



A Message from the Reeve

Our community is strong, vibrant and healthy. The Vision and Mission statements speaks of the future and the commitment we have toward each other.

Vision Statement: A modern and vibrant community with a strong sense of identity located on the picturesque shore of Lake Superior working together to build a safe, clean friendly and prosperous future.

Mission Statement: The Municipality of Shuniah is committed to providing the highest quality of life by building a healthy rural and recreational community through the delivery of essential services provided by responsible leadership, planning and effective management of Municipal resources.

Each of us is a member of this large family called SHUNIAH. Our community school and our recreation centers play an important part in building a strong and successful family. If ever you feel there are issues regarding our Municipality, a call to Municipal staff or Council members can often help answer and resolve those matters. The staff at the Municipal Office is informed and helpful and Council is always available and wants to hear your concerns. We are all a part of the greater Shuniah Family.

On behalf of myself and the members of Council I wish to thank all the volunteers, and staff for their dedication and commitment to us.

As we are enjoying another summer on the Shore of Lake Superior, with family and friends, stay safe and stay well.

As in the past, it is my pleasure to serve you. Maria Harding, Reeve

What is an Official Plan or OP ?

You should have already received a letter in the mail containing information about the Municipality of Shuniah asking for your input regarding the development of a new Official Plan (OP) for Shuniah. Often, those who work with Official Plans and Zoning By-laws forget that some people may not know what an official plan is. Hard to give input when you don't even know what we are asking for. Well a short explanation may help.

An OP is a statutory document (must have one and has to follow the Provincial rules) which sets out land use policies directing development and long term growth in a Municipality. The Official Plan for Shuniah starts with a "vision and mission" statement of Council which describes the Municipality and how it will grow and continue to flourish.

An OP usually contains policies which govern various land use designations, such as areas for Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Recreational and Open Space areas. Not to be confused with the Zoning By-law which further details these broad range land uses of the OP.

Other policies within an OP relate to environmental management, such as Mineral and Aggregate Resources, Cul-

tural and Archaeological Heritage Sites, Municipal Roads and Parkland and other infrastructure such as Sewer and Water services.

Shuniah's current OP was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 1996. The Municipality has grown and changed since then and while an OP is intended to establish policies for long term growth the plan is periodically reviewed and amended to ensure that it continues to meet the changing economic and social needs of the municipality. Council has undertaken to develop a whole new Official Plan which more closely reflects this growth and change.

Opportunities for public review and input are provided prior to the Municipality of Shuniah adopting this new Policy and subsequent submission to the Ministry for approval. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to make a submission to Council for consideration please forward it to the Clerk or visit our office. The process for public input is critical in order to accurately reflect the needs of the community. To review the proposed Official Plan you can visit our website www.shuniah.org.

Enjoy Your Recreational Activities... but always put Safety First

Council, the Shuniah Police Services Board and the Shuniah Community Policing Committee have recently been discussing safety concerns and the use of off road vehicles and other restricted vehicles within Shuniah. They would like to remind the public and make everyone aware that off road vehicles are not allowed on our municipal roads and the use of them on the roads is restricted and enforceable by the OPP.

Several safety concerns have been discussed and we are asking you to help ensure these off road vehicles and other such restricted vehicles stay off the municipal roads. There have been reports of both adults and children riding on quad runners, dirt bikes and in golf carts along some of the major corridors and beach roads within Shuniah. Mixing fast moving vehicular traffic and off road vehicles puts everyone at risk.

As well, we ask all drivers to slow down. Most of the beach roads have a posted 40-kilometre speed limit. Be aware that there are children playing, people coming and going out of driveways, and during the summer time especially, lots of social events taking place. Please do not park on both sides of the road.

In order to ensure better visibility our Public Works Departments continually maintains our roads by cutting back brush. If you notice an area of concern please call 983-2550 and leave a message.

By each of us doing our part, our roads will be kept safe, and we will all get to enjoy our summer activities without incident.



Off road vehicles such as this ATV are not allowed on any Municipal Roads in Shuniah.

Public Works Department

Summer appears to have finally arrived, which means the public works crew, landfill attendants and summer students are hard at work maintaining Shuniah's roads infrastructure, recreational properties and landfill sites.

This year's construction season is once again full of activity, with improvements throughout the our Municipality. A detailed list summarizing the 2010 Capital projects is included below for your review.

2010 Capital Improvements

- **Compressor Station Road Bridge Replacement;** construction of a steel arch culvert.
- **Grandview Beach Rehabilitation and Asphalt Paving;** works to include roadway clearing, drainage improvements, additional granulars and asphalt paving.
- **Road No.5 South (1.5 km section);** drainage improvements and additional granular road base material.
- **Scott Drive;** drainage improvements and asphalt

paving from Birch Beach Road westerly for 200 meters.

- **Sunnyside Beach, Birch Beach and Eldorado Beach Roads;** asphalt patching and drainage improvements at select locations.
- **Speed Limit Signage Enhancement Program;** installation of additional signage at select locations.
- **MacKenzie Station and East Loon Bridge deck and handrail repairs.**
- **MacKenzie Station Road, CP Rail Crossing Upgrades;** installation of gate barriers and constant warning equipment.

Roadside Brushing

The main goals and objectives of roadside brushing are to enhance fire suppression, eliminate growth that damages roadway infrastructure, maintain safe sightline distances and keep the right-of-ways clear for plow equipment, emergency vehicles and school bus traffic.

The equipment utilized to complete the roadside clearing quite often leaves behind an unsightly aesthetic appearance. If you would

like to avoid mechanical brushing in your area residents are strongly encouraged to keep roadside trees, branches, shrubs etc... trimmed back a minimum of 5 feet from the traveled edge of the road.

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.

Your Input

The Public Works Department strives to deliver superior services to our community which is better achieved, with 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 - cbaumann@shuniah.org

Reminders from the Fire Chief:

Emergency fire numbers are extremely important for all responding emergency services. Keep all fire numbers visible from the road. Control tall grass and trees around the area and if you have a missing sign or know of a missing sign please contact the municipal office for a replacement.

Thank you from the Shuniah Firefighters for pulling over in recognition of green flashing lights. The purpose of flashing green lights is to help other drivers recognize a firefighter en-route to an emergency and be courteous and yield the right-of-way.

Shuniah Fire & Emergency Services is checking for working smoke alarms in your area this summer, Working Smoke Alarms are required on every floor of a home and every sleeping accommodation (camper). It only takes a minute to check your alarms and they should be changed if they are more than 10 years old. If you require assistance or have any questions please call the Fire Department @ 983-2021. Remember " **SMOKE ALARMS: A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE**



Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

Enjoy unlimited visits to any of our Conservation Areas when you purchase a 2010 Explorer Card! Cards are available at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office, 130 Conservation Road in 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). Use your VISA and order by phone: 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!

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's Hazelwood Harvest Festival and Craft Fair will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 12th at Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre. Craft tables inside the Centre are just \$25.00 each. 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 concession and more. Call 344-5857 for more information or drop by our LRCA 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 the office at 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay during regular business hours



Canadian Red Cross

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The Canadian Red Cross Thunder Bay and District Branch is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to and from medical appointments. The volunteer will use their own vehicle to pick up the client from their home and bring them to their

appointment. The volunteer is not required to stay with the client, but may be requested to return to drive the client home. The volunteer will be reimbursed per kilometer by Red Cross. For more information contact Dave Wright at (807) 623-3073 Ext. 106.

Municipal Election 2010

For anyone proposing to be a candidate in the **Municipal Elections being held on October 25th, 2010**; the nomination form must be filed on the Nomination Paper, **Form 1**. The nomination fee for the Reeve is \$200 and Council Member is \$100 which can only be paid by cash; certified cheque; or money order.

The nomination form may be filed at any time during normal office hours up to Nomination Day, Friday September 10, 2010 **by 2:00 pm**. Facsimile signatures are not acceptable. Nominations **must** be filed on or before 2:00 pm on Nomination Day and cannot be accepted after that deadline.

The following are the offices to be elected

Reeve at Large	(one to be elected)
Councillors - MacGregor Ward	(three to be elected)
Councillors - McTavish Ward	(one to be elected)

To file a nomination you may contact the following at (807) 683-4545.

Wendy Hamlin, Clerk & Returning Officer

Eric Collingwood, C.A.O. Assistant Returning Officer

Nadene Hunley, Assistant Deputy Clerk, Assistant Returning Officer

For more information you can call our office or check out the Election 2010 section of our website at www.shuniah.org and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's website at www.mah.gov.on.ca.



We are looking for Election Personnel We are currently looking for people who are interested in working in the upcoming Municipal Election. Positions include Deputy Returning Officers, Election Officials and Central Poll Supervisors. If you are interested, are willing to attend instructional training, have access to your own vehicle on voting day, are able to lift and carry item to and from the Voting Station, then we invite you to fill out the application for Election Officers and return it to our office. The application is available online or from our office at 420 Leslie Ave.

Election Candidate Information Session

Anyone interested in, or is already running for office in the 2010 Municipal Election is encouraged to attend the Candidates Information Session, being hosted in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). This session will provide information on topics such as: nomination process• financial filing• campaign period• candidate duties and responsibilities• role of council• council meetings• municipal records, and more.

The session will begin with a presentation from the MMAH followed by a "Question and Answer" period. Municipal staff from the Municipalities of Neebing, Oliver Paipoonge, Shuniah, and Townships of Conmee, Gillies and O'Connor will be present.

Being held on: Thursday, August 26, 2010 from 7 to 9 PM

At the: Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Hwy 11/17, Kakabeka Falls

RSVP by August 23rd by calling Wendy Hamlin or Nadene Hunley at (807) 683-4545 or email shuniah@shuniah.org

Shuniah Property Owners who do not live in Shuniah are entitled to vote in Shuniah's Municipal Election

If you **own** property in the Municipality of Shuniah but live elsewhere, you and your spouse can vote for both the candidates running in Shuniah **and** the candidates running where you live. So if you own property in Shuniah you are entitled to vote in our Municipal Election. However you can only vote for the school board trustees at your resident voting locations. If you have questions or need clarification on your right to vote please contact the municipal office.

Are you on the Voters List – to make sure stop in or call the Municipal Office?

420 Leslie Ave., Thunder Bay, ON ~ (807) 683-4545

Shuniah Community Policing Committee

Get Involved in your Community Policing Committee!!!

There are openings for 2-4 positions on our Neighbourhood Policing Committee contact Wendy at landry@tbaytel.net

The committee meets once a month, and is involved in Community Policing through programs and promoting community involvement. Come out to our next monthly meeting, **Thursday 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 is Welcome!**



What's happening this Fall?

SHUNIAH RECREATION NEWS

800 Lakeshore Drive - MacGregor Recreation Centre

For more information call 344-1908

Playgroup - Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30am

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

Drop-in Yoga -Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm

Check out our monthly calendar and special events

at shuniah.org (youth centre)

MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

Rates of Taxation on Property for 2010

Property Class	Municipal Rate	Education Rate	Total Rate for 2010
Residential	0.00901069	0.00241000	0.01142069
Multi Residential	0.01399270	0.00241000	0.01640270
Commercial - Occupied	0.01542450	0.01430000	0.01556750
Commercial - Excess Land	0.01079751	0.01001000	0.01089761
Commercial - Vacant Land	0.01079751	0.01001000	0.01089761
Industrial - Occupied	0.02369811	0.01430000	0.02384111
Industrial - Excess Land	0.01540377	0.00929500	0.01549672
Pipeline	0.01624627	0.01430000	0.01638927
Farmlands	0.00225267	0.00060250	0.00285517
Managed Forest	0.00225267	0.00060250	0.00285517

Finance Corner

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

The municipal budget is broken down into three sectors - Revenue, Operating expenditures and Capital Expenditures. The difference between the revenue and the combined expenses equal the amount to be raised by taxation and is called the municipal levy. The municipal levy equates to \$3,514,389 while the education levy equates to \$1,375,477. The combined Municipal and School

board levy provides for a Zero (0) per cent increase in the overall property tax rate for 2010. This zero increase in the tax rate does not necessarily mean a zero increase in your tax bill if your property assessment has been increased or decreased from the previous year.

The Municipality has been very fortunate to obtain Provincial and Federal funding to assist in a number of the Capital road projects, these projects may be view in the pie charts as well as the distribution of operating expenditures.

Municipal staff would be able to answer any questions you may have as it relates to Finance.

