

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINETH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON  
FOURTEENTH DAY OF APRIL 2008 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  
Councillor Ron Giardetti

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wendy Hamlin, Clerk  
Eric Collingwood, Chief Administrative Officer  
Alan Cooke, Chief Building Official

2 persons in audience

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Resolution No.: 529/08**

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

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

**CARRIED**

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Reeve declared a conflict on the expenditures under Item No. 8) f). There was no other declaration on any other item on the agenda by any other member of Council.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No.: 530/08**

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

THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

a) Minutes of the previous Meeting

- i) Minutes of the Twenty-eighth regular meeting held on March 25, 2008

**Resolution No.: 531/08**

**Moved by:** Ron Giardetti  
**Seconded by:** Donna Blunt

THAT the Minutes of the Twenty-eighth regular meeting held on March 25, 2008 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- b) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The CAO informed Council that Norm Gale, EMO would attend Council's second meeting in May.

CAO undertook to review the retainer agreement with Buset and Partners to be brought forward to a future meeting.

**6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

The Chief Building Official completed a PowerPoint Presentation.

Administration was directed to come back with a redraft of the draft by-law for review.

**7. REPORTS & MINUTES FROM OTHER BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Resolution No.: 532/08**

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

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- b) Minutes of the Special meeting of the Committee of the Whole held April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Resolution No.: 533/08**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be adopted as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- c) LRCA Notice of Open House for Municipal Councillors and Staff April 9, 2008 12 noon to 8 pm

**Resolution No.: 534/08**

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

THAT the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority's Notice of an Open House be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- d) Police Services Board's Letter to Ontario Provincial Police re: Computer Leases

**Resolution No.: 535/08**

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

THAT the Shuniah Police Services Board's letter to the Ontario Provincial Police with respect to computer leases be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- e) Ontario Provincial Police acknowledgement letter regarding computer lease for Community Policing Office

**Resolution No.: 536/08**

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

THAT the Ontario Provincial Police's letter of acknowledgement regarding the computer lease for the Community Policing Office be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- f) Shuniah Police Services Board copy of Letter sent to Larry Lambert, MTO re: wide load permits

**Resolution No.: 537/08**

**Moved by:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded by:** Ron Giardetti

THAT the Shuniah Police Services Board's letter to the Larry Lambert of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario outlining its concerns of safety when wide vehicles drive on the highways in stormy weather be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

- g) Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority meeting held Feb. 20, 2008

<b>Resolution No.: 538/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Alana Bishop
THAT the minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority meeting held February 20, 2008 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- h) Association of Mining Municipalities of Ontario request for representation.

<b>Resolution No.: 539/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT the invitation from the Association of Mining Municipalities of Ontario to become members and send representation to its annual meeting be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- i) 2008 LRCA Flood Warning System Contact Booklet

<b>Resolution No.: 540/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Ron Giardetti
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Donna Blunt
THAT the correspondence and booklet received from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- j) AMO alert: Municipal Infrastructure Funding

<b>Resolution No.: 541/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT the alert received from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on Municipal Infrastructure Funding – Building Canada Fund be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- k) Committee of Adjustment notice of decision B2/08

<b>Resolution No.: 542/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Ron Giardetti
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Donna Blunt
THAT the copy of the Shuniah Committee of Adjustment's Decision on Application B2/08 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- l) Lakehead Region Conservation Authority minutes of the Source Protection Committee meeting held March 5, 2008

<b>Resolution No.: 543/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ab Covello
THAT the minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Source Protection Committee meeting held March 5, 2008 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

## 8. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) By-law Enforcement
- b) Building and Planning
- c) Public Works
  - i) Ministry of Transportation announcement for the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment

<b>Resolution No.: 544/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Donna Blunt
WHEREAS the Municipality of Shuniah has received approval of an allocation of funds towards its municipal road and bridge capital investment needs from the Ministry of Transportation in the amount of \$254,545;	
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah shall use the said funds to complete the reconstruction of the Compressor Station Road Bridge;	
AND THAT a final summary report detailing expenditures of the use of the provincial funding and outcomes achieved shall be submitted to the ministry;	
AND FURTHER THAT any funds intended for the project that are not used in accordance with rehabilitation of municipal road and bridge capital investment needs will be returned to the ministry.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

- d) Fire Department
- e) Administration
  - i) Notice of Motion – Action Reeves

**Resolution No.: 545/08**

**Moved by:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded by:** Ron Giardetti

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WHEREAS By-law No. 2297-07, the Procedural By-law, states under Section 4.6, that at the first Regular Meeting of Council after a regular election the Council shall, by resolution, appoint Acting Reeves for the term of the Council;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it practical to amend the Acting Reeves to be appointed quarterly to be in line with the appointments of the Chair of the Committee of the Whole of Council during its term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolutions Numbered 11/06 and 407/08 are hereby rescinded;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby appoints the following Council Members as Acting Reeves and Chairs for the Committee of the Whole of Council for the remaining Term of Council for the time periods as listed corresponding their names;

Ab Covello		October to December 2009	July to September 2010
Ron Giardetti	April to June 2008	January to March 2009	October to November 2010
Donna Blunt	July to September 2008	April to June 2009	January to March 2010
Alana Bishop	October to December 2008	July to September 2009	April to June 2010

**CARRIED**

- ii) Request to purchase road allowance

**Resolution No.: 546/08**

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

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THAT Council concurs with the Committee of the Whole of Council's Resolution No. 128/08 recommending the Municipality retain the road allowance located at Bass Lake;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Hall's request to purchase the road allowance abutting his property located at Bass Lake be denied.

**CARRIED**

- iii) Memo: Employment Insurance for Organized and Unorganized Townships

**Resolution No.: 547/08**

**Moved by:** Ron Giardetti  
**Seconded by:** Donna Blunt

THAT the Memo to Eric Collingwood, CAO, dated April 2, 2008, with information on Employment Insurance for Organized and Unorganized Townships be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

Administration was directed to write to the Members of Parliament, Joe Commuzzi and Ken Boshkoff, and request confirmation and results.

- f) Finance Department
  - i) Executive Summary 2008 Budget

**Resolution No.: 548/08**

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

THAT the Executive Summary of the 2008 Budget prepared by Eric Collingwood, Treasurer, dated April 2, 2008 be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

The Reeve asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak to the 2008 Budget. There was no response.

- ii) Notice of the Consideration to pass By-laws

**Resolution No.: 549/08**

**Moved by:** Donna Blunt  
**Seconded by:** Ron Giardetti

THAT the Notice of Consideration to the Passing of By-laws, dated April 8, 2008, be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED**

The Reeve called for anyone to speak to the proposed tax rate by-law. There was no response.

The Reeve called for anyone to speak to the proposed set fines by-law.

Bill Paul came forward to speak to the set fines by-law and informed Council that as a member for the Committee of Adjustment, he has been waiting a long time for this. He encouraged Council to pass the by-law; ensure it is enforced and to advertise it continually in the Newsletter.

At this time the Reeve turned the Chair over to Councillor Giardetti for the following items dealing with expenditures. She did not partake in discussion of same.

iii) Monthly expenditures for march 2008

<b>Resolution No.: 550/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Alana Bishop
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Donna Blunt
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby authorizes payment of the accounts for the month of March, 2008 in the amount of \$7,638.70.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

<b>Resolution No.: 551/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Alana Bishop
THAT the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby authorizes payment of the accounts for the month of March, 2008 in the amount of \$693,103.05.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

The CAO undertook to will investigate using the local establishments for purchasing fuel for Municipal vehicles.

The Reeve returned to the Chair at this time.

iv) Land use agreements for the McTavish Recreation Centre property

<b>Resolution No.: 552/08</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	Donna Blunt
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ron Giardetti
THAT Engineering Northwest; Bruno's Contracting; and B.J. Hallow are requesting to use the property lands owned by the Municipality on which the McTavish Recreation Centre is located;	
AND THAT the Manager of Operations and the Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a Land Use Agreement with the above noted companies for the use of the said property.	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

9. REPORTS OF REEVE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) General

**Resolution No.: 553/08**

**Moved by:** Ron Giardetti  
**Seconded by:** Donna Blunt

THAT the following items of General Correspondence be received as circulated and filed in the Clerk's Office:

- i) Notice of the Free Family Fishing Weekend
- ii) Letter from the Honourable Michael Gravelle re: Establishing National Infrastructure Plan.
- iii) Letter of support from the Town of Marathon re: Thunder Bay DSSAB contracting services.
- iv) Notice of approved 2008 – 2009 herbicide and tree planting annual work schedule for the Black Sturgeon Forest area.
- v) Letter from the Honourable Jim Bradley Minister of Transportation re Highway 11/17 realignment.
- vi) Letter from Larry Lambert, Ministry of Transportation Northwest region re: Highway 11/17 realignment.

**CARRIED**

b) Referred

- i) Minister Responsible for Seniors invitation for nominations for Senior of the Year

**Resolution No.: 554/08**

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

THAT the correspondence received from the Minister Responsible for Seniors requesting nominations to someone for a 2008 Senior of the Year Award be referred to the Committee of the Whole of Council to name an individual from our Community for this award.

**CARRIED**

**11. BY-LAWS**

- a) A by-law to adopt set fines made under the Building Code Act

**Resolution No.: 555/08**

**Moved by:** Ron Giardetti  
**Seconded by:** Alana Bishop

THAT a by-law to adopt set fines made under the Building Code Act, be read a First and Second time this Fourteenth Day of April 2008 and that same be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No.: 556/08**

**Moved by:** Alana Bishop  
**Seconded by:** Ron Giardetti

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to adopt set fines made under the Building Code Act be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2319-08.

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

**CARRIED**

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

b) A by-law to set 2008 Municipal Tax ratios

**Resolution No.: 557/08**

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

THAT a by-law to set 2008 Municipal Tax ratios, be read a First and Second time this Fourteenth Day of April 2008 and that same be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

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

**Resolution No.: 558/08**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law to set 2008 Municipal Tax ratios be received and deemed to have been read a third time and numbered 2320-08.

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

**CARRIED**

c) A by-law to adopt the 2008 budget

**Resolution No.: 559/08**

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

THAT a by-law to adopt the 2008 budget, be read a First and Second time this Fourteenth Day of April 2008 and that same be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

## 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The CAO was directed to schedule a meeting for discussion on the O'Connor Point property, to include the two letters of requests and provide options for Council's review.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Township of Hilliard request to support maintenance of legal handguns ownership in Canada

### **Resolution No.: 560/08**

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

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard passed Resolution No. 2008-057 passed at its March 19, 2008 meeting petitioning the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to continue to allow the ownership of handguns;

AND WHEREAS banning handguns will not correct or prevent people from obtaining illegal handguns stronger regulations and enforcement are needed for this problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports the Township of Hilliard in its request;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Steven Harper; Premier Dalton McGuinty; and Michael Gravelle, MPP

**DEFEATED**

- b) City of Port Colborne request for support to the Ontario Government to establish funding for Municipalities to assist in complying with O.Reg 429/07 under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act

### **Resolution No.: 561/08**

**Moved by:** Ron Giardetti  
**Seconded by:** Ab Covello

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne's Resolution passed at its March 25th 2008 meeting calling upon the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to petition for and work with the Province of Ontario on the development and provision of a proper and fair provincial funding mechanism that would assist municipalities and other provincially funded public sector organizations in complying with the provisions of Ontario Regulation Number 429/07 of the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, so that the financial burden imposed by the Regulation is fairly shared by all the residents of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

- c) City of Ottawa request for support to petition the Ontario Government to pay their share of costs to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

**Resolution No.: 562/08**

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports the City of Ottawa's resolution passed at its March 27, 2008 meeting requesting that the Province of Ontario pay a proportional share of the costs municipalities pay to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for providing services to both municipal and provincial governments for the purpose of collecting taxes related to education property taxes.

**CARRIED**

d) Workshop Parliamentary Procedures for Municipal Clerks Administrators held May 29<sup>th</sup>, Thunder Bay

Deferred to the next meeting

**14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resolution No.: 563/08**

**Moved by:** Ron Giardetti  
**Seconded by:** Alana Bishop

THAT a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read a First, Second and Third time on this Fourteenth Day of April 2008 and Numbered 2321-08;

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

**CARRIED**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No.: 564/08**

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

THAT the hour of 7:35 having arrived the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

CONFIRMED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF 2008

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Chair

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Clerk