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**MASTER WATER AND WASTEWATER  
SERVICING OPTION PLAN**

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The Municipality of Shuniah held a Special Meeting of Council on February 7<sup>th</sup> where consultants presented a draft of the Master Water and Wastewater Servicing Option Plan. This study was a directive in the 1996 Official Plan for Shuniah and is now a critical component in the development of our new Official Plan.

This Servicing Option Plan is an essential step in the development of a policy which is provincially mandated to ensure Municipal infrastructure meets the current and projected needs of the community. The provincial directive speaks specifically to sewage, water, and wastewater servicing: ensuring necessary infrastructure to meeting current/projected needs, protecting human and environmental health and cost efficient development patterns that minimize servicing costs while minimizing environmental impacts.

The trend in residential development in Shuniah continues to shift from recreational land use to a predominantly permanent residential use and drives the need to consider the impact of this land use change. The pattern has also seen increased building footprints with associated water and wastewater needs.

The study will analyze current water and wastewater (septic) systems within the defined high density areas and will review the need for alternative servicing options. The study will focus on Associations and undersized residential lots fronting Lake Superior, Loon Lake, Bass Lake, Sparks Lake and other high density developments with the anticipated need for a wastewater management approach that supports a healthy and safe environment.

Shuniah continues to be proactive in their approach in the development of an effective and sustainable land use planning policy, one that ensures the future health and long term viability of our community. We need our community's input and are inviting all residents to attend:

**The first presentation and open house event is on Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00pm  
at the MacGregor Recreation Centre, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Shuniah.**

The Municipality of Shuniah would like to hear and receive input from all stakeholders. The open house will provide an opportunity to receive an update on the project, provide feedback on the findings to date and discuss next steps for the Municipality. Updates on the project will also be available on the Municipal website [www.shuniah.org](http://www.shuniah.org)