



Shuniah – ADMINISTRATION REPORT

REPORT: PG 19-11-20

Date: November 19, 2019

TO: **Mayor and Council**

CC: Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations
Nadene Hunley, Clerk/Manager of Planning

FROM: **Paul Greenwood, CAO**

SUBJECT: Updated Green Star Program Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the updated Green Star Program policy and the same be filed in the Clerk's office.

BACKGROUND:

The green star program concept was first presented to Council in April of 2018 and has seen numerous revisions based on consultation with residents, local authorities and planning considerations in the draft Official Plan. Municipal staff have met with representatives of the MECP and TBDHU and held a Special Meeting in March of 2019 to discuss both the Official Plan and green star programs as they are tied through the MWWSP completed in 2017. On June 11th, 2019, Council approved the implementation date of January 1, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

The goal of updated the program since June 11th was to make the process less onerous on Shuniah residents while ensuring that the Municipality achieves the outcome of the green star program: avoiding costly installation of user-pay communal systems while reducing health and safety risk to residents and visitors in high-density areas. This timing of this policy in conjunction with our draft Official Plan and impending Comprehensive Zoning By-law review is a turning point for Shuniah residents living in high densities areas. These steps are a necessity when it comes to good planning principles under the Planning Act and providing the highest quality of life by building a healthy rural community provided by responsible leadership, planning and effective management of municipal resources.