 6-9pm and Fridays 6-10pm

Drop-in Yoga— Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm

**800 Lakeshore Drive
MacGregor Recreation
Centre
For more information call
344-1908**

Check out our monthly calendar and special events on line at shuniah.org (youth centre)

Shuniah Community Policing Committee

Come out to our next monthly meeting, Wednesday September 23rd 6pm, at the MacGregor Recreation Centre. We, as a group of concerned residents and a representative from the Ontario Provincial Police meet once a month to discuss community safety.

With your assistance we would like to pursue new safety solutions for our community and its residents. Everyone Welcome

Public Works Department

July 4, 2009 – It appears that summer may finally be upon us, which means the public works crew, landfill attendants and summer students are once again busy maintaining Shuniah's roads infrastructure, recreational properties and landfill sites.



The recent **Stimulus Funding Initiative Programs** offered by the Provincial and Federal Governments have been a top priority for Shuniah Council and Administration. We have once again been successful in obtaining funding in the amount of \$651,184.18 for the Grandview Beach Rehabilitation and Asphalt Paving Project. The project scope of work will include; roadway platform widening, drainage improvements, culvert upgrades, bridge deck replacement, granular resurfacing and asphalt paving. The total project length is approximately 3.5 km and includes the current gravel road base sections found on Sunrise Beach Drive, Grandview Beach Drive, Silver Beach Drive and Road and the westerly portion of Silver Harbour Drive. The project is expected to commence during the fall of this year with an estimated completion date of November 2010.

In addition to the above noted project the Municipality has also received funding in the amount of \$39,890.00 under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program for improvements to the McTavish Recreation Facility. The funds will be utilized for the construction of a new change room/ storage building, outdoor hockey rink and baseball diamond construction.



2009 Capital Improvements

- Compressor Station Road Bridge Replacement; construction of a steel arch culvert.
- Lakeshore Drive/Spruce River Road; Pavement Crack Sealing and Traffic Line Painting.
- Silver Harbour Road Rehabilitation and Asphalt Paving; works to include roadway clearing, drainage improvements, additional granulars and asphalt paving.
- West Loon Drive; drainage improvements and additional granular road base material.
- Road No.5 South (1.5 km section); drainage improvements and additional granular road base material.
- Scott Drive; drainage improvements and additional granular road base material.
- Nelson Drive; asphalt removal and patching various locations.
- Coral Bay Drive; improve drainage where warranted and additional granular road base material.
- MacKenzie Station and Otte Road; additional granular road base material
- East and West Loon Rds CP Rail Crossing Upgrades; installation of gate barriers and constant warning equipment.



Sign Vandalism

Sign vandalism and theft continues to be a problem in our Municipality. Sign replacement due to theft or vandalism has cost the taxpayers of Shuniah thousands of dollars in recent years. Please report any information you may have regarding sign vandalism to the local detachment of the O.P.P.

Obstructing the Roadways

Winter is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about snow removal. Council passed By-law No. 2051-01, which states that, no person shall obstruct or cause any obstruction to any highway, roadway, public lane or bridge within the Municipality. This by-law also indicates that snow, dirt, rubbish or garbage of any kind cannot be placed or plowed onto the roadway and drainage ditches.

Landfill Sites

It has been three months since the inception of the **new Pay As You Throw Program (PAYT)** and response to the new system appears to be well received. While it's too early to measure the success of the program, it does appear that amount of recyclable material the sites receive has increased as compared to previous years which is one of the main goals of the program. We look forward to your continued support and participation in the PAYT program.

Beyond our efforts to recycle, we often forget about the other "two arrows" in the recycling symbol, Reduce and Reuse. Additionally, we often don't look for recycled or recyclable products when we go shopping. Going green and being green, requires a diligent effort on everyone's part.

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, recreational or environmental service items that you feel require our attention.

Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations



LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Enjoy unlimited visits to any of our Conservation Areas when you purchase a 2009 Explorer Card! Cards are available at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office, 130 Conservation Road, Thunder Bay. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (Closed noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch). Or order by phone: 344-5857. Please remember to be a good steward. Carry out everything you carry in, take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints!

The Conservation Authority's Hazelwood Harvest Festival and Craft Fair will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, September 13th at Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre**. Craft tables inside the Centre are just \$25.00 & outdoor flea market space is available for \$15.00 (bring your own table or use your trunk). Other activities for the day include live entertainment, a petting zoo and pony rides, pumpkin carving, face painting and a concession. Call or drop by our office today to reserve your craft table or flea market space!

If you're planning a project on your property and you live near a waterway, lake shoreline or wetland, call the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority first. You may need a permit. Call 344-5857 or drop by our office at 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay.

Source Protection

Since January 2009 The Source Protection Committee has been working on a report to identify risks and threats to Municipal residential drinking water .

Property owners in Member Municipalities of the Lakehead Source Protection Area can expect to receive the first of four flyers in their mail promoting the program – "Source Protection – Take Pride in Your Property" . The first flyer entitled "Scrap is Where It's At" provides information on how property owners can voluntarily **dispose of old cars, machinery and other large metal objects in a responsible manner**. For more information on Source Protection Planning, visit www.sourceprotection.net.

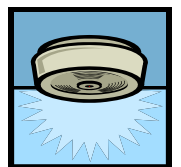
Shuniah Volunteer Fire Department



In preparing for emergencies in the Municipality of Shuniah, a pilot program has been developed to assist persons that may require assistance during an evacuation or have special needs during an emergency. A registration form is available from the municipality office and the shuniah website and is required to be updated annually. The information collected will be confidential and if there are any questions please contact Fire Chief Blair Arthur at 983-2021.

Reminder—Now that cottage season is upon us once again the Shuniah Fire Prevention Department is reminding all cottagers that smoke alarms are required in their cottages all year round.

Smoke alarms must be kept in working condition for the entire year. On your first visit to your cottage be sure to test your alarm. Batteries should be replaced annually. The penalty for not having working fire alarms on every floor containing bedrooms is \$235.00.



The Fire Prevention Department would like to ensure a safe summer for our residents. To make this possible, we will continue to provide our random home and cottage visits to ensure all your questions or concerns are being addressed. For information please contact the Fire Prevention Department @983-2021

Shuniah Police Services Board

The Board meets at 5:30 pm every third Monday (except the months of July, August and December,) at the Municipal Office, and the public is welcome to attend. Should you have any policing concerns please bring them forth to the Board.

The Board continues to be concerned with security systems being tripped accidentally and causing the officers to respond to a false alarm. This causes unnecessary costs to the taxpayers and takes the officers away from other needed duties. Please ensure your system is well maintained; that everyone knows how to work it properly and if it should happen that an alarm is accidentally set off make sure to call in and cancel it. In the meantime the Board is considering a policy that would charge a fee after responding to three false alarms at the same residence.

Are you aware that, when leaving town, if you do not have someone looking after your home or cottage, and an incident happens it may not be covered by insurance. The board would recommend that you check with your insurance provider before leaving home.

We are pleased to announce that Don Smith, Chair of the Shuniah Police Services Board, was once again elected as a Director of the Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB). Don represents the North and brings forward any issues to ensure better delivery of policing services.

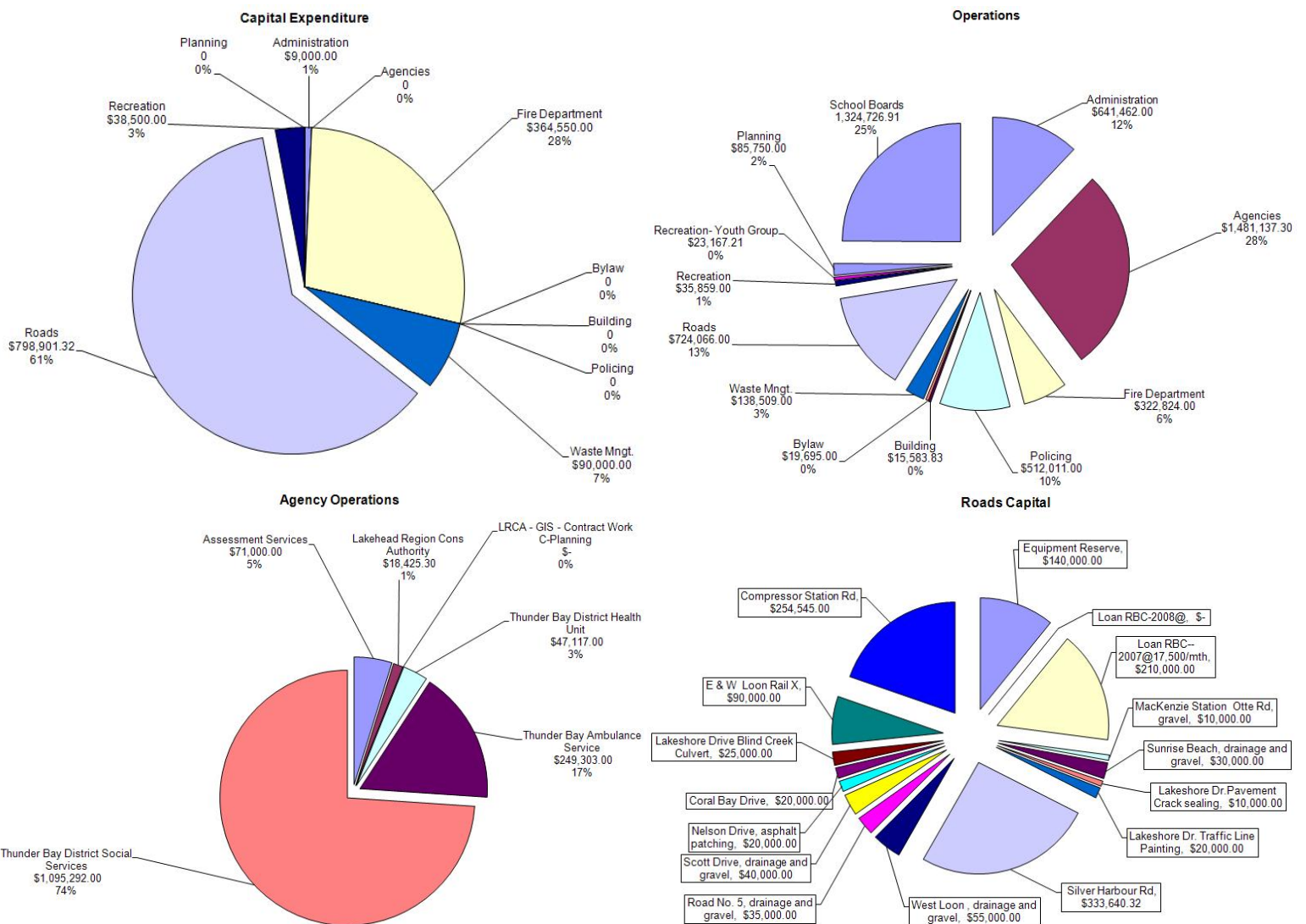
Municipality of Shuniah Rates of Taxation on Property for 2009

The 2008 Financial Statements, the 2009 Municipal Performance Measures and the 2009-2010 Municipal Accessibility Plan will be available on our website by September 30, 2009 at www.shuniah.org.

In 2008, no employees of the Municipality of Shuniah were paid a salary defined in the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act of \$100,000 or more.

Property Class	Municipal	Education	Total Rate
Residential	0.89%	0.25%	1.14%
Multi Residential	1.38%	0.25%	1.63%
Commercial - Occupied	1.52%	2.00%	3.52%
Commercial - Excess	1.07%	1.40%	2.47%
Commercial - Vacant Land	1.07%	1.40%	2.47%
Industrial - Occupied	2.34%	2.25%	4.59%
Industrial - Excess Land	1.52%	1.46%	2.98%
Pipeline	1.60%	2.25%	3.85%
Farmlands	0.22%	0.06%	0.29%
Managed Forest	0.22%	0.06%	0.29%

Where your money goes...



Loon Lake Property Owners

Due to water levels of Loon Lake, property owners are encouraged to become involved in collection of lake water samples through the Ministry of the Environment's "Lake Partner Program (LPP)", a volunteer based water quality monitoring program.

You can find LPP information at: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lakepartner/index.htm> or by contacting the MOE's Dorset Environmental Science Centre at 1-800-470-8322

Pesticides ban takes effect April 22, 2009:

The ban prohibits the sale and use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on lawns, gardens, parks and school yards, and includes many herbicides, fungicides and insecticides. Over 250 products will be banned for sale and more than 80 pesticide ingredients will be banned for cosmetic uses.

There are exceptions for public health or safety reasons such as fighting West Nile Virus, killing stinging insects like wasps, or controlling poison ivy and other plants poisonous to the touch. Agriculture and forestry are also exempted.

The ban takes the place of existing municipal pesticide bylaws; it establishes one set of rules across the province. The regulation can be viewed at: <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/>

