# THE SHUMIAH NEWS

Shuniah, Ontario 🥨 A Superior Living Experience

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## Shuniah Day Camp is back! July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00-5:00

Ages 6-13 MacGregor Rec Centre

Registration fees: First child: \$225 per week

Second child: \$200 per week

## look out for registration at www.shuniah.org

For more information, please email daycamp@shuniah.org or call 807-683-4545

## St. Mark's Church Yard Sale Saturday, August 16th

## Calling All Anglers!

Tis the season for early mornings on the water and frying your catch of the day in the warm summer evening. Share the nostalgia with others and be eligible to win for a fisherman' prize **by submitting a picture with the fish** when it's caught and then after it is prepared with your favourite recipe! Please include your name and Shuniah home address.

Submissions can be sent to Hannah at csec@shuniah.org and will be accepted until the end of July, when they will be posted to the community for popular vote. Voters will base their top choice on both photos and will have until the end of August to email their vote to:

csec@shuniah.org

See more info on page 13!

COMING SOON





"Okay, maybe it only weighed two handred pounds."



SHUNIAH COMMUNITY YARD SALE IS BACK!

SATURDAY JULY 5TH @ 9AM-1PM MacGregor Recreation Centre Parking Lot and Pavilion 800 Lakeshore Drive RESERVE A SPOT NOW Email csec@shuniah.org

ALL OUTDOOR & INDOOR VENUES OPEN 11 A.M.! • bake table • food court • • furniture • clothing • books • kids toys • 50/50 draw • • penny auction •

## INDOOR SALES 11 A.M (round Church) Handicap parking lower level only

Thank you for your support



On behalf of all Shuffleboard members, a HUGE thank-you to Maureen Calder!



#### **Building Season is Here!** Submitted by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk A Building Permit is Required in the Municipality of Shuniah

Please contact our office at to discuss any projects you are considering, and staff can assist in determining what type of application may be required for your project.

Also, see our Building and Planning Department Website Page for information regarding when a building permit is required, and for Building Permit Application Packages. www.shuniah.org

Shuniah Municipal Office, 420 Leslie Avenue (807)683-4545 www.shuniah.org

## Call for Vendors!

We are looking for FOOD TRUCK VENDORS who are interested in operating in Shuniah (Wild Goose Park) with potential to attend special community events! If interested, please email the Community Services ad Events Coordinator at csec@shuniah.org.



SCHED	ULE 2			
Explanation of Tax Changes 2017 to 2018				
Property Class(es): R				
Final 2017 Levies	Final 20	18 Levies		
\$2,045.13	\$2,0	78.19		
Total Year Over	Year Change	F		
\$33.	06			
Final 2017 Levies		\$2,045.13		
*2017 Annualized Taxes		\$2,045.13		
2018 Local Municipal Levy Change		(\$106.86)		
2018 Upper-Tier Municipal Lev	y Change			
2018 Provincial Education Levy Change		(\$25.43)		
2018 Tax Change Due to Reassessment		\$165.35		
** Final 2018 Levies		\$2,078.19		

## **2025 FINAL TAX INVOICE**

Shuniah's 2025 final property tax bill will be mailed out the end of July. Payments are due Friday August 29 and Friday October 31. SAVE page 2 of the invoice for your 2025 personal income tax filing. Page 2 has a Schedule 2 section Final (2025) Levies as per the picture below. This is the amount you are eligible to claim on your 2025 personal income tax filing.

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.

#### **REMINDER**:

If you are in arrears 2 years or more, you are eligible to have your property put into tax sale. This will add extra charges to your property tax balance.





## Shuniah Public Works

Craig Baumann Manager of Operations

It is once again time for Municipal work crews and private contractors to begin working on improving and maintaining our roadways and associated infrastructure. Please slow down when approaching work areas, construction workers could be hidden behind equipment and materials.

#### **Trees & Roadside Brush Control**

If you notice a tree or brush on Municipal property that poses a safety hazard, please contact the Public Works office. Residents are also encouraged to contact local utilities if trees on private property are interfering with overhead wires

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.

#### **Dust Control**

Approximately forty percent of Shuniah's roads have a gravel riding surface; therefore, dust is likely to occur, especially during the months of July and August. The Public Works Department utilizes calcium and magnesium chloride dust suppressants to alleviate the amount of dust and reduce gravel road base loss. The nature of the summer season is such that dust cannot be eliminated, residents should know the Municipality is doing everything it can to minimize road dust.

#### Illegal Dumping of Yard Waste and Debris

Residents are required to dispose of yard waste and debris at the Shuniah Landfill Sites, not alongside roadways and trails that lead into the bush that are quite often private property. If you do not want the material in your yard, chances are neither do your neighbors.

The Public Works Department would like to thank those who have shown patience and understanding during the construction and repairs of the various projects that will be completed this season. Please feel free to drop-in or contact the Public Works Department at pw@shuniah.org or by phone at 983-2550 if you come across any transportation or environmental service items that you feel require our attention.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

## SHUNIAH NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	
Non Emergency Administration	
Public Works and Roads	807-983-2550
Municipal Office	807-683-4545
	Toll-free: 1-855-683-4545
OPP	
MNR	1 888 310-(Fire) 3473
OPP MNR CBO	807-620-3709

## **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

## **COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Mayor Wendy Landry 807 626-6686 wlandry@shuniah.org

**Councillor Don Smith** 807 621-1904 dsmith@shuniah.org



## Join us for Council Meetings!

Submitted by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk

Council encourages community members to attend Council meetings, in person at the municipal office, or by zoom. Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf.

Please contact the Municipal Office for more information or with input into any of the items that Council is considering. This article contains only highlights from Council meetings.

**On May 13, 2025,** Council held a Public Meeting for a planning application regarding a site-specific Zoning By-law amendment for a large garage.

**On May 13, 2025,** at our Regular Council Meeting, Doane Grant Thorton presented the municipalities 2024 Audited Financial Statements, Council approved some shoreline road allowance purchases and an agreement with the MTO to sell a piece of property for the Highway expansion. Council discussed the different indigenous awareness training programs, received an update regarding a recent Soil Mated event, and received information about the recent Tax Sale in the municipality. Council has also directed staff to survey residents for interest in the FoodCycler Municipal Solution Pilot Project.

On May 27, 2025, at our Regular Council Meeting, Council received an invitation from the Waterfront Trail Community Action Team of Thunder Bay to the Internation Trails Day event at the Marina and to meet with members of the TransCanada Trial members.

On June 10, 2025, at our Regular Council Meeting, Council heard a deputation requesting to be able to play pickle ball at the pavilion. Council approved a planning application, received an update about a plan of subdivision, awarded a few tenders and received information about the Lakeshore Drive Road Closures this summer for culvert replacements.

#### Reminder Council meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of July and August and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of September and October.

Please visit our website www.shuniah.org for upcoming Council meetings, and to see the approved minutes from each of the meetings. If you don't have internet capabilities, please contact our office for copies of approved minutes.

## **Share Your History!**

#### Submitted by Hannah Terejko, CSEC

Council has been discussing the creation of a history book for Shuniah and is looking to start gathering information at the municipal office about the community and families here now and over the last 150 years.

Staff have prepared a questionnaire, if you are interested in sharing your stories and images, please contact the Community Services and Events Coordinator at 807-683-4546 or email csec@shuniah.org

Check out these old remedies for bee, hornet and wasp stings provided by submissions from Floral Beach – do you have any old recipes from your family history?

#### **Bee and Hornet Sting Recipe**

**Councillor Donna Blunt** 807 983-2129 dblunt@shuniah.org

**Councillor Meghan Chomut** 807 983-3399 mchomut@shuniah.org

Councillor Ron Giardetti 807 983-2051 rgiardetti@shuniah.org

## Shuniah Dog Tags

2025 Dog Tags are required.

Available for purchase at the Municipal Office.



- Baking soda and water
- Make a paste
- Anaesthetizes the skin so that you can pull out the stinger

#### A Remedy for Wasp Bites

- Cut an onion and rub it on the bite - relieves the sting

## **Dogs Off-Leash and Licencing: By-Law 1951-98**

An important reminder to all dog owners: every dog must be registered annually and the dog tag is to be secured to the dog.

Additionally, every dog owner shall keep the dog leashed and under control of some person when on land that is not owned by the owner of the dog unless the person owning the land has given permission.

#### For additional details, please visit our Shuniah.org website

## **Senior of the Year Award**

Leave No Trace

by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk



We received 1 nomination for Senior of the Year this year. Award Presentation will be at the Council Meeting in July!

We are accepting nominations for next year's remarkable senior who is an inspiration to our community and makes Shuniah a Superior Living Experience!

The deadline to nominate someone is April 1 of each year. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered in the following year.

We appreciate your involvement in celebrating the wealth of experience, wisdom, and dedication our seniors bring to the table! Please consider making a nomination, and join us in sharing our appreciation for our seniors.

## Eligibility

The person you nominate (the nominee) must be:

- at least 65 years of age
- a resident of Ontario
- a living person who has made their community a better place to live
- nominated by a municipality in Ontario

#### **Required information**

To submit a nomination, you will need to provide the nominee's:

- first name,
- last name,
- home address,
- email address and
- phone number

Only municipalities can submit a nomination. If you know someone who should be considered for this award, please submit the required information to:

Kerry Bellamy, Clerk 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7A1X8 clerk@shuniah.org

## REMINDER

Invoices received at the Shuniah Landfill sites must be paid at the Municipal office within 15 days of receiving invoice. The Municipal office is located at 420 Leslie Ave. Submitted by Hannah Terejko, CSEC Spring cleaning has come and gone, and you might have enjoyed cleaning out your garages, sheds and closets in preparation for the Shuniah yard sale, or maybe even taken part in EcoSuperior's annual Spring Up to Clean Up initiative. Even though we take special care to clean up each spring, caring for the cleanliness of our community isn't limited to something that happens once a year. Lake Superior is particularly vulnerable to the litter and leaching that comes from shoreline communities, so it is up to Shuniah to take actions all year to keep the lake and community clean!

While some community members already take the time each year to clean up along the shoreline and around the community, it is known by all that many hands make light work! Make a visit out of it – gather with some friends, family or community groups to visit with each other while you choose an area to do a clean up! Better yet, let's try to stop the concerns at the root by slowly reducing consumption of single-use packaging, making sure you have a place on your person to secure any trash you may have when you are out in the community and when a trash can isn't immediately available, and paying special attention to those wrappers that might accidentally fly out of our pockets and cars when a gust blows in. Let's work to follow "leave no trace" principals, which include reducing what we take from the environment (like during your spring smelt netting adventures), and leaving a space better than the condition it was found in. Remember that it is just as important to clean-up organics that may attract wildlife and pose a danger.

Interested in a clean-up event? Look out for opportunities that might be announced on Shuniah's social media or in the next Shuniah News!



## SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS

April 1 - October 31 MacGregor Site Wednesdays 8:30am-4:30pm Sat/Sun 9:00am-5:00pm McTavish Site Wednesdays 12:00pm-8:00pm Sat/Sun 9:00am-5:00pm



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#### DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR 2026 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST!

Submit your stunning photos for the Shuniah Calendar 2026 Photo Contest NOW and throughout the summer to ap@shuniah.org for eligibility.

Your photos could appear in our Municipal publications, website, and printed materials to promote Shuniah. The more photos you submit the better your chances! This year's deadline is September 19, 2025.

See our website for submission guidelines and contest forms. https://www.shuniah.org/2025/01/08/2026-photo-contest/



SUMMER IS <u>ON</u> at the MacGregor Recreation Centre! ~ 800 Lakeshore Drive For more info on programs and events in the rec centre and pavilion email csec@shuniah.org Follow MacGregor Rec Centre on Facebook and Instagram to keep in the know!

800 Lakeshore Drive - More information email csec@shuniah.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DAY CAMP 8AM-5PM	DAY CAMP 8AM-5PM	DAY CAMP 8AM-5PM	DAY CAMP 8AM-5PM	DAY CAMP 8AM-5PM
BOXING 5:15PM		WEIGHT NIGHT 5:15PM	BOXING 5:15PM	

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS THAT HAVE PROVIDED SUCH <u>AMAZING</u> OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR! THESE PROGRAMS PROMOTE LEARNING, HEALTHY LIVING AND CONNECTEDNESS IN SHUNIAH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR RETURN IN THE FALL! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

#### SWEATCLUB FITNESS BOXFIT with Jacquie Mondays and Thursdays 5:15-6:00pm \$10 drop in

All fitness levels welcome! Personal trainer Jacquie Kennedy has been instructing Boxfit classes for over 7 years and has a modification for every issue you might have. In this class you can start at low intensity and work your way up to a high intensity work out. Jacquie is a personal trainer, and body building specialist who is also available for private and semi-private sessions, alone or with a group of your friends or family. Please contact Jacquie at 807-629-1815 to register and for class information.

#### WEDNESDAY WEIGHT NIGHT with Jacquie Wednesdays 5:15-6:00 pm

**\$10/class or \$5 for retired individuals and students 16-18 yrs old** Weight training, and strength and conditioning with Certified Body Building and Corrective Exercise Specialist Jacquie Kennedy. Please contact her at 807-629-1815 to register and for important class information.

#### FALL/WINTER Acrylic and Oil Painting Classes

with a smattering of Art History (All levels welcome) Fall Session: Wednesdays (1:30-4:30 pm) September 17 to December 10 Sundays (1:30-4:30 pm) September 21- December 14

Location: McGregor Rec. Ctr.

Price for Fall Session: \$230 for one day a week; \$450 for two days a week Registration from August 25th

Contact Jeanne Marler: 807-631-7856

or jeanne@jeannemarler.com



THE MACGREGOR REC CENTRE'S GOAL IS TO PROVIDE THE FACILITY AND SUPPORT TO PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS ENABLING THEM TO OFFER CLASSES IN A WELCOMING AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.



## Volunteer in Shuniah

Want to see more events and programs in Shuniah? These opportunities need the support of many hands! If you are interested in volunteering for special events, please complete a form by scanning this QR code or visiting

www.shuniah.org. Thank you!

## **DO YOU PLAY PICKLEBALL?**

There has been an idea to host pickleball under the pavilion at the MacGregor Rec Centre, and to further explore the proposal, we are looking for a list of interested residents.

Please email shuniahpickleball@gmail.com with your name, Shuniah address, and anywhere you play or have played pickleball in Shuniah. Thank you!

## Save the Date! Upcoming Events in Shuniah

- Shuniah Yard Sale on July 5th, 9am-1pm

- Silver Harbour Day on July 26th, 10am-3pm
- Daniel Moroz Memorial Show and Shine car show fundraiser on August 16th, more details to come!
  - St. Mark's Church Yard Sale Saturday, August 16th

Follow MacGregor Rec Centre on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on new and upcoming events, programs and opportunities! Remember to visit the Community Input tab on the Municipality of Shuniah website to tell us what other events and programs you'd like to see in Shuniah!



## Flip Cap Tic-Tak-Toe at Youth Group!

### Shuniah Fire Prevention Team Promotes FireSmart Canada to Protect Our Community

With a noticeable uptick in wildland fire risk across the Thunder Bay District, the Shuniah Fire Prevention Team is proud to promote the FireSmart Canada initiative to help residents better protect their homes and properties.

#### Why FireSmart?

Northern Ontario has seen a steady rise in fire incidents—sparked by dry conditions, gusty winds, and accidental ignition. While Shuniah remains below the threshold for a restricted fire zone as of June 17, 2025, Fire Chief Blair Arthur urges, "Extreme caution remains essential."

#### What is FireSmart Canada?

FireSmart is a nation-wide program empowering homeowners to reduce wildfire risk through simple, proven steps:

- Establishing "defensible space" clearing debris, pruning trees, and maintaining vegetation near structures
- Using fire-resistant landscaping and construction materials
- Keeping properties well-maintained and minimizing fuel for potential fire spread

The program emphasizes three core goals:

- **Home Hardening** Strengthening a building's resistance to ember attack **Defensible Space** Creating buffer zones that slow or stop fire progres-2.
- 3. Community Collaboration Uniting residents, fire services, and local authorities to build a resilient neighbourhood

#### Why It Matters:

Fire prevention is vital in Shuniah given our vast rural areas and limited response capacity of a volunteer fire department. By embracing FireSmart Canada's proven home-hardening, vegetation management, and community collaboration strategies, residents reduce wildfire risks before they ignite. A FireSmart approach empowers the community to protect itself, easing pressure on volunteer responders and enhancing overall safety.

While Shuniah retains an "open burning with caution" status right now, this could change rapidly in the summer months. Taking preventive steps now especially in light of climate-driven fire risks—is the best protection. By learn-ing, preparing, and working as a community, we turn wildfire threats into protected neighbourhoods. It's not just about individual homes—it's about the safety and wellbeing of our entire Municipality.

**Questions?** Contact the Fire Prevention Team at fireprevention@shuniah.org or come see us at the Yard Sale!

## Shuniah Day Camp Weekly Themes

### **Big Summer Blastoff** July 2nd-4th

Join us for the start of summer fun! Although this is the smallest week of the camp, we are still coming in with a big bang! Kiddos should expect a quick-paced environment of games, crafts, and

## Howdy Partners! July 7th-11th

Get ready to travel to the wild west and act like cowboys/girls! This week, campers will enjoy western-themed games and activities, culminating in a

hootenanny party on Friday!

## **Creative Cooking** July 14th-18th

The fan favourite from late last year is back! Campers will make some delicious goodies while playing games and learning about the food we grow in the Shuniah

## Mystery Madness July 21st-25th

Campers will learn what it is like to be a detective. The week will be spent figuring out clues and puzzles to solve camp-wide mysteries. Are you able to solve the mystery?

adventure.

area.

**Crafty Campers** July 28th-Aug 1st

Join us for a week of the creative arts. Campers will experience activities related to all areas of creative arts, including art, music, and drama

Survivor Challenge Aug 5th-8th

In this week campers will be faced with challenges that use both physical fitness and critical thinking. Engaging with puzzles while also playing fun and engaging games.

Wacky Science Aug 11th-15th

To end the summer, campers will join us in learning about the world around us through scientific theory. Each day will include a new science experiment for campers to enjoy.

## **HOME IGNITION ZONE**

#### EXTENDED ZONE 10 m to 30 m



Canada

FireSmart, Intelli-feu and other associated Marks are trademarks of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC).

## THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY'S RISK TO WILDFIRE

Check out the FireSmart Begins at Home Guide for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

IMMEDIATE ZONE 0m to 1.5m

INTERMEDIATE

ZONE

1.5m to 10m

The Immediate Zone is a non-combustible area that starts at the house and extends to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks. Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when constructing or renovating your home.
- Clear vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil and cover with non-combustible materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

Elements in the Intermediate Zone are managed so they don't transmit fire to your home. Here are a few actions you can take to reduce your home's vulnerability:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation and select non-combustible landscaping materials.
- Avoid incorporating any woody debris, including mulch.
- Keep combustible items like firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds, and other combustible structures into the Extended Zone. If that is not possible, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember-resistant structures.

Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, underneath and 1.5 metres around trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds.

EXTENDED Z(0)N = 10m to 30m

The goal in the Extended Zone is not to eliminate fire, but to reduce its intensity. If your property extends into this zone, a few important steps you can take include:

Selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns.

🖕 Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.

Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass, and needles to eliminate potential surface fuels.

Continue to apply these principles if your property extends beyond 30m. Work with your neighbours in overlapping zones and seek guidance of a forest professional if affected by other conditions, like steep slopes.

Get started on your FireSmart journey! WWW.FIRESMARTCANADA.CA  $(\mathbf{F})$ 0) (**f**) (in)



## **All Breed Dog Show!**

by Carol Randle

The Thunder Bay Kennel & Training Club held its first all breed dog show at the McGregor Rec Center on June 6-8.

The show featured over 100 dogs representing 52 different breeds each day. There were exhibitors from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and the U.S. as well as many local exhibitors. The 5 judges came from Alberta, Nova Scotia and southern Ontario.

The new pavilion was a big hit and the exhibitors loved the openness, protection from the elements and the cool breeze off the lake that kept the mosquitoes and black flies away.

The Thunder Bay kennel & Training Club would like to thank the Shuniah Municipality for the opportunity to host our dog show at the McGregor Rec Center pavilion and providing so much help to make our dog show such a success. Thank you Paul and Hannah and everyone involved!





## **Bill Price is 90!**



The McGregor Recreation Centre was filled with laughter, love, and decades of memories on May 17th as family, friends, and community members gathered to celebrate a remarkable milestone: William 'Bill' Price's 90th Birthday Celebration.

Surrounded by generations of family and long-time friends, the guest of honour was beaming with joy throughout the afternoon blowing out the candles was quite the production. As part of the celebration, I had the honour of presenting a certificate on behalf of Mayor Wendy Landry, recognizing not only his 90th birthday but also his lifelong residency in Shuniah. Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate, and to all who helped make the day so special. Whether through a warm hug, a kind message, or simply showing up, your presence meant the world to the family.



Thinking of cooler times in summer



## YOU'RE INVITED! PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Learn about the Lakehead Coastal Resilience Management Plan Project

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Curious about how coastal natural hazards and climate change are shaping your life along the Lake Superior coastline now and in the future?

Come meet the project team, share your voice in shaping a climate resilient future, and co-develop adaptive solutions to protect our coastline.

#### July 16, 2025, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM | LRCA Administrative Office 130 Conservation Road, Thunder Bay

#### WHY IT MATTERS:

This plan will be used to identify natural hazards on the Lake Superior coast, and guide local policies to protect our homes, businesses, camps, infrastructure, and the natural environment from hazards such as flooding, erosion, wave uprush, and severe stamis

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- · Drop in any time during the event
- · View informative displays
- · Engage in one-on-one discussions with Project Team Members
- · Complete the project survey to share your feedback

scan the QR Code or VII lakeheadresilience.ca







SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

MUSIC, FOOD AND COUNTRY FAIR

Fair 11 AM - 5 PM | After Party 8 PM till 12 AM \$5.00/Adult Children 10 and under FREE



#### What's Happening?

	* Craft Vendors & Exhibits	* Face Painting & Balloons
	* Fresh Produce	* Bouncy Castle
	* Bake Sale	* Horse & Carriage Rides
h	* Antique Cars And Tractor	s * Fun Games For All Ages
	+ Live Music	* Small Animals And Pony Rides
	* Concession & Ice Cream	* And So Much More

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## KEVIN HOLLAND, MPP FOR THUNDER BAY - ATIKOKAN

#### NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

At the end of April, Thunder Bay hosted the annual NOMA (Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association) conference, bringing together municipalities from across the region. The event was well-attended by several Ontario Ministers, including Ministers Holland, Lecce, Thompson, Pirie, Dunlop, McCarthy, Cho, and Flack.

The conference provided a valuable opportunity for municipal leaders and provincial representatives to discuss regional priorities, share ideas, and strengthen partnerships.



**OUARTERLY SHOWCASE** 



#### **PROVINCE INVESTING IN 2 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

I'm pleased to share that the province is investing \$461,500 through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support:

North McIntyre Rec Centre – expanding community programs Magnus Theatre – growing their Theatre for Young Audiences School Tour

## **KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL CEREMONY**



I had the honour of awarding eight King Charles III Coronation Medals to outstanding community members in Thunder Bay - Atikokan who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, and achievement. I'm proud to recognize the following recipients: Dr. Elaine Wiersma, Bill Heibein, Rebecca Johnson, Tom Ratz, Tom Hainey, Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis, Cora-Lee McGuire-Cyrette, and Pastor Gary Macsemchuk.





I'm proud to announce over \$93 million in provincial funding to expand cardiac care at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, the first cardiovascular surgery program in Northwestern Ontario.

This investment means residents will soon have access to life-saving procedures closer to home, without needing to travel to Toronto.



I had the pleasure of joining Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria at the ALSTOM plant in Thunder Bay to announce nearly \$500 million in provincial funding to refurbish 181 GO Transit coaches. This investment strengthens local jobs and builds on the \$600 million in funding I've helped secure since 2022 – bringing total investments in Thunder Bay–Atikokan to over \$1.3 billion!

🌐 www.kevinhollandmpp.ca 🛛 📾 kevinholland@pc.ola.org



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## **Shuniah Soil Mates**

#### Rain, rain, please come down, do your job and soak the ground!

Submitted by Hannah Terejko

The gardening season is off to a dry start, which is great for the dandelions but can make for some particular challenges when it comes to gardening work! Nevertheless, the Shuniah Soil Mates persevere in good spirits. With the old rule of thumb to begin planting only after the first full moon of June, otherwise known at the Strawberry Moon, which was on June 11th this year, the Soil Mates began their work in early May preparing the space for the warmer days to come. The first work party was on May 3rd, bringing the space out of its winter hibernation, and preparing the gardens for the growing season replacing old fallen pine needles with fertilizer. By May 17th, many gardens were rototilled and some tilled by hand, while some others chose to limit soil disruption...an interesting conversation when it comes to exploring different facets of soil science and types of gardening and farming! Thanks to the participation of three eager Soil Mates at Sleepy G Farm's annual Garden Like a Boss workshop on April 26th, the science behind soil biome and the effect that tilling has on this balance has been explained a little more and the expertise continues to grow!

Apart from the new knowledge gained at the gardening workshop, there have been a few other additions to the gardens this year, including two new members for a total of 29 members in 34 of the available gardens. In the first week of June one final new member claimed the last available garden, meaning a FULL membership for the year! The Municipality of Shuniah Community Services and Events Coordinator (CSEC), Hannah Terejko has been adopted by the group to assist with the group communications and membership organization and support. This will allow Peter and Diane Tracz, who have been holding the committee together since it's creation in 2014, to enjoy a very well-deserved relaxation in their strong leadership roles. Other additions this year included a new picnic table donated by the Municipality of Shuniah to replace the old wooden one which was donated around 2018. There are plans to add an umbrella to the table do that members and guests can enjoy a nice seating area for those hot summer days in the gardens!

The Shuniah Soil Mates gardens are a part of the combined community gardens of the Thunder Bay area, and Peter, Diane, and Hannah had the pleasure of meeting with other coordinators from the gardens around Thunder Bay on April 17th this year. The meeting saw both old and new faces, a great opportunity for knowledge sharing, discussing different funding opportunities and resources, and brainstorming volunteer retention and community engagement strategies. With the increasing importance of food security accessibility, these community gardens are an incredible resource for Thunder Bay and Shuniah, and we are so lucky to have many dedicated members who proudly practice sustainable food sourcing and provide herb and produce donations where they can. These gardens are a way to celebrate the opportunities for locally grown food!



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## Water Testing Reminder

Submitted by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk

#### The Thunder Bay District Health Unit...

...recommends "regular testing of your private well is important to make sure your water is safe for you and your family to drink. Bacteria such as E. coli can contaminate your well making is unsafe to drink. The risk is higher if you have animals in the area, but the bacteria can also occur naturally in the soil."

Heavy rainfalls or flooding? Additional testing is recommended as there is a greater risk of surface water washing into your well (drilled or dug).

#### How to get a kit?

Free bacterial testing is available for private well owners through Ontario's Public Health Laboratory (the Lab), located at 336 South Syndicate Avenue. The Lab does not test for other contaminants, such as chemicals.

Free bacterial testing kits are available for pick up at the Municipal Office at 420 Leslie Avenue.

#### Testing

Water samples submitted for bacterial testing to Ontario's Public Health Laboratory are not tested for metals or chemical contaminants that could affect the safety of drinking water.

It is recommended that homeowners have their well water tested for nonbacterial environmental contaminants by a private laboratory approximately every five years.

#### **For Further Information**

Call the Environmental Health program at (807) 625-5900 or toll-free at 1-888-294-6630. Visit Thunder Bay District Health Unit Website at: https://www.tbdhu.com

## Reminder, Do Not Feed Wildlife, It may do more harm than good!

By Kerry Bellamy, Clerk

#### Threats to wildlife

- animals can become dependent on artificial food sources
- animals can lose their natural fear of humans and pets, becoming more prone to conflict
- artificial feed is not healthy for wildlife
- wild animals may gather in large numbers when they are being fed — this concentration of animals in one area can spread parasites and disease and cause destruction of natural habitat
- feeding animals near roads increases their risk of being hit by vehicles

## **Meet the Monarch**

Submitted by Hannah Terejko, CSEC What is black and white and orange all over and needs our special attention?

If the headline hasn't already given it away, let this serve as an introduction to monarch butterflies, an incredible migratory butterfly species which makes visits to Thunder Bay and Canada each summer! These butterflies will feed and breed here through the summer, with different generations of butterflies living for about a month in their adult stage, except for the migratory generation. The butterflies that emerge in the late summer are a special generation that live for more than six months – these are the butterflies that will complete the long journey down to the mountainous forests of Mexico (or the coast of California for the western population) to overwinter. These same butterflies also make the migration back to the northern states and Canada come springtime, making them extraordinary survivors. Unfortunately, these monarch butterflies are listed as endangered with population numbers having drastically dwindled, due to extreme weather, mass habitat destruction and a lack of food sources. These butterflies are important pollinators, just like the bees and other insects, and there are simple steps that many of us can take to help the population.

Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed plants, the only food source for the caterpillars, so it is critical that milkweed plants are available in abundance along with other wildflowers for the emerging adult butterflies. You can plant a specific type of butterfly garden that could include different milkweed species such as common, swamp, and butterfly milkweed, as well as native wildflowers that bloom later in the summer like black-eyed susan, blazing star, goldenrod, butterflyweed, and purple coneflower. These drought tolerant perennial wildflower gardens make more a low maintenance garden that will bloom year after year to support the butterflies.

You can also become a citizen scientist by sharing your monarch butterfly observations and learning more about how to support the butterflies through online resources like Monarch Watch, Mission Monarch, and Journey North!

Monarch butterfly on wild bergamot

Monarch caterpillar on milkweed plant









#### Threats to people

- feeding wildlife may attract "unwanted" animals to your property
- animals will learn to associate humans with food, and can become a problem to neighbours
- habituated animals can become aggressive
- feeding animals near roads increases the risk of motor vehicle accidents, resulting in property damage, injury or death.

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## **QUICK CHECK**

### **Quick Releases**

### Check it Over

## Air

Give the tires a firm squeeze to check that they're aired-up and ready to go. If you're unsure, attach a blice pump to check the pressure. You can find the recommended PSI on the sidewall of the tire.

### Brakes

Give both brakes levers a squeeze to make sure they feel responsive and den't pull all the way to the grips. Test the braking action on the front and rear brakes independently to make sure they're gripping well.

### Chain

Grab a pedal and start pedaling backwards to make sure the chain runs smoothly through the cassette and derailleur; lubricate the chain if necessary. Also, grab each of the crank arms and try to give them a wiggle to check that they're not loose.

### **Quick Releases**

Ensure the quick-release skewer or thru-axle levers are closed tight—it should take some effort to open the lever.

### Check it Over

Go for a quick ride around the block, run through all of your gears and do some hard braking to make sure everything feels good. Now you're ready to ride!



#### MEDIA RELEASE

#### The Daily Grind Café & Convenience Opens in Shuniah Under New Ownership

The transformation has officially begun! The former Crystal Beach Variety & Gas Bar and The Missing Horse Restaurant are morphing into The Daily Grind Cafe & Convenience.

The Daily Grind Café & Convenience is opening under the new ownership of **Becky Kapush**, a proud Shuniah local. The café and convenience hub has been reimagined as a vibrant space that brings together community, local products, and familiar faces.

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Becky Kapush, is passionate in supporting the Shuniah community, has transformed the space into a true hotspot for Shuniah residents. With a team comprised of locals, visitors can expect to be greeted by some familiar faces while enjoying quality products and warm service.

"The Daily Grind is more than just a café and convenience stop it's a reflection of our community and a real community store" says Becky. "We're proud to offer a place that feels like home, where local people and products come together in a welcoming and friendly space." "I have been blown away with the support and amazing services offered from the community with this venture and I cannot wait to get started."

The Daily Grind will feature **locally made goods**, **artisan coffee**, **fresh grab-and-go items**, and convenient essentials — all selected with community in mind. Whether you're stopping in for a coffee, picking up something for dinner, or just saying hello, The Daily Grind aims to be your go-to neighborhood spot.

A grand opening celebration will take place in the coming weeks, with free samples and local vendor showcases. Stay tuned to our social media channels for the date and full schedule.

## About The Daily Grind Café & Convenience

Located in the heart of Shuniah, The Daily Grind Café & Convenience is a community-centered café and shop offering high-quality local goods and everyday essentials. Under the ownership of Becky Kapush and operated by a dedicated team of local staff, The Daily Grind is committed to supporting Shuniah's people, businesses, and families.





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## Public Open House - July 16!

You're invited to a public open house at the LRCA Administrative Office on July 16 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to learn about the Lakehead Coastal Resilience Management Plan Project! Curious about how coastal natural hazards and climate change are shaping your life along the Lake Superior Coastline now and in the future? Come meet the team, share your voice for a climate resilient future, and co-develop adaptive solutions to protect our coastline. Drop in any time during the event, view informative displays, engage in one-on-one discussions with Project Team Members, and complete the project survey to share your feedback. Visit www.lakeheadresilience.ca to fill out the survey and to REGISTER for the Open House; questions/comments may be directed to Melissa Haresign, Project Manager and Lead Water Resources Engineer at mharesign@kgsgroup.com.

Registration for our Watershed Explorers Programs are up and running on our webstore. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. A non-refundable, \$5.00 registration fee is required to book your spot. We will also be hosting a flintknapping workshop as part of our Archaeology program on October 2 (this program has a \$15 fee).

Visit our webstore at www.store.lakeheadca.com to pre-register. Funding for these programs is generously provided by the TD Friends of the Environment Fund.

Coming up on Saturday, July 26 is Silver Harbour Day from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Silver Harbour Conservation Area, in partnership with the Municipality of Shuniah. Staff are busy planning the event, which is sure to be an awesome day! Also returning this August in the second annual Little Trout Bay Fishing Derby in partnership with the Municipality of Neebing. The event is being held on Saturday, August 23. More details and registration information is coming soon!

Keep an eye out for Cyanobacteria (aka Blue-green Algae) this summer! Cyanobacteria are microscopic plant-like organisms that can produce toxic blooms that are harmful to both human and animal health. Think you spotted a Cyanobacteria Bloom? Report it to the Spills Action Center at 1-800-268-6060 or www.report-pollution.ene.gov.on.ca

The LRCA is on the lookout for invasive Phragmites! Invasive Phragmites is a perennial grass that creates dense monocultures, negatively impacting wetlands and local biodiversity. Learn more about how to identify this plant by visiting our website or Facebook. If you encounter this species, please let us know by emailing the LRCA at stewardship@lakeheadca.com.

The 2025 Explore Card Parking Pass is a great way to show your support for the LRCA! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like.

Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, hiking and more at our seasonal and year-round Conservation Areas for the low price of \$40.00 +HST. It's convenient for frequent users, and a great gift idea! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

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As a resident of Shuniah, you can sign up for a Thunder Bay Public Library card, and get free access to:

- G Books
- DVDs
- eBooks
- Audiobooks
- Attractions Passes
- I ... and so much more!

\*NEW\* Extended evening and weekend hours beginning January 2nd.

Visit tbpl.ca for more information and to get your Thunder Bay Public Library card today!

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We have had a fantastic year at Shuniah Youth Group! So many laughs and so many fantastic memories made. See everyone in September.



## Judo Open Shiai Tournament and Martial Arts Festival!

Saturday September 13th, 2025 9 am - 5 pm RAIN OR SHINE MacGregor Rec Centre, 800 Lakeshore Drive

Shuniah's Kaiju Judo Club is hosting Northwestern Ontario's First OUTDOOR Judo Shiai Open Tournament (pending sanction) and Martial Arts Festival. Everyone Welcome!



Judo Shiai Tournament (all age divisions) Outdoor Tournament at the hockey pavilion Martial Arts Demonstrations **Bouncy Castle Concession Stand** with BBQ and Snacks

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