

THE SHUNIAH NEWS

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ATV and Off-road Vehicles on CN Rail Corridor and Municipal Roads

from Paul Greenwood CAO/Deputy Clerk

The CNR rail bed is privately owned property and should not be used for any motorized off-road vehicles usage. **To be clear, CN property is not to be utilized by any person without expressed consent from CN and failure to heed to the rules could result in charges being laid under the Railway Safety Act of Canada or the Trespass to Property Act.** Issues and/or concerns regarding activities on

or along the CNR right-of-way are to be forwarded to CN Public Enquiries at **1-888-888-5909**.

In addition, off-road vehicle users are reminded to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act and Shuniah Municipal By-law #2928-17 when enjoying off-road vehicles activities.

Be smart. Be safe.

McKenzie Kindergarten Graduating Class of 2020 - See pages 6-8!



2020 FINAL TAX INVOICE

Shuniah's 2020 final property tax bill will be mailed out the end of July. Payments are due Friday August 28 and Friday October 30. **SAVE** page 2 of the invoice for you 2020 personal income tax filing. Page 2 has a Schedule 2 section Final (2020) Levies as per the picture below. This is the amount you are eligible to claim on your 2020 personal income tax filing.

SCHEDULE 2	
Explanation of Tax Changes 2017 to 2018	
Property Class(es): R	
Final 2017 Levies	Final 2018 Levies
\$2,045.13	\$2,078.19
Total Year Over Year Change	
\$33.06	
Final 2017 Levies	\$2,045.13
*2017 Annualized Taxes	\$2,045.13
2018 Local Municipal Levy Change	(\$108.86)
2018 Upper-Tier Municipal Levy Change	
2018 Provincial Education Levy Change	(\$25.43)
2018 Tax Change Due to Reassessment	\$165.35
** Final 2018 Levies	\$2,078.19

When you prepare your income tax return and you need a reprint of your tax statement there is a \$5 charge. If you request a letter for income tax, there is a \$10 charge. Both items must be picked up at the municipal office.

Summer 2020 Virtual Council Meetings



Council meetings for the summer of 2020 will be the following dates:

- ❖ Wednesday, July 15, 2020
- ❖ Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Meetings are at 4:00 pm

For all council meetings go to the agenda & meeting tab on the website

Soil Mates Community Gardens ~ Essential as Always

by Peter Tracz, Rocking ChairPerson, Shuniah SoilMates

The April petition sponsored by Sustain Ontario to have Community Gardens declared essential had reached 7200 signatures and in very short order, Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario Government allowed all Community Gardens to reopen...and here we are ...back in the Soil Mates Gardens. The one stipulation was that all Gardens to be under the Ontario Dept. of Public Health Operation Guidelines

On Monday May 25th Paul Greenwood, Craig Baumann and I met at the Rec Center with Thunder Bay Dept. of Public Health reps Ivan Ho and Melissa Syrja (our assigned inspector) to familiarize them with our Community Gardens and to ensure we were compliant in every way to the Guidelines. We're required to have a sign in /sign out station, signature book, water source for washing, spray disinfectant, paper toweling and notices posted at the entrance re Pandemic safeguards and social distancing.

We officially opened our Soil Mates Gardens on June 01 and

did so very successfully after a little time on getting the services in working order, water supply lines and hoses, grass whipped between gardens (thanks Zack Ross) transfer of the compost bins from last October 2019 . One other stipulation was that each member bring and use their own garden tools, other wise the shed tools must be spray disinfected before and after any use.

The new STIHL roto-tiller cultivator worked like a charm and we tilled 19 gardens those opening days. Free fertilizers of various strengths were offered to all as part of our startup bonus. Except for the odd evening of frost scares we are well on our way to another successful garden season. The Herb Garden #2 and the flowers in the Memorial Garden to Josh Klukie fared well over the past winter and they each had a good 2 ft of snow cover.

Be well and be safe ...the Covid-19 virus never takes a break and never should we in safety.





Fire Numbers in the Municipality of Shuniah

by Blair Arthur
Fire Chief/CEMC, By-Law Enforcement Officer
Shuniah Fire & Emergency Services

The Municipality of Shuniah incorporated a Fire Numbering By-Law or commonly know as emergency numbers to civic addresses since 1991. Every address received a sign and installed accordingly to the by-law as it relates to location and placement. Property owners have moved signs from their original location for many reasons and are hindering Emergency Services from finding addresses.

Properly displaying your Fire Number at the end of your driveway ensures fast emergency response for Police, Fire & Ambulance Services. First responders are moving quickly to assist you. Seeing the Fire Numbers posted clearly helps the responders to calculate when to start slowing down for the number they are looking for. When an emergency vehicle misses a driveway, it causes delays in reaching someone who is in serious trouble. Precious minutes can pass while the emergency vehicle finds a place to turn around

somewhere down the road and then return to the incident scene.

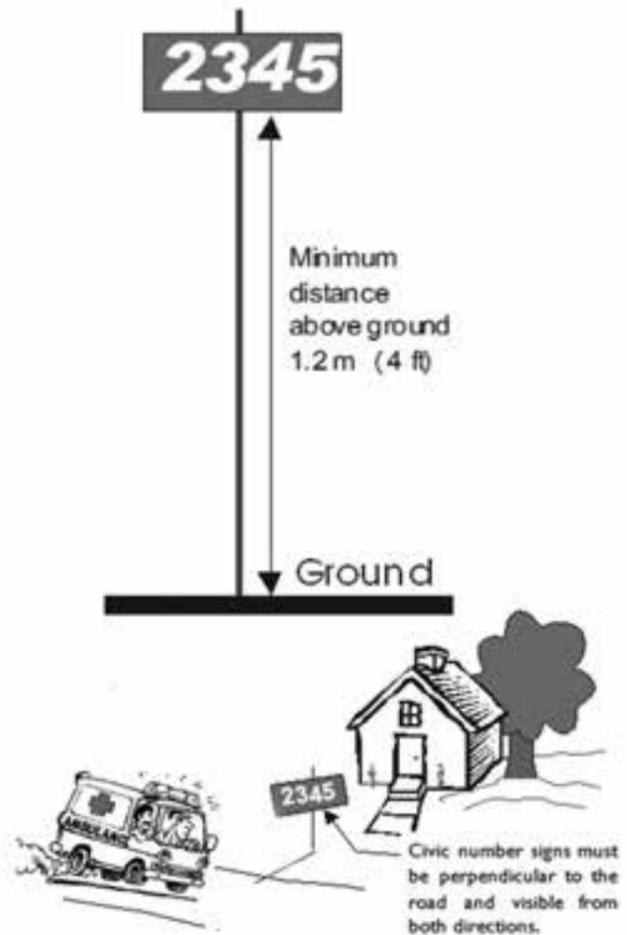
It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain in good condition the Fire Numbers as provided by the municipality and not obstruct in any matter the clear visibility of the Fire Number. Any property owner **Not in Compliance** with any of the provisions of this by-law can be expensed to come into compliance.

The Fire Number requirements:

- Not more than 25' or 7.5m from entrance/exit of servicing the property
- Clearly visible from the road always
- Posted at a height not less than 4' or 1.2m
- Posted perpendicular to the road from which access is gained to the property

Examples of NOT Appropriate Sign Placement:

- side of house or garage
- on a tree etc.



St. Mark's Church Yard Sale

Saturday, August 17th

ALL OUTDOOR
With regret we have decided to **cancel** plans to hold the annual Saint Marks yard sale for 2020. With consideration to social distancing and the 2 m rule as well as restrictions affecting other social events normally held during the summer months, we feel it would not be possible to attract our usual volunteers and required numbers, as well as safely accommodating large numbers of guests. We are accepting and storing donations in anticipation of Saint Marks Yard Sale 2021
Thanks
Handicap parking level only

Saint Marks Yard Sale Committee

Thank you
for your support

COVID-19: Physical Distancing

Thunder Bay District Health Unit: Updated June 23, 2020

Physical distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak. Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by making a conscious effort to keep a physical distance between each other. With patience and cooperation, we can all do our part.

What does Physical Distancing mean?

Physical distancing involves taking steps to limit the number of people you come into close contact with. Avoiding close contact with other people helps prevent the spread of illnesses, such as COVID-19, by keeping the density of people low. Physical distancing means making changes in your everyday routines in order to minimize close contact with others. Even though individuals are separated physically, it is still important to stay connected socially through other means, such as phone calls, social media, or other digital means. As part of reopening, the Ontario government announced that people can get together with people outside of their household by creating social circles. A social circle is made up of up to 10 family and friends that you can interact with without physical distancing and can touch, hug, etc. This is different than social gatherings, which can be with up to 10 people outside of your household/social circle, but you must maintain physical distancing at all times. For more details on both of these options, visit the Safer Socialization page.

How to Practice Physical Distancing

- Keep your close contacts to those in your social circle. If you decide to meet up with others outside of your social circle. Keep the visit outside.
- Always stay 2 metres (6 feet) apart.
- Have no more than 10 people in the group.
- Do not visit anyone who is not feeling well or if you are ill yourself.
- Wear a mask or face covering if you are around people who may be at higher risk for illness (i.e. older adults, people with compromised immune systems).
- Keep a distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) from others, as much as possible. Whenever it is difficult to maintain a safe distance, wear a non-medical mask or face covering to create a barrier between your respiratory droplets and the people and surfaces around you.
- Limit gatherings to 10 people or less (this is part of Ontario's Emergency Order and is enforceable by law).
- Stay away from places where there are higher numbers of people.
- Have a plan B if where you are going is busy.
- Shop for groceries, medicines and other supplies once per week or less, and go alone if possible.
- Use food delivery services or online shopping.
- Work from home when possible and conduct virtual meetings.
- Greet with a wave or head nod instead of a handshake, kiss or hug with those outside of your social circle.
- Use technology to keep in touch with friends and family outside of your social circle and for virtual play dates for children.
- Take public transportation during off-peak hours if you're able.
- Choose to walk or bike to your destination, if possible.
- Continue to follow all Infection Prevention and Control measures.
- Remember: While you may not feel sick, and while we know these measures are an inconvenience, please be mindful of the members of our community who are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others.

BE BEAR WISE

submitted by Paul Greenwood,
CAO/Deputy Clerk



Who to contact

Not every bear sighting is an emergency situation. Here is who to call if you encounter a bear.

Emergency situations

Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site

Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.

Non-emergency encounters

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641) if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

The MNR abandoned their relocation program for bears about 7 years ago as they would relocate a bear 150 km away and it would just return to the food source. So how can we help prevent conflicts with black bears?

Bears usually avoid humans, but they are attracted into urban and rural areas to get food.

Bears will be attracted to your neighbourhood by:

- strong food aromas
- the scent of garbage
- cooking smells
- ripe fruits and pet food left outside

If bears learn that they can find food where people live, they will return again and again as long as the food source is available and will even try to enter buildings. Relocation and dispatch of bears are poor ways of trying to prevent conflicts with bears.

Learn more at ontario.ca/bearwise

2021 Shuniah Calendar

Photo Contest:

We want your photos to showcase Shuniah's beautiful landscapes, buildings, landmarks, events, and anything else related to Shuniah! No experience required! The more photos you submit the better your chances! Your photos could also appear in Municipal publications, website and printed materials to promote Shuniah.

- 1st Place – Shuniah Hoodie, Shuniah Promo Bag & \$25 to the Fish Shop & to Lakeshore Bistro
- 2nd Place – Shuniah Hoodie, Shuniah Promo Bag & \$25 to the Fish Shop
- 3rd Place – Shuniah Toque, Shuniah Promo Bag & \$25 to Lakeshore Bistro

Email your hi-resolution photos to ap@shuniah.org or submit via USB/memory stick to the Municipal Office. You must submit an Entry Form for each submission.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR
2021 CALENDAR CONTEST:
FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 2020**

Entry forms available at: www.shuniah.org/economic-development/2021calendar/

Any questions, please contact the Municipal Office at 683-4545.

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Councillor Duff Stewart
807 627-0230
dstewart@shuniah.org



SHUNIAH NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Non Emergency Administration	983-2021 (facsimile 983-2943)
Public Works and Roads	983-2550 (facsimile 983-2946)
Municipal Office	683-4545 (facsimile 683-6982) Toll-free: 1-855-683-4545
OPP	1 888 310-1122
MNR	1 888 310-(Fire) 3473

MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

Located at 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
May long weekend to September long weekend
– Friday Hours 8:30 am to 3:30 pm



Shuniah Dog Tags
2020 Dog Tags are required.
Available for purchase at the Municipal Office.



What is Happening at the MacGregor Recreation Centre?

800 Lakeshore Drive - More information call 344-1908 email kathmaun@tbaytel.net

Follow MacGregor Rec Centre on Facebook to always know what is going on!

WHILE THE MACGREGOR REC CENTRE BUILDING IS STILL CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, SOME OUTDOOR CLASSES ARE STARTING TO BE OFFERED. SEE DETAILS BELOW.



ART OF YOGA

Mondays 10am

\$12 or \$50/5 class pack

Art will be putting on yoga classes outside, beginning Monday July 6th. Max of 9 students, please RSVP ahead of time: <https://bookwhen.com/artofyoga> Please bring your own mat/props.

Class will be for everyone of all-levels, Hatha yoga. Feel free to reach out to him via email or phone, as he'll probably increase the number of classes as the summer goes on. The 12:15pm Wednesday Zoom online yoga class will continue as well. 707-7374, artofyogacanada@gmail.com

EXERCISE BOOTCAMP

Thursdays

Advanced 5:00-5:45pm

Beginner 6:00-6:45pm

\$40/4 weeks

Outdoor fitness classes utilizing med balls, some hand weights and bodyweight movements.

The beginner's class is good for any fitness level, as you decide your pace at each individual station. Workouts are safe and enjoyable for all. All equipment is wiped clean after every "Round".

Groups are currently limited to 8 people and must be pre-registered. Please contact Coach Dayna (807) 632-2254 for info and registration.

YOUTH GROUP OFFLINE FOR SUMMER

During the last few months the Youth Group staff has been providing their theme nights online for families to participate in. We are very proud of our amazing staff who adjusted to the online technology and spent time continuing to connect with the Shuniah community. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to Tammi, Kai, Emma, Zach, Larissa and Jess. Their fun ideas, activities and links are still posted on the MacGregor Facebook page for anyone to access... just follow our page. As life starts to return to the new normal, we hope to be able to hold our Youth Group nights in person again this fall. Happy summer everyone!



MacGregor Rec Centre

Posted by Tammi Whitelock

June 5 at 6:02 PM

Youth Group, WE MISS YOU! 🤍

It's been a tough few months without you all, so today we will be sharing what we've doing to keep busy during this isolation!

Share with us what your favourite activities have been during this time 😊



Coach's Corner

Wow what a year, Covid - 19 has challenged our everyday life like nothing most of us have ever experienced. The best way to put ourselves back on our mental track is to take control of the things that will improve our well-being. And of course, I am a big fan of exercise for not just physical health but mental health as well.

We have all been overwhelmed with non stop stressors. All this external weight of everyday life has put the best of us through the mental ringer.

When we are stressed or scared our body's response is to release stress hormones (cortisol). Our body's reaction to this hormone is increased heart rate, blood pressure and overall alertness.

Getting regular exercise is not only good for providing us with routines, it is good for body and brain health - it also improves our sleep.

The good news is we live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Nothing is more beautiful then Northern Ontario in summer. Being outside, walking, hiking or biking 30 mins a day 3 days a week has been proven to prevent stress induced depression.

So if you haven't started yet, make a stand and get control back into your life one step, climb or pedal at a time.



Until next time,
keep swinging
Coach Dayna

News from McKenzie School

www.lakeheadschoools.ca/mckenzie
Submitted by Julie Gayoski-Luke, Vice Principal



With the end of the 2019-20 school year, we must say goodbye to our current Grade 6 students and wish them well as they move on to the next step in their education! We will miss you but you will always be a part of McKenzie school no matter where your adventures take you. Each year we see students and adults come back to see the rooms and hallways that make up their earliest school memories. Leave us proud and remember "Once a Mustang – always a Mustang"!

McKenzie School students and staff want to thank everyone (every parent, family member, friend, and community member) that contribute to the school community, volunteer in the school or on field trips and support students in large and small ways. The community makes McKenzie School a small school with a "Big Heart" and a great place to Learn and Grow! You belong here!

Things went a little different this year. We hope in the last few months that you have found interesting and fun ways to spend your time with your families and appreciated the time to slow down with the rest of the world. We are proud of the perseverance that our students, families and staff have showed through these challenging times and know that together we can make anything happen!

We want to express a warm welcome to all of the new JK students that will start in the 2020-21 school year. We look forward to seeing you! Do not forget to register your son or daughter for the First Riders Program so they learn important bus safety and they familiarize themselves with riding the big yellow bus. Watch the mail for a letter from the school.

With this school year at an end, we say good-bye for a few weeks until we start a new year, new grade and get ready to start learning new things.

We would also like to thank all of volunteers that helped during the school year and the School and Parent Councils for the hard work!

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall and will communicate what the school year will look like as soon as we know!

Don't forget to like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with what is happening in the school!

Check out our SK Graduation Pictures!



First Rider

Saturday, August 29, 2020

10:00am - 4:00pm

Confederation College - TEC

Hub/McIntyre Building

The First Rider Program has been designed for young, first time school bus riders. This fun learning experience helps children prepare for riding the school bus to and from school as well as while on field trips.

Participation will help alleviate concerns and answer questions you may have regarding the safety of your child while riding on or walking around a school bus. The children even get to ride a school bus!

Call To Register During the Week of August 24-28!

Take advantage of this opportunity that will allow your child to ride the school bus with confidence and learn the importance of school bus safety. Register for your spot at First Rider by contacting our First Rider partner, Iron Range Bus Lines during the week of **August 24-28**. (807) 345-7387



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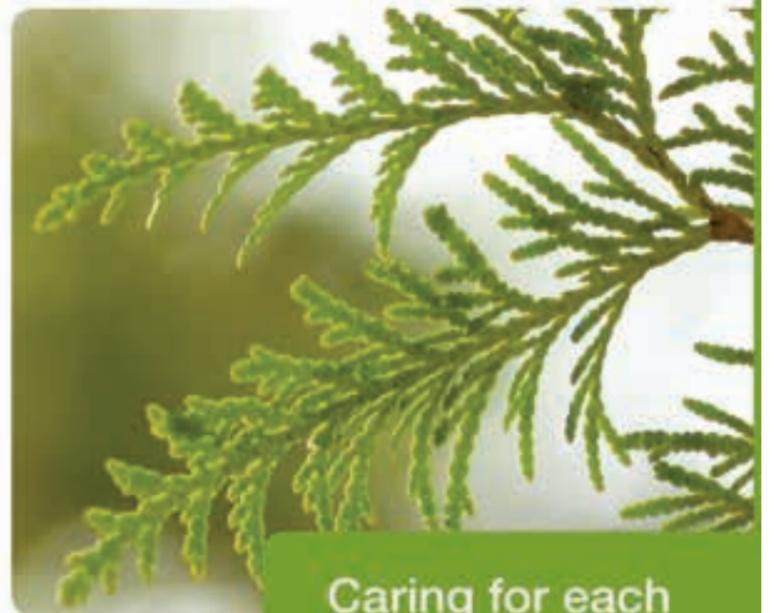
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55 Plus Group Chat Line

What is it?

A call in telephone-based older adult service to join in on fun activities, educational and health and wellness program information. A calendar will be provided to you with the dates and times of scheduled activities.

You can participate if you:

- Live in the township of Connee, Murillo, Oliver Palpoonge, Neebing, Shuniah, O'Connor, Gilles or Fort William First Nation.
- Are 55 and older and find it difficult to leave home, access community centres and services or experience loneliness.

What Are The Benefits?

Create friendships and a community from the comfort of your home. Scheduled time so you know when you can chat. There will be a variety of weekly activities to participate in all or choose those that interest you.

Join Now!

No fees or charges to join.
You just need a telephone! No computer required
 For more information or to register contact Twyla or Suzanne at the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre.

thl@k.a.thunderbay.ca 684-3471



Karen Kent has posted a couple of short videos for her **Family Music** and my **McKenzie Musik Makers** friends on my **Growing with Musik** FB page. **There are now four short videos on her Growing with Musik FB page for toddlers and preschoolers!**

Check this out if you have babies, toddlers, preschools and kindergarten-age little people!



The LRCA has updated the Shoreline Condition Statement for the Lake Superior shoreline within its Area of Jurisdiction, due to continued high water levels that remain well above average. The beginning of June water level was 15 centimetres below the record high set in 1986, 26 centimetres above its beginning of June average (1918-2019), and the 5th highest beginning of June level on record. Lake Superior water levels fluctuate seasonally, therefore as expected, levels will continue to increase into the summer. Water levels on Lake Superior are expected to remain above average for a prolonged period of time, continuing a heightened risk of shoreline flooding, beach submersion and wave driven erosion along some reaches of the shoreline.

Contrary to the high lake levels, received precipitation has been well below average in 2020. The declared Level I Low Water Condition which was declared on May 12, 2020 was upgraded to a Level II Low Water Condition on June 1, 2020. Area gauges recorded 70.9 millimetres of precipitation over the last three months (i.e. March, April in May), compared to average for the period of 164.9 millimetres, which is 43% of average.

As the warmer weather and nicer days entice us all to get out and explore, we want to make sure all of our visitors understand that in-

creased visitation to our Conservation Areas means we are experiencing a huge increase in garbage being left behind. We ask that all visitors remove any garbage they have after visiting one of our Areas. It is extremely difficult to keep up with garbage removal and Conservation Area maintenance with the increased visitation and the smaller field staff this year due to increased health and safety measures due to COVID-19.

If you do plan on visiting a Conservation Area this summer, you must comply with physical distancing practices; Provincial orders surrounding acceptable group sizes must also be adhered to.

While visiting, all pets must be on-leash at all times and picked up after, and again, please remove all of your own garbage as our garbage removal process is currently overwhelmed. Don't forget your \$2.00 parking fee; it is most appreciated now more than ever, as coin box and Explore Card Parking Pass revenue goes directly to Conservation Area maintenance and upkeep.

The LRCA appreciates your continued support and understanding as we continue to navigate through the challenges and frustrations posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we look forward to your continued cooperation.

No Need to Go to Town for Take Out!

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www.lakeshorebistro.ca

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Medium - 14 Large - 18

Meat Lovers

Ham, bacon, ground beef, Italian sausage, pepperoni, and cheese
Medium - 17 Large - 22

Canadian

Pepperoni, bacon, ham, Mushrooms, and cheese
Medium - 16 Large - 21

Cheese Only

Medium - 11 Large - 15

Deluxe

Everything but pineapple
Medium - 18 Large - 23

Veggie

Peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, Onions, black olives and cheese
Medium - 17 Large - 22

Hawaiian

Ham, pineapple and cheese
Medium - 16 Large - 21

Toppings

Pepperoni | ham | ground beef
Bacon | Italian sausage
Peppers | onions | mushrooms
Tomatoes | black olives
Green olives | banana peppers
Pickled jalapeno peppers

***Extra Toppings: Medium - 2 Large - 3**

* All pizzas available in thin or regular crust.*

WINGS

Your choice of sauce - 1 pound - 12 / 2 pounds - 21

Dry - Plain, Salt & Pepper, Cajun, Roasted Red Pepper

Wet - BBQ, Honey Garlic, Hot, Electric Honey (Lemon Pepper and Honey Garlic) or Hot and Honey (Frank's Red Hot and Honey Garlic)

All prices subject to applicable taxes.

NEW PHONE NUMBER: 983-3772

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

November 1 - March 31

MacGregor Site

Wednesday
8:30am-4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

McTavish Site

Wednesday
10 am to 6 pm
Saturday and Sunday
9:00am-5:00pm



SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS

April 1 to October 31

MacGregor Site

Sat/Sun 9:00am-5:00pm
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- Ditching & Drainage
- Driveway Repairs & Grading
- Fence & Gate installation
- Bluestone/Weeping Tile
- Welding & Fabricating

THE SHUNIAH NEWS

The Shuniah News - next publication: September 2020!

Deadline for submissions August 16th

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