

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 420 LESLIE AVENUE, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO AT THE HOUR OF 5:00 P.M.**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Reeve Maria Harding  
Councillor Alana Bishop  
Councillor Donna Blunt  
Councillor Ab Covello

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wendy Hamlin, Clerk  
Eric Collingwood, CAO, Treasurer  
Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations  
Blair Arthur, Fire Chief  
Alan Cooke, Chief Building Official

**ABSENT:** Councillor Ron Giardetti, with regrets

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Resolution: 1571 /10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

THAT this Meeting of Council is hereby called to order at 5:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest by any member of Council on any item listed on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Resolution: 1572 /10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. CLOSED SESSION

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held February 8, 2010

**Resolution: 1573 /10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held February 8, 2010 be adopted as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

b) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Councillor Blunt asked if any information was received on the National Marine Conservation area. The CAO explained it is all located off shore so does not affect the property owners and noted that the Municipality does own a small island within the area and he is waiting for written clarification.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a) Deputation from Florene Lucas re: Order to Comply

Florene Lucas explained that she owns a cottage on Amethyst Beach and came before Council to speak to an order to comply which was placed on her storage building. She then reviewed the steps taken in order to obtain her building permit. She believes someone complained about the building's door located on the roadside; that it did not comply with the zoning regulations. She also believes that the sketch she submitted was tampered with and explained why. She has not applied for a minor variance noting that even though CAO would waive the fee, the outcome couldn't be guaranteed.

Ms. Lucas stated that she came in good faith to apply for the building permit, and if told there was a concern with the door she would have relocated the building. The building cost \$35,000. and now she felt it was unusable. She presented the Committee with copies of the documents with respect to her building permit. The Committee asked various questions for clarification.

The Chief Building Official undertook to prepare a report on this matter.

b) Notice of Road Closing and Sale

The Reeve inquired if anyone present would like to speak to the notice of road closing and sale. There was no response.

c) Notice of the Passing of a By-law to adopt the 2010 Budget

d) Presentation from Eric Collingwood, C.A.O. re: 2010 Budget

The CAO explained that Council has held the public meeting and has received a copy of the budget. He then reviewed same.

There were no comments received from the public with respect to the 2010 proposed budget

7. REPORTS & MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS & COMMITTEES

a) **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 8, 2010**

<b>Resolution: 1574 /10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
<p>THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 8, 2010 be adopted as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	

- b) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 9, 2010

<b>Resolution: 1575/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole of Council meeting held February 9, 2010 be adopted as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- c) Police Services Board request for pre-budget approval

<b>Resolution No.: 1576 /10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT Council hereby approves the Shuniah Police Services Board's request for pre-budget approval to allow its members to attend the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) Annual Conference as well as the OAPSB Zone 1 Joint Spring Meeting; as outlined the Secretary's memo to Council dated February 24, 2010.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- d) OPP Monthly report for January 2010

<b>Resolution No.: 1577/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Donna Blunt
THAT Council receives the Ontario Provincial Police monthly report for January 2010 and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- e) Minutes of the Shuniah Police Services Board held January 18, 2010

<b>Resolution No.: 1578/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Donna Blunt
THAT the minutes of the Shuniah Police Services Board meeting held January 18, 2010 be received as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- f) Report from Rural Representative re: Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TB DSSAB)

The Clerk was directed to write to Ms. Schmidt and inform her that a copy of the TBDSSAB minutes is satisfactory, and that Council would no longer require a report from her.

**Resolution No.: 1579 /10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

THAT the report from Maureen Schmidt, Rural Representative on the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) on the Board's meetings be received as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's office.

**CARRIED**

g) TBDSSAB Minutes of the Joint Board Meeting held January 21, 2010

**Resolution No.: 1580 /10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the TBDSSAB minutes of its meeting held January 21, 2010 be received as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's office.

**CARRIED**

h) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) letter re: Big Thunder Wind Park

**Resolution No.: 1581 /10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

THAT Council receives a copy of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority letter dated February 25, 2010 and addressed to the Nor'Wester Mountain Escarpment Protection Committee with respect to Source Protection re: the Big Thunder Wind Park and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

i) LRCA Source Protection Committee minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2010

**Resolution No.: 1582/10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

THAT the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Source Protection Committee minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2010 be received as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

j) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) Annual General Meeting held April 21-24, 2010 in Marathon

**Resolution No.: 1583/10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the following persons are hereby authorized to attend the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's NOMA Annual General Meeting being held in Marathon on April 21-24, 2010 and that their expenses be paid according to policy:

Councillor Blunt, Councillor Covello.

**CARRIED**

- k) Minutes from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority meeting held January 27, 2010

**Resolution No.: 1584/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT Lakehead Region Conservation Authority minutes of its meeting held January 27, 2010 be received as circulated and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- l) Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association membership survey

The Clerk was directed to respond to NOMA's survey noting that Council is satisfied with the organization noting that the Common Voice is not an independent body.

**Resolution No.: 1585/10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT Council receives the request from NOMA to complete a survey and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

**8. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

- a) By-law Enforcement
- b) Building and Planning
- c) Public Works
  - i. Letter from Josie and Joe Virdiramo re: Shuniah Road's Department Crew.

**Resolution No.: 1586/10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Alana Bishop

THAT Council receives the correspondence from Josie and Joe Virdiramo complementing the Public Works staff for the fine work they do and same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- ii. Report from Manager of Operations re: Waste Facility Signs.

**Resolution No.: 1587/10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby approves the implementation of the new Waste Facility sign to be installed by the Ministry of Transportation for the McTavish Landfill site located on Highway 11/17 as outlined in the Manager of Operation memo dated March 2, 2010.

**CARRIED**

d) Fire Department

- i. Letter from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services- Office of the Fire Marshal re: changes to the Fire Protection Services

**Resolution No.: 1588/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna

THAT Council receives notice from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Office of the Fire Marshal that Kevin Schooler is the new Fire Protection Advisor for the Municipality of Shuniah and that same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

e) Administration

- i. Resolution to cancel Council and Committee of the Whole of Council regular meetings on Election Day, October 25, 2010

**Resolution No.: 1589/10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Alana Bishop

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act has been amended which resulted in Voting Day for the 2010 Municipal Elections to be scheduled to October 25, 2010;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole of Council and Council's regular meetings scheduled for October 25, 2010 are hereby cancelled.

**CARRIED**

f) Finance Department

- i. Monthly expenditures for January 2010

**Resolution No.: 1590/10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Alana Bishop

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby authorizes payment of the accounts for the month of January 2010 in the amount of \$684,268.22.

**CARRIED**

ii. Minister of Finance 2010 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Calculations

**Resolution No.: 1591/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the information received from the Ministry of Finance on the 2010 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Municipal Workbook and Social program Costs Report be received and that same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

9. REPORTS OF REEVE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Blunt attended a Source Protection Planning Conference there was discussion with respect to Bare Point and concerns of large ships mooring nearby.

Councillor Blunt informed the Committee that she; the Reeve and the CAO attend Thunder Bay District Municipal League conference in Schreiber and reviewed some of the items discussed.

Councillor Blunt informed Council that the upcoming Lakehead Region Conservation Authority meeting would be discussing the new building and concerns of the funding for same. She would like Council's input on same.

The Reeve informed Council she and the CAO attended OGRA/ROMA conferences and met with the Minister of Transportation. She also attended a session on wind turbines and a report will come forward with respect to health and social impacts.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) General

**Resolution No.: 1592/10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT the response letter from Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development Mines and Forestry on the Municipality's submission to the Northern Growth Plan be received and same be filed in the Clerk's office.

**CARRIED**

b) Referred

- i. Request for support from Town of Gravenhurst re: Ombudsman Act Amendment to include Hospitals

**Resolution No.: 1593/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

THAT the request for support from the Township of Gravenhurst to petition the Premier of Ontario to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council for further discussion.

**CARRIED**

- ii. Letter from Jerry Ouellette, M.P.P. Oshawa request for input re: governance of Conservation Authorities

<b>Resolution No.: 1594/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Alana Bishop
THAT the request for comments concerning legislation, regulations and the organizational responsibility of the Conservation Authorities received from Jerry J. Quellet, MPP in Oshawa be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council for further discussion.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

11. BY-LAWS

- a) A by-law to set the tax ratios for the 2010 taxation year

<b>Resolution No.: 1595/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Donna Blunt
THAT a by-law to set the tax ratios for the Municipality of Shuniah for the 2010 taxation year be read a First and Second time this Eighth Day of March 2010;	
AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

Councillor Bishop requested that due to the nature of the by-law Council complete third and final reading.

<b>Resolution No.: 1596/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to set the tax ratios for the Municipality of Shuniah for the 2010 taxation year be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2453-10;	
AND THAT the said by-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- b) A by-law to authorize an encroachment agreement with the owners of Plan 820 Lot 1

<b>Resolution No.: 1597/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT a by-law to authorize an encroachment agreement with the owners of Lot 1 Plan 820 be read a First and Second time this eighth Day of March 2010;	
AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

Councillor Bishop requested that due to the nature of the by-law Council complete third and final reading.

<b>Resolution No.: 1598/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to authorize an encroachment agreement with the owners of Lot 1 Plan 820 be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2454-10;	
AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

c) A by-law to authorize an agreement with Pass Lake Fire Department for Fire Services in the McTavish Ward.

<b>Resolution No.: 1599/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Alana Bishop
THAT A by-law to authorize an agreement with Pass Lake Fire Department for Fire Services in the McTavish Ward be read a First and Second Time this Eighth Day of March 2010;	
AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

Councillor Covello requested that due to the nature of the by-law Council complete third and final reading.

<b>Resolution No.: 1600/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Ab Covello
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Alana Bishop
THAT A by-law to authorize an agreement with Pass Lake Fire Department for Fire Services in the McTavish Ward be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2455-10;	
AND THAT the said by-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

d) A by-law to open and establish a public road and to stop up and permanently close a portion of shoreline road allowance and declare certain lands as surplus and authorize the sale of such lands

**Resolution No.: 1601/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT A by-law to open up public roads; to then stop up and close a portion of shoreline road allowance located at Loon Lake to be declared as surplus and to authorize the sale of same be read a First and Second time this Eighth Day of March 2010;

AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bishop requested that due to the nature of the by-law Council complete third and final reading.

**Resolution No.: 1602/10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Alana Bishop

THAT A by-law to open up public roads; to then stop up and close a portion of shoreline road allowance located at Loon Lake to be declared as surplus and to authorize the sale of same be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2456-10;

AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

**CARRIED**

e) A by-law to amend By-law No. 2180-05 to authorize an agreement with AMO for the transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues

**Resolution No.: 1603/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT a by-law to amend the agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with respect to the Federal Gas Tax Revenues be read a First and Second time this Eighth Day of March 2010;

AND THAT same be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Blunt requested that due to the nature of the by-law Council complete third and final reading.

**Resolution No.: 1604/10**

**Moved By:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to amend the agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with respect to the Federal Gas Tax Revenues be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2457-10;

AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

**CARRIED**

f) A by-law to provide for advance votes to be held prior to voting day.

**Resolution No.: 1605/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

THAT a by-law to provide for advance poll for the 2010 Municipal Election to be held prior to Voting Day be read a First and Second Time this Eighth Day of March 2010;'

**CARRIED**

Councillor Blunt requested that due to the nature of the by-law Council complete third and final reading.

**Resolution No.: 1606/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Donna Blunt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to provide for advance poll for the 2010 Municipal Election to be held prior to Voting Day be read a third time and numbered 2458-10;

AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

**CARRIED**

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Letter from Bruce Hyer, M.P. re: rail service between Winnipeg and Sudbury

**Resolution No.: 1607/10**

**Moved By:** Ab Covello  
**Seconded By:** Alana Bishop

WHEREAS in the year 2000 under Resolution No. 1011/00 Council supported the Rail Ways to Future Committee in its endeavour to the Province to establish a Rail Renewal Task Force and Rail Policy to consider reinstating the passenger service in the City of Thunder Bay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah further supports Bruce Hyer's letter to the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities in an effort to revive VIA Rail service along the North Shore of Lake Superior from Winnipeg to Sudbury via Thunder Bay and White River.

**CARRIED**

14. CONFIRMATORY

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**Resolution No.: 1608/10**

**Moved By:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded By:** Ab Covello

THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a First, Second and Third time on this eighth day of March 2010 and Numbered 2459-10;

AND THAT the said By-law be engrossed in the By-law Book.

**CARRIED**

15. ADJOURNMENT

<b>Resolution No.: 1609/10</b>	
<b>Moved By:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT the hour of 6:40 having arrived the meeting adjourn.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS                      DAY OF                      2010

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Reeve

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Clerk