

THE SHUNIAH NEWS

Shuniah, Ontario



A Superior Living Experience

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THE SPIRIT OF SHUNIAH

Craft MARKET

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH,
11AM-4PM**

MacGregor Rec Centre, 800 Lakeshore Drive

**Come enjoy the magic of this season
and support your local crafters!**

Volunteers needed for:

- decorating & set-up
- greeting tables
- hot drinks & vendor care
- coat & boot check
- mopping / spot cleaning
- parking & traffic control
- snow removal / clearing walkways
- fire tending / safety
- outdoor photo booth

**Accepting
vendors until
November 20th
or until we're
full!**

Email csec@shuniah.org to be a vendor or to volunteer!

Screen for Life Coach Comes to Shuniah!

MacGregor Recreation Centre

800 Lakeshore Dr, Shuniah, ON

November 8, 2025



Call (807) 684-7777 to book
your cancer screening appointment



Canada's first ever Outdoor Judo Tournament
and Martial Arts Festival held in Shuniah-more on page 6!



**Apply to be student councillor
- details on page 4!**

Limited Spots Left!

*The Screen for Life Coach offers
cancer screening services closer to home.*

The Coach will be parked at MacGregor Recreation Centre
on November 8, 2025.

- Breast screening mammograms for eligible women, Two-Spirit, trans, and nonbinary people ages 40 to 74
- Cervical screening tests for anyone with a cervix, ages 25-69, who is or has ever been sexually active
- Take-home fecal immunochemical test (FIT) kits to people ages 50 to 74, regardless of gender, with no family history of colon cancer

If you are due for breast, cervical, or colon cancer screening call at (807) 684-7777 to book your appointment.

IT WAS A HALLOWEEN HOWL!
**Many thanks to the volunteers and staff who make
these events happen for our Shuniah kiddos!**



Hallowe'en Highlights 2025!



Join us for Council Meetings!

Submitted by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk

New Time, 5:00 pm!
Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf.
Attend in person at the municipal office, or by zoom.

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 September 9, 2025, at our Regular Council Meeting, Council received a deputation from the North Superior Workforce Planning Board. Council received a report from the planner regarding an update on the Grann Drive Plan of Subdivision application. Council discussed the Christmas closure for municipal staff and services. Council received information regarding a Municipal Memorial Space, and the FoodCycler program.

On September 23, 2025, at our Regular Council Meeting, Council received a deputation from SolarBank regarding the Battery Energy Storage System open house and Current H2 regarding their Peaker Plant open house. Council decided to schedule a public meeting on October 14 to receive community input on the proposed projects. Council received an update from the Clerk regarding the Lakeshore Developments Vacant Land Condominium Application that is before the Ontario Land Tribunal and an update from the Clerk regarding the Grann Drive Plan of Subdivision update. Council changed the November 11th Council meeting to Wednesday, November 12 and Council discussed attending the 2026 conferences. Council signed the updated Procedural By-law which, among other things, changes the time of the Council Meetings from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

On October 14, 2025, Council held a Regular Council Meeting, Council received the staff report supporting draft approval of the Grann Drive Plan of Subdivision. Council received and signed the updated Public Library Service Agreement with the City of Thunder Bay and supported the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program which is to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities.

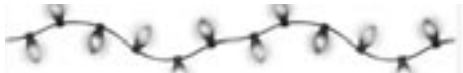
On October 14, 2025, a Public Meeting was held by Council to receive community input regarding the Municipal Support Confirmation requested by SolarBank for their Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Current H2 regarding their Peaker Plant for their proposal submissions to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) LT2. Municipal staff continue to welcome comments, please contact the Clerk (807-683-4540, clerk@shuniah.org) or the CAO (807-683-4543, cao@shuniah.org) Reminder Council meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of November, and January and the on the 2nd Tuesday of December.

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



Parade of Lights 2025

Will your house or business be decked out with sweet Christmas light displays this December? If so, email Hannah at csec@shuniah.org by November 25th to put your address on this year's parade of lights route for everyone to enjoy! Ride the route and vote on your favourite display between December 1st – 31st – more details to come!



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!



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.

SHUNIAH NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Non Emergency Administration	807-983-2021
Public Works and Roads	807-983-2550
Municipal Office	807-683-4545
	Toll-free: 1-855-683-4545
OPP	1 888 310-1122
MNR	1 888 310-(Fire) 3473
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

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Councillor Ron Giardetti 807 983-2051	Councillor Meghan Chomut 807 983-3399 mchomut@shuniah.org



McKenzie Public School Gr 2/3 Class visit to the Municipal Office and Council Chambers!

Shuniah Public Works

Craig Baumann, Manager of Operations

Winter Safety Message

Snow Removal Information:

The following information is provided to assist residents of Shuniah in understanding the Municipalities program for winter maintenance of roads. We hope that this information will also help people appreciate some of the challenges in keeping the roads safe and open for travel.

When a major snowstorm occurs, all drivers throughout the Municipality are faced with deteriorating driving conditions at the same time. Without consideration to the limitations of a snow maintenance operation and regardless of the weather, we understand that drivers expect all roadways to be cleared and safe within the shortest possible period of time. We agree that rapidly cleared roads are very important, both for safe travel, and to facilitate the handling of emergencies by fire, ambulance and police operations.

The plow operators are assigned a designated route, of which may contain several classes of roads- class 3 roads are considered the major routes and class 5 roads are considered the lower volume lightly traveled roads. The routes are designed to clear roads in a systematic way that generally gives priority to class 3 roads and class 4 - 5 collector roads with steep hills and curves. This method also provides the best access for Emergency Services.

The specific course of action (including salting and sanding) will be determined by the Roads Supervisor, depending on snow depth, type of snow, drifting, icy conditions, etc. It is the Municipality's objective to plow all roads within 10 hours of a snowstorm's completion. In cases of heavy snowfalls, accidents, mechanical breakdowns and / or other problems, these objectives may not be met.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why do plows push snow into driveways? Why can't the operator lift the blade in front of my residence?**

Answer -Snow must be pushed to the side of the road to clear the road for traffic; all plow trucks are set up to push snow to the right. Sometimes it is necessary to make several passes with the snowplow during a storm. Other instances may require the banks to be pushed back to allow room for more snow or to allow for drainage during the spring thaw.

Shuniah Dog Tags

2025 Dog Tags are required.

Available for purchase at the Municipal Office.



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

THE SHUNIAH LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Take a Book, Return a Book ...Anytime!

Have you visited the little free library posted beside the community gardens at the MacGregor Rec Centre? Come and check out what's in store and find your reading material for the next rainy day! The books are always free - you can bring us your favourites to leave and find new ones for home!

Homes that are located near corners, intersections and cul-de-sacs may receive more snow deposit in driveway entrances than homes located on straight stretches of road, of which is unfortunately unavoidable in most instances.

- **Why can't the Municipality sand the sides of the road where I walk?**

Answer – Roads are maintained for vehicles, not walkers. The sanders are designed with the applicator on the driver's side of the vehicle in order to apply sand to the center of the road.

Mailboxes & Snow

- Mailbox and support posts need to be sturdy enough to handle snow that is dispersed to the roadway edge during plowing operations. If a mailbox is damaged by plowed snow, repair or replacement is the homeowner's responsibility.
- If a mailbox is directly hit by a snowplow blade it will be repaired or replaced by the Municipality with a standard mailbox.

Obstructing the Roadways

Council passed By-law No. 2051-01, which states that, no person shall obstruct or cause any obstruction to any highway, roadway, public lane or bridge within the Municipality. This by-law also indicates that snow, dirt, rubbish or garbage of any kind cannot be placed or plowed onto the roadway and drainage ditches.

Snowmobiling along the CNR Rail Line and Municipal Roadways

Snowmobilers are reminded to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act when enjoying off-road vehicle activities. The former CNR rail bed is privately owned property and should not be used for motorized off-road vehicle useage. Issues and/or concerns regarding activities on or along the CNR's right-of-way are to be forwarded to CN Public Enquiries @1-888-888-5909.

As always, the Public Works Department welcomes your input regarding transportation and environmental service items that you feel require our attention. Please feel free to e-mail your comments, questions or concerns to cbaumann@shuniah.org.

Fire Prevention

Neil Parsons

Fall Fire Safety Tips and Things to Remember This Season

SHUNIAH FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fall Fire Safety Tips and Things to Remember this Season.

Lawn Mowers – remove fuel before storing for the winter(you'd be surprised how little this is done)

Vehicles – never park your car or truck on a pile of leaves as the heat from the catalytic convertor or exhaust can ignite the leaves and set your vehicle on fire.

HVAC Maintenance – get your central heating or AC system cleaned, inspected, and serviced by a certified HVAC technician.

Lawn care – prune back all tress and rake up all leaves and lawn debris. If you live in an open area or have a lot of natural vegetation you may wish to take a closer look at the Fire Smart Program – (Firesmart Begins at Home Guide.ca) or contact the Shuniah Fire Prevention Department for a copy of the 30 page informative guide.

Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detector – before you turn on your central heating, use your fireplace or wood stove or gas heater âmake sure you have enough functioning smoke and CO2 detectors (replace the batteries yearly and if your detector is 10 years old – there's a date stamped on it- get a new one!)

Furnaces and Space Heaters – keep all flammable materials (you'd be surprised what can burn!) away from your furnace. There should be at least 3 feet (1m) of empty space around your space heaters.

Heating Appliance – check your heating appliances - fireplaces, woodstoves, fireplace dampers (does it open and close freely and fully) and chimneys (maybe it's time to clean the chimney) for defects and creosote buildup.

THE SPIRIT OF SHUNIAH

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IS LOOKING FOR OUTDOOR MUSIC AND ENTERTAINERS!

Email Hannah at csec@shuniah.org if you'd like to showcase your talents!

Saturday, December 6th, 11am - 4pm
MacGregor Rec Centre, 800 Lakeshore Dr

Senior of the Year Award

By Kerry Bellamy, Clerk

We received 1 nomination for Senior of the Year in 2025.

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



IN 2022 COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH APPROVED A POLICY TO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH APPROVED A POLICY TO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.
The Municipal Office are accepting applications for the position until December 19, 2025. The selected applicant will be sworn in and attend Council meetings from October to June. Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (Except the fourth Tuesday of December) The student will be a representative of the youth in the Municipality.
The high school student, who is a resident of Shuniah, will be attending Council meetings for the purpose of allowing a student perspective to be considered in the municipal decisions and to provide students with a valuable learning experience.

LETTERS OF INTEREST AND RESUME
SHOULD BE EMAILED TO CLERK@SHUNIAH.ORG
Submitted by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk

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



2027 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST!



Submit your stunning photos for the Shuniah Calendar 2027 Photo Contest 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 Friday, September 18, 2026. See our website for submission guidelines and contest forms.
<https://www.shuniah.org/2025/09/24/2027-photo-contest/>



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ACCESSIBILITY

Shuniah Website

- Submitted by Kerry Bellamy, Clerk
- Check the Municipal Website to see what is happening in Shuniah!
 - Visit our Community Input Page!
 - New Comprehensive Zoning By-law
 - New Strategic Plan
 - Shuniah History Project
 - Ontario Senior of the Year
 - Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Request for Proposal

We are requesting residents review our website at www.shuniah.org and contact us with concerns or suggestion to assist staff in making our website more user friendly.

Contact Kerry: (807)683-4540 clerk@shuniah.org

Trying to build your cold season activity routine?
Check out what's happening at the MacGregor Rec Centre!
800 Lakeshore Drive – More information email csec@shuniah.org

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.

Upcoming Events at the MacGregor Rec Centre:

- Screen for Life – November 8th – by appointment only - see front page!
- The Spirit of Shuniah Craft Market – December 6th, 11am-4pm
- Parade of Lights – December 1st-31st - stay tuned for a map!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		FAMILY MUSIC 11AM	WELLNESS WEIGHT TRAIN 9AM & 10AM		BALANCE, CORE & MORE 9AM
ART GROUP 1:30PM	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS 2:30PM	SHUFFLEBOARD 1PM	ART GROUP 1:30PM	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS 2:30PM	
	BOXING 5:15PM	YOGA 5PM	WEIGHT NIGHT 5:15PM	BOXING 5:15PM	
	GIRL GUIDES 6:30PM		YOUTH GROUP 6PM		YOUTH GROUP 6PM

ACRYLIC AND OIL PAINTING CLASSES

with a smattering of art history - taught by Jeanne Marler
Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm, September 17th - December 10th
Sundays 1:30-4:30 pm, September 21st - December 14th
Fall session: \$230 for one day a week; \$450 for two days a week
All levels welcome. This three-hour class includes personal coaching, instruction on colour and composition and includes traditional and some abstract art techniques. Registration starts August 25th! For information contact Jeanne Marler : (807) 631-7856 or jeanne@jean-nemarler.com.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS with Lynda

Mondays and Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm
Last class before holidays December 18th
11 class drop-in punch card for \$80.00
Whether you have remained active your entire life or are just beginning to get active this class is for you! In a fun group format, you can expect a variety of exercises intended to improve your MOBILITY, boost your BALANCE, increase your STRENGTH, and improve your CARDIO! Emphasis will be on supporting all elements essential to strong, healthy, and active aging. Suitable for all levels. Please contact Canfitpro Fitness Instructor and Active aging Specialist, Lynda to register by emailing tbk@tbaytel.net or texting or calling 807-632-8282.

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.

FIRST SHUNIAH GIRL GUIDES, EMBERS AND SPARKS

Mondays 6:30-8:30pm
The First Shuniah Girl Guides 2025/26 itinerary includes on-site (Macgregor Rec Centre) and off-site activities that will have the girls learning new skills and working towards badges. Key focus areas include exploring our environment, STEM, diversity & inclusion and community-building - we're in for another great year. Reach out to firstshuniahgg@gmail.com for more information. Our guiding seasons are made possible by many volunteers and community partners. If you have a message to share or a skill to teach and would like to join us as a special guest, please contact firstshuniahgg@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!

GROWING WITH MUSIK FAMILY MUSIC with Karen

Tuesdays 11:00-11:30am
November 4th-25th
4-week session \$40 - siblings half price
Family Music is a 30-minute joyous class where little people and their caregivers have fun together, while building a foundation for future musical proficiency. The singing, chanting, moving and playing activities are designed to enhance the development of confidence, active listening and following along in the company of others. Children learn to play to a beat, to respond to rhythms, to sing and move to the kid-friendly folksongs, following a Musikgarten influenced curriculum. The child can respond in their own time while feeling secure interacting with their caregivers. It's a unique bonding opportunity! Call Karen Kent at 807-355-5520 or email and e-transfer to growingwith-musik@gmail.com to register.

EVENING YOGA with Lynn

Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm
November 4th-25th - \$45
December 2nd-16th - \$35
Drop-in class \$15
Please bring your own mat and a blanket. Pre-registration is required. Everyone is welcome, suitable for all levels. We will explore the restorative nature of yoga and the mindfulness of the practice through postures, breathing techniques and guided relaxation. Paying attention to our bodies and breath through yoga is a wonderful practice to support overall health and wellbeing. The many benefits of yoga include increased strength, mobility and balance, improved posture and body awareness, and an antidote to help mitigate stress and improve sleep. If you have any questions and to pre-register, please email rob-lynn@tbaytel.net or message me at (807) 633-0183 Lynn Kallies Instructor.

WELLNESS WEIGHT TRAINING with Danielle

Wednesdays 9:00-10:00am & 10:00-11:00am
7-week session \$75 - Drop In \$12
This dynamic group session involves mostly circuit-style workout with heavier weights. Also includes some mobility and core work. Contact Danielle 807-707-0876 or email: strongmomcoaching@gmail.com

THE SHUNIAH SHUFFLERS

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm
Shuffleboard beginners welcome! The disks and cues are ready! Come out and meet your neighbours by joining us for a weekly fun tournament. Coffee is always on! Please contact Ron to register at rgiard-etti@shuniah.org

WEDNESDAY WEIGHT NIGHT with Jacquie

Wednesdays 5:15-6:00pm
\$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.

BALANCE, CORE & MORE with Danielle

Friday 9:00-10:00am
7-week session \$75 -Drop In \$12
This class involves floor, chair, and standing exercises. We target core (abdominal) strength, major joints range of motion, and overall balance work in gentle flowing exercises and stretches. If you wish to attend 2x/week, total cost for the 8 weeks is \$155. Contact Danielle 807-707-0876 or email: strongmomcoaching@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays and Fridays 6:00-9:00pm
Drop in activities geared towards youth grade three and up (Kids must sign in and out of centre). Younger children welcome to participate in activities with parental supervision. The Youth Group Program offers fun organized activities to participate in - sports nights, skating rink (when the weather is right), craft nights, theme nights, dances, bingos, ping-pong games and a great place to hang out and meet friends in the community! Follow us on Facebook at "MacGregor Rec Centre" to find out what the nightly activities will be and join in the fun!

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES
AT THE MACGREGOR REC YOUTH GROUP!

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!

Canada’s First Ever Outdoor Judo
Tournament and Martial Arts Festival
at MacGregor Recreation Centre!

On Saturday September 13, 2025, Shuniah’s Kaiju Judo Dojo hosted Canada’s first ever outdoor Judo Tournament and Martial Arts Festival at MacGregor Recreation Centre, 800 Lakeshore Drive. Judoka from across Ontario came together for an all ages Shiai and Newaza (Standing and kneeling attack) competition. The tournament used Shuniah’s brand new outdoor pavilion located on the east side of Macgregor Recreation Facility providing an out-standing roofed outdoor area that can be used rain or shine; however, the day was warm and sunny not needing participants to hide from the rain.

The tournament commenced with an incredible traditional Gong Ceremony performed by Sensei Jacky Wai Lung Chan of Lac De Mille Lac FN Education Centre. Matthew Roy of Shuniah stated “The sound of the gong resonating with the rustling of the poplars centered our energy and focus before the competition began. So incredibly cool!” The tournament was fast moving with over 120 matches taking place throughout the day.

The event was not only a Judo Tournament but also a celebration of all Martials Arts. From 12:00 to 2:00pm the judo tournament paused for martial arts demonstrations from many different disciplines from across Thunder Bay.

First up was the Thunder Bay Japanese Cultural Association’s Kaminari Wan Taiko Drum Group who wowed the audience and surrounding neighbourhood with an incredibly powerful, moving and absolutely beautiful drum and dance performance. “Bringing the traditions of Japanese Culture with the Taiko drumming to a Judo Tournament brought tears to my eyes, I was so moved.” said Sandra Greaves, Canadian two-time Judo Olympian, and Thunder Bay Native. The groups that participated were Susan Baldassi’s Toshikai Dojo (Isshinryu karate), T-son Douangmala’s BJJFourLife, Peng You’s International Tai Chi Academy and judo demonstration from Thunder Bay and Mountainside Judo dojos. Having Karate, Brazilian Jiu-jitsu and Tai Chi alongside Judo allowed the audience to compare the styles and traditions of these martial arts, and to wonder at their power and beauty.

“The performances were so exciting and beautiful to watch, and my kids got to participate in many of the demonstrations as well! What a wonderful day at MacGregor Rec!” Martha Dowsley, Shuniah resident.

Concessions were extremely busy all day, serving barbeque, fresh-baked giant cookies and pies, snacks, and excellent coffee non-stop. Fantastic Castles were on-site with their largest bouncy castle in Northwestern Ontario thrilling all the young attendees.

Trophies for fastest victory in a match (Fastest Ippon) went to Rocco Woodgate of Borderland Judo, Fort Frances, ON and Abigayle MacDonald of Thunder Bay Judo Dojo.

We would like to thank our sponsors Hitashita International and Wanson Lumber, and all the volunteers who made this event possible. See everyone again next year!



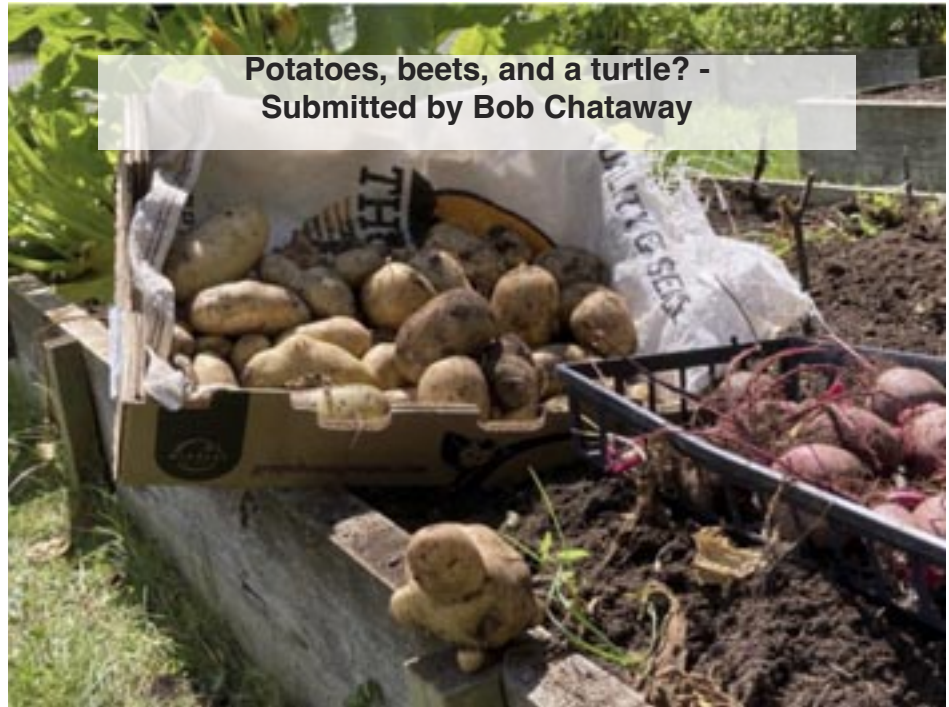
Shuniah Soil Mates -
Just Keep
Growing!

Shuniah Soil Mates - 11 Years of Harvests
Submitted by Hannah Terejko, CSEC

The harvesting has wrapped up at the Shuniah Soil Mates Community Garden, and as plant life begins to enter their cold season slumber, we’d like to reminisce and appreciate the great offerings of the gardens this year. It has been a season of bounty and of learning, indeed, which invited both sharing and troubleshooting!

While we started off with a dry spring, the summer provided the watering the gardens really needed and gave us lush greenery that was as enjoyable as the produce that was hiding – and eventually bursting out – beneath! Some of it was enjoyed in delicious dishes that were shared at the Soil Mates annual potluck on September 4th – great thanks to all who attended and contributed their cooking and door prize donations, and to John and Janeen Mann for organizing this event once again. It was a wonderful evening of food and visiting, which despite the communal garden space, was the most garden members that may have been gathered all at one time this year. A few weeks later, the Soil Mates history and garden plans were shared at the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting by none other than Peter and Diane Tracz. Visitors at this meeting went home with the drawings of the Soil Mates garden boxes that can now be shared with their own communities and others, adding to the many other places in Canada and abroad where these garden box designs have been used. The weather did not favour a garden tour this day, and the end of the season does not best portray the height of the gardening and harvesting, so we’ll give you an idea of what this year had in store!

The gardens hosted a great variety of produce this year: carrots, cucumbers, various beans, tomatoes, peas and squashes, beets, onions, lettuce, kale, spinach, brussels sprouts, garlic, potatoes, corn, rhubarb...the list could go on! Carrots, beets, tomatoes and cucumbers seemed to be some favourites among the gardens, which have also lately been a favourite of other visitors as produce began mysteriously disappearing...do not underestimate the super-powers of chipmunks and their annoyingly amazing burrowing habits! Deer fence will not stop these critters, but perhaps a little cinnamon or chili powder will – thanks to the Soil Mates for these tips! This is not to say we are sure the chipmunks didn’t have help, and would like to remind folks that the gardens are rented by individuals each year and that the produce that is carefully grown by these gardeners is not free for the taking without their knowing permission. Please email Hannah csec@shuniah.org if you are curious about the gardens or are interested in renting a Soil Mates garden box next season, and we’ll be glad to look into it! See you next year!



Loon Lake Waterkeepers Conservancy: Underwater Cleanup

The Loon Lake Waterkeepers Conservancy (LLWC) promotes stewardship within the watershed of Loon Lake through education, research and advocacy.

On September 6, the LLWC conducted an underwater cleanup around the West Loon dock and around the area of a former dive tower at East Loon.

We had 12 divers, 2 from Loon Lake and the others from Thunder Bay EcoDivers and Thunder Country Diving, plus 3 pontoon boats.

Some debris was found around the West Loon dock. We recovered an oil drum around the former East Loon Dive Tower. Oil drums were used as floatation for the dock in the 1950s and 1960s. The drum oozed tar, probably 60-year-old coagulated oil, onto the West Loon boat launch, which we picked up. Unfortunately, our oil sample was in a contaminated container, and it could not be tested. Shuniah picked up the drum and debris.

We are planning a side scan sonar survey, and possibly doing sediment core samples of the lake bottom, next summer, which will give us a lake bottom profile; sediments over time; and identify debris and underwater springs. Using this survey, we will find and retrieve other oil drums.

We placed 2 vertical lines with 4 temperature loggers at approximately 5', 10' 15', and 20'. The loggers will record temperatures every 2 hours for over a year. This will help us determine any link between changes in temperature and blue-green algae blooms.

Contact me if you are interested in helping promote the stewardship of the Loon Lake watershed.
Tom Beasley 778 855-7750 loonlakewaterkeepers@gmail.com





Ask about our On-Staff Water System Specialist

- ✓ GENERAL WATER QUALITY & TESTING
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Shrek featured at our first outdoor movie night at the Rec Centre!

New Program Trial: Hop on the Table Game Train!

We’re always looking to expand and diversify our program offerings at the MacGregor Rec Centre, and we need your input! We would like to gather YOUR interest in facilitating or participating in regular card and/or board game sessions at the rec centre! Simply email Hannah at csec@shuniah.org with your favourite card or board games, your preferred day of the week and time of day (morning, afternoon, or evening) to attend such a program, and if you have interest in providing a game and teaching to a group! Let’s get on the table game train!



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The Longest Night

Submitted by Hannah Terejko, CSEC

Here in the northern hemisphere, we’re quickly entering those dark and cold days and inching closer to our winter solstice on December 21st – otherwise know as the shortest day, or longest night, of the year! While this is considered the first day of winter, we once again begin to experience growing hours of daylight throughout the winter after this special day. So, what exactly is the winter solstice, and why does it happen?

To get more technical, the winter describes the point in the Earth’s orbit around the sun when either hemisphere is angled the furthest away from the sun, rendering less hours of daylight. The difference in our hours of daylight through the year, and thus our seasons here in Canada or places further away from the equator, is a result of the tilted axis that Earth rotates on, which angles us away from the sun in the winter, and toward the sun in the summer. This means that while the northern hemisphere is pointed the furthest away from the sun, the southern hemisphere is pointed the closest to the sun, and while we in the north experience our shortest day of the year, those in the south are enjoying their first day of summer with long daylight hours!

While I am sure many of you, like myself, prefer those long daylight hours that we get during summer, there is something special about being further from the equator and experiencing our four seasons, including winter. I prefer to look on the “bright” side of the darker days, yet beautiful and snowy winters that we get here in Shuniah and Northwestern Ontario! In fact, I must appreciate the amount of daylight that we get here compared to those places that are just a little further north and experience 24 hours of darkness for a portion of their winter, such as Alta, Norway. Once a blanket of white covers the ground and the trees, the sunlight we do get in the winter is just that much brighter, reflecting off the snow and making us dig out our sunscreen – which is not just for summertime! The wintertime opens the opportunity for all the outdoor activities that

we can’t do in the summer, like skiing, skating, ice fishing and sledding, among so many others! It also makes us grateful to have the warmth of our homes and gives us an excuse to catch up on crafting and game nights when the weather keeps us in. Don’t forget the change in the wildlife scene when winter comes, making for stunning photography and maybe even a sighting of a snowy owl if you get really lucky!

So, what will you do to celebrate the longest night of the year? You might even want to check out when the next meteor shower is or when the northern lights might put on a show, which are spectacular on a dark, cold and clear night! Just remember to bundle up with proper layers, tell someone where you might be adventuring off to, and wear bright and reflective layers to be visible during the dark nights. There’s no need to be afraid of the dark this winter solstice!



Celebrate Art in Thunder Bay - Join Us for the 2025 Fine Art Show!

Get ready for Thunder Bay’s newest and most exceptional fine art show and sale, “Celebrating Artists Past and Present,” returns on November 22-23, 2025. Curated by the talented local artist Biljana Baker, this event is a vibrant tribute to our region’s rich artistic heritage and contemporary creativity. After a successful launch in 2022, Biljana brings this beloved show back for its third year, fueled by her passion for supporting fellow artists. This event is more than just an exhibition; it honors the contributions of artists who have shaped our culture, celebrating both their legacy and the incredible talent thriving today. Set in the beautifully transformed Valhalla Inn Ballroom, the show features an abundance of booths, represented by local artists, showcasing a stunning variety of artwork— including jewelry; pottery; watercolour, oil and acrylic paintings; photography; woodwork; stained glass; fibre art; and unique gifts perfect for the holiday season. This year, we’re excited to include emerging talents from Superior CVI and Westgate High Schools, as well as at least 25 other artists, ensuring a wide array of creativity is represented. With free admission and a voluntary donation at the door, everyone is welcome to explore this artistic haven. Plus, enjoy exciting door prizes as you mingle with the community. Biljana invites you to connect with the art community, discover exceptional pieces, and pay tribute to those who paved the way for today’s artists. **Mark your calendars for November 22 (10 AM - 5 PM) and November 23 (10 AM - 4 PM).** Don’t miss this opportunity to support Thunder Bay’s artistic spirit! For more information, contact Biljana at atbiljanabaker@shaw.ca

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First Shuniah Girl Guides Resume for Another Season

Hilary Hoogsteen

The First Shuniah Girl Guides have resumed activities, kicking off the 2025/26 Guiding Season with a range of activities. The Sparks-Embers Group (SK-Grade 3) welcomed several new girls to the unit this year and kicked off the guiding season with ice breakers, outdoor games and a hike in Centennial Park. They have been busy selling cookies door-to-door as a funding source for the year’s activities and a way to work towards their money sense badge. Their year of guiding includes both off-site activities and programming at the MacGregor Rec Centre; including a visit to Townline Equestrian Centre, STEM night, learning to braid from a licensed hairstylist and guest speaker in acknowledgement of Remembrance Day.

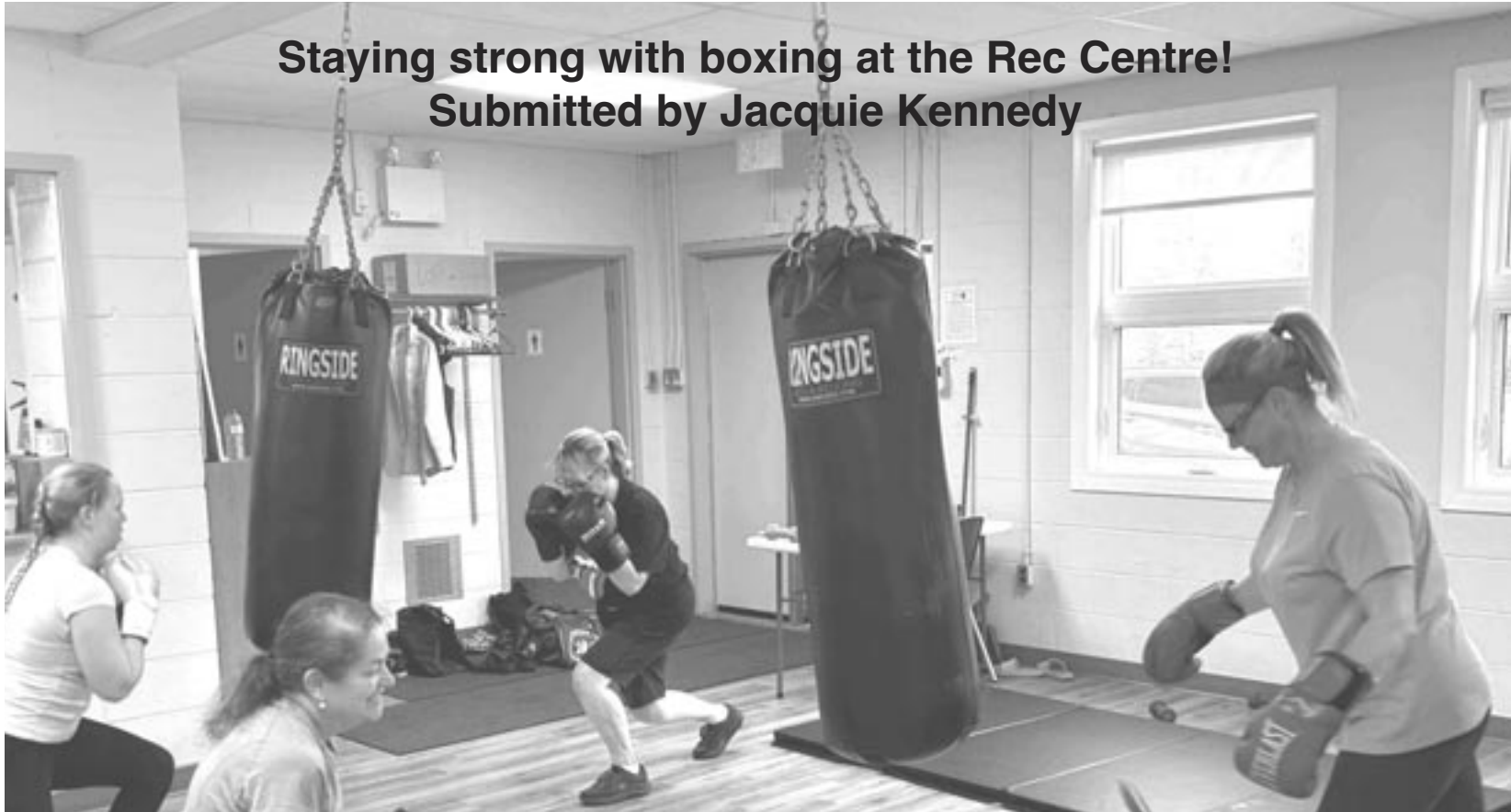
The Guides (Grade 4-6) have also been working on their money sense with more advanced skills like learning to write a cheque and understanding different payment methods. Additionally, they have dedicated a couple of weeks to nature-based programming and learning to build outdoor shelters.

Volunteer Leaders are working to expose the girls to a range of activities and inspirational women in the community, encouraging the girls to dream big and give back to their community.

The year is just getting started, but our unit has lots of fun activities in store. If you are interested in joining our unit as a special guest, please email: firstshuniahgg@gmail.com



Staying strong with boxing at the Rec Centre!
Submitted by Jacquie Kennedy



McKenzie School

Alexander Lod
VP McKenzie Public School

We’ve had a fantastic start to the school year here at McKenzie Public School! The It’s been wonderful to see so many smiling faces back in our classrooms and hallways.

A warm welcome to all our new families. Thank you for joining our McKenzie community! We’re so glad to have you with us. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to the school office if you have any questions or need support as you settle in.

We’d like to extend a huge thank you to our incredible School Council for their continued dedication and fundraising efforts. Thanks to their hard work last year, and the exciting initiatives planned for this year, our students are able to enjoy a wide range of enriching ex-

periences, including extracurricular activities, field trips, new equipment, and fun school-wide events. We are especially thrilled to introduce our new school mascot: Mac the McKenzie Mustang!

One of the core goals of School Council is ensuring that families are not asked to contribute money for bussing or field trips, something we are proud to continue this year. Please keep an eye out for this year’s fundraising opportunities to help support these amazing programs and initiatives. Every bit of support makes a difference!

If you are interested in joining our Parent Council, we would love to have you! You can contact the school directly for more information or visit our Facebook page for updates.

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

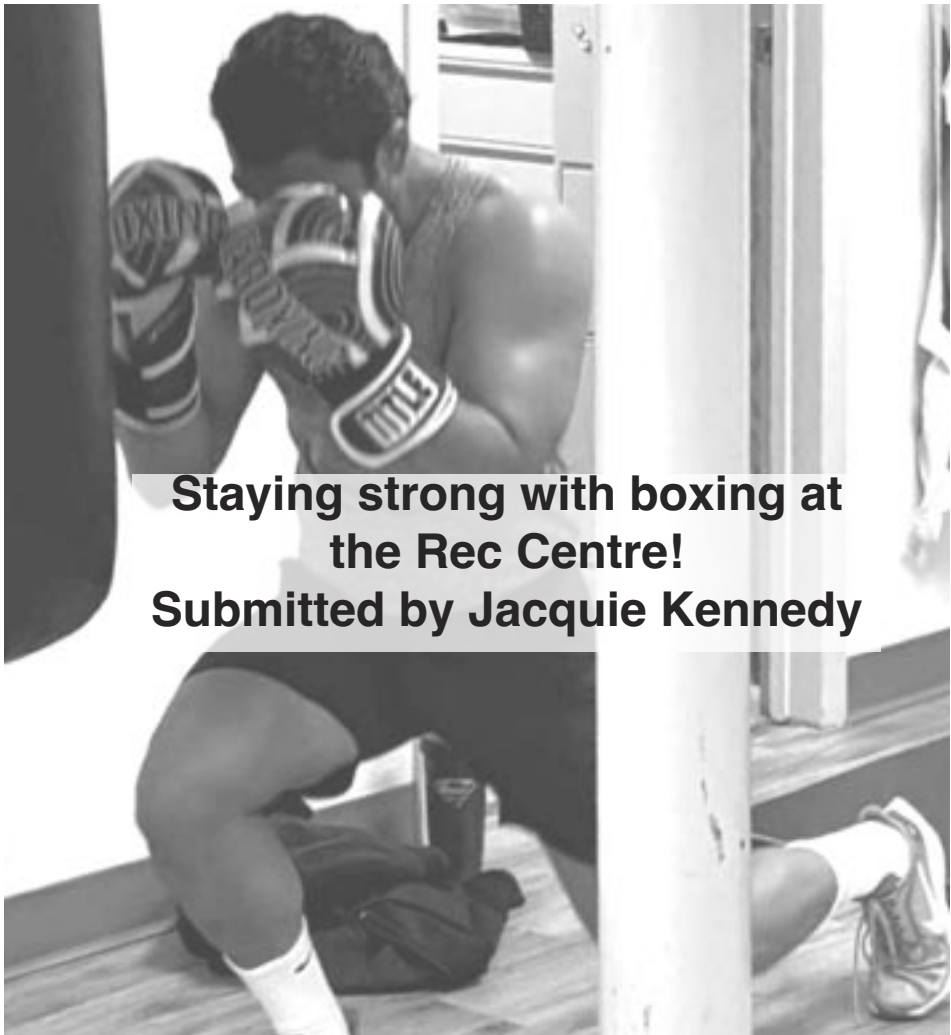


Threats to people

- 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.

For more information regarding Bears, visit the Ontario Bear Wise website page:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise>



Planning to Build in 2026?

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
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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 non-bacterial environmental contaminants by a private laboratory approximately every five years.

For Further Information

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The 2026 Explore Card Parking Pass will be available for sale beginning November 1, 2025! If you visit frequently, an Explore Card Parking Pass for \$40.00 +HST permits day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like.

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