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NOVEMBER 2022



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# INDIGENOUS WINTER MARKET

North Bay's **ONLY** Indigenous craft show

**DECEMBER 3 & 4 2022**  
**9AM TO 3PM**

North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre  
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## EVERYONE WELCOME

Reverse Penny Sale  
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Pow-Wow  
Free Admission

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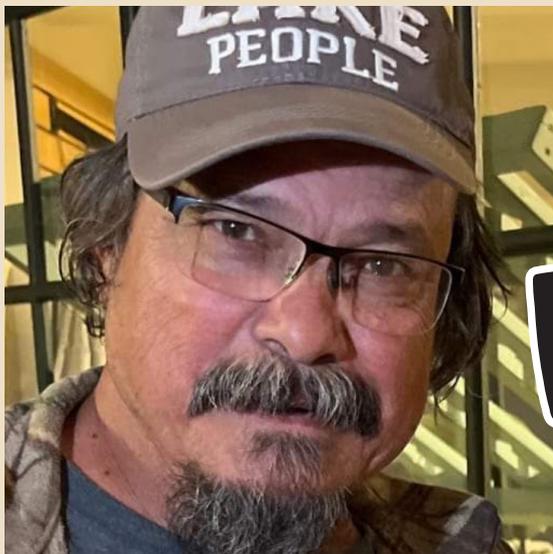


Lindsay Cote

Miigwetch to our friend Lindsay Cote for his submissions. To find more of his fine art samples follow him on Instagram at "mazhinawayart".

# Birthday Shout Outs! MASON AND CASSIUS FARR

Mason turned 14 on October 31st and Cassius will be turning 25 on November 2nd!!!  
Love Mom



# Happy 72<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Duane

Nov 14th  
Love Marie



In Loving *Memory*  
George Gordon  
**“MONTY” BECKER**

*Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1950 - Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of Monty on October 20, 2022 at the age of 72.

Son of the late Florence “Chick” Becker and George Becker. He will be greatly missed by his loving and devoted wife for 49 years, Flo (Chartrand). He was a loving and devoted Papa to Daughter Jessica Bender (Mike) and son Daniel Becker (Casey).

An amazing Papa to five wonderful Grandchildren, Jasper Bender (Olivia), Tyson Bender (Alicia), Zack Bender, Tiana Bender, Huxley Becker. Loving brother of Betty Barwell (Gary), Francis Becker, Sarah Barteaux (Len), Alan Becker, Robert Becker, Karen Becker, Barry Becker (Cheryl), Sharon Merkley (Dave), Dean Becker, Dorothy Becker, Carrie Dunlop (Dave), Predeceased by Brenda Chum (Pat). Loving Brother in-law to Amy Lemoine (Ray , predeceased), Theresa O’Shaughnessy (Mike), Fern Ouelette (Claude), Germaine Stewart, Rachel Stinkoji (Emel), Roger Chartrand (Vivian), Pauline Wadge (Les, predeceased), Paul Chartrand (Linda), Rick Chartrand (Margie), Joanne Fauvelle (Brian), Louise Chartrand.

He will be greatly missed by his many nieces and nephews as well as extended family and friends and many people he knew and loved in the community of Bear Island.

He spent many years working for George Mathias Construction building and renovating homes on the lake. He operated his own construction business called Northridge Construction. He worked for Temagami First Nation as Medical Transportation Driver. He volunteered as Emergency First Response on Bear Island. Monty was an amazing man who excelled at whatever he put his mind to and he would never give up on anything. He was a man of many talents, he was the number one log builder on the lake, a gifted carpenter, woodworker and tree feller. He built his own log home and his current home as well as many other buildings and docks on the lake and on Bear Island. He also had many hobbies including drumming, playing and watching hockey, sketching, painting, and photography and loved to photograph the beautiful sunsets as he watched from their home. He had a love for music and played various instruments and he also loved to dance. He was a gifted story teller and loved to spend time with friends and family telling stories and laughing over a few beers or a glass of red wine.

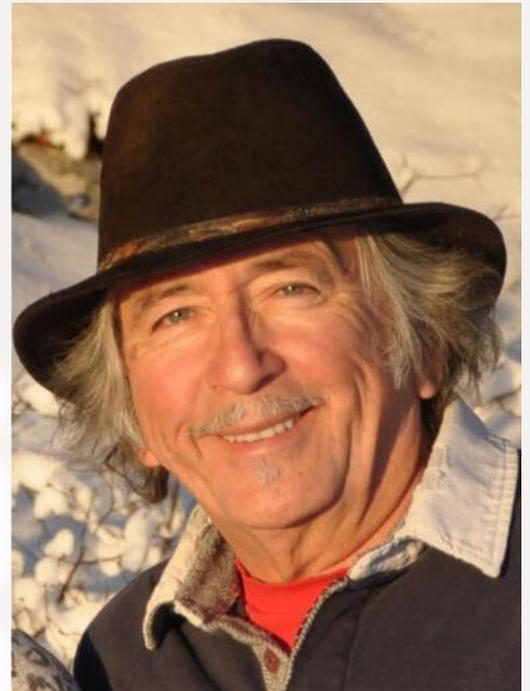
He loved living on Bear Island, Lake Temagami and spent countless days on the lake with his children and grandchildren, teaching them about the land and the lake, fishing and exploring the lake, having shore lunches, hiking, taking the kids tubing, wakeboarding, water skiing, ice fishing and snowmobiling in winter.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Temiskaming District Hospital for their compassion and care.

A Celebration of Life was held on Bear Island at the Lakeview Gathering Place, Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining on Friday October 28, 2022.

Monty’s final care has been entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy can be made in Monty’s honour to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**Gone from this earth and forever in our hearts.**





# BIGIIWAYAUNG N'DAKI MENAN

Chi Miigwetch goes out to Jason Ball and Chris "Goob" Mathias (pictured here) for delivering about 50 beautiful big pumpkins from Sturgeon Falls to Bear Island! Miigwetch to our whole, hard working Public Works department!



**DPHC**



**FHWC**



**Justice**



**Admin**



**LMLC**



**Public Works**

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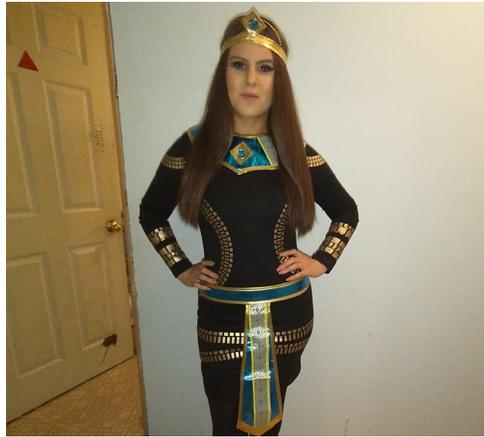




# BIGIIWAYAUNG N'DAKI MENAN



# BIGIWAYAUNG N'DAKI MENAN



# NOTICE

## Regular Council Meetings

Monday, November 7, 2022  
and  
Thursday, November 24, 2022

at 7:00 pm  
MgM Council Chambers

Under agenda item “ANY MATTER A RESIDENT WISHES TO RAISE” - all matters are to be put in writing and sent by mail or email ([councilmeeting@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:councilmeeting@temagamifirstnation.ca)) by 3pm on the Friday prior to the meetings.

This meeting is accessible to TFN members. In accordance with COVID-19 protective measures:

In-Person:

1. In-person attendees are required to register by emailing: [councilmeeting@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:councilmeeting@temagamifirstnation.ca);
2. Attendees are expected to maintain 6 feet distance between fellow attendees, or as much as practically possible;

Via Zoom;

1. Please email [councilmeeting@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:councilmeeting@temagamifirstnation.ca) to request the link.



WANT TO HELP  
BRADLEY PAUL  
WITH HIS DOCUMENTARY  
ABOUT RED SQUIRREL?

 Contact Info  
Email: [brads.adam27@gmail.com](mailto:brads.adam27@gmail.com)  
Phone: (705) 237-8046

**TFN Final Vote Results: October 15, 2022  
on motions that first occurred on September 18, 2022**

**TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION**

**RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT- MOTION #2022-0918-003**

**Therefore, be it resolved that** Temagami First Nation members, at the Community Meeting Dated September 18, 2022 approve the Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement by a show of hands.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** should a second vote be required it will be done by a secret ballot to be held on October 15, 2022 at the Minowaabandan-gamiing Mawanjihidiwining on Bear Island.

Moved by Robin Koistenin,      Seconded by Marie Paul

In Favour 27      Oppositions: 14      Abstentions: 5

CARRIED

SECOND & FINAL VOTE WILL OCCUR ON OCTOBER 15, 2022 BY SECRET BALLOT

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**Final Vote on Motion #2022-0918-003**

**76 Voters**

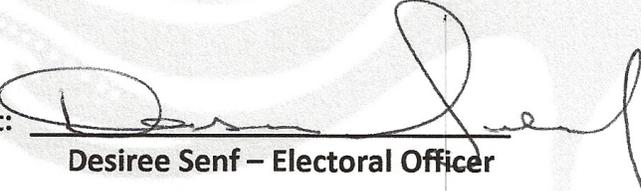
Yes:

No:

Abstain:

**0 spoiled Ballots**

**Certified to be True and Correct:**



**Desiree Senf – Electoral Officer**

**TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION**

**LAND USE PLAN FOR BEAR ISLAND – MOTION #2022-0918-005**

**Motion** to approve the Land Use Plan for Bear Island, Teme Augama Anishnaabeg Akii n’zhit te win Deep Water People, Our Land Plan, as presented and that the vote be done by show of hands

**Therefore**, be it resolved that should a second vote be required it will be done by a secret ballot to be held on October 15, 2022 at the Minowaabandan-gamiing Mawanjihidiwining on Bear Island.

Moved by Michael Molyneux

Seconded by Marie Paul

In Favour: 32    Opposed: 5    Abstained: 2

CARRIED

First Vote occurred on September 18, 2022 – MGM Gathering Hall

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**Final Vote on Motion #2022-0918-005**

Yes:

45

No:

31

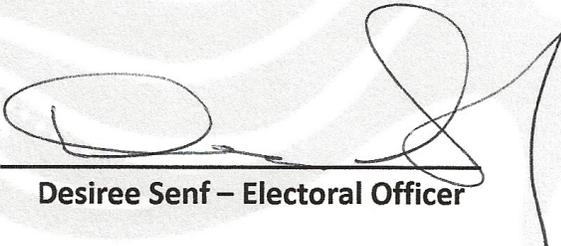
Abstain:

0

**1 Canceled Ballot**

**0 Spoiled Ballots**

**Certified to be True and Correct:**

  
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**Desiree Senf – Electoral Officer**

**TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION**

**RESTOULE INTERVENOR STATUS – MOTION #2022-0918-006**

**Therefore,** be it resolved that Temagami First Nation members, at the Community Meeting Dated September 18, 2022 approve the application to apply for intervenor status to intervene in the Restoule Stage 1 and 2 Supreme Court of Canada.

**Therefore,** be it resolved that should a second vote be required it will be done by a secret ballot to be held on October 15, 2022 at the Minowaabandan-gamiing Mawanjihidiwining on Bear Island.

**Therefore,** be it resolved that \$50,000 be used from the IBA if necessary.

Moved by Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier      Seconded by Councillor Jamie Saville

In Favour: 23      Opposed: 1      Abstained: 5

CARRIED

First Vote occurred on September 18, 2022 – MGM Gathering Hall

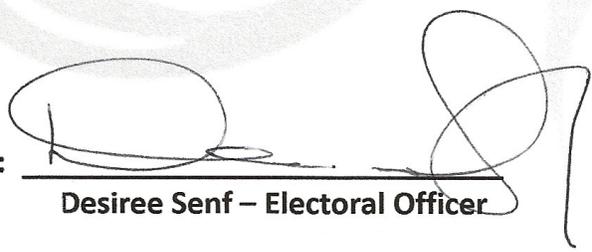
**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**Final Vote on Motion #2022-0918-006**

<b>Yes:</b>	43
<b>No:</b>	32
<b>Abstain:</b>	1

**0 Spoiled Ballots**

**Certified to be True and Correct:**



**Desiree Senf – Electoral Officer**

# TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEETING

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

TO BE HELD IN PERSON AT  
Minowaabandan-Gamiing Maawanjihidiwining  
Lakeview Gathering Place  
10:30 AM – 4:30 PM



Please join us for **BREAKFAST**  
before the meeting. **SERVING AT 9AM.**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED  
Agenda to Follow

To book a shuttle service trip please call 705-237-8943 ext. 101.  
All bookings must be done before or by Thursday November 10 @ 12:00 p.m.



## Virtual Option

Those members who wish to attend the meeting virtually, **please register in advance:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtdO-qqDIqGtCMg-Dmnf6bKbBQ8yLrbsV0>

You will receive the meeting link once your registration has been approved in the days prior to the meeting.

705-237-8943 ext.101

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## TEME-AUGAMA ANISHNABAI

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Dear Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizens

Please be advised that on October 15, 2022, at the TAA Dagwaagin Assembly, 2 motions were brought forward for vote by hidden ballot. Below is the results of the two votes.

### Motion #1

#### Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement

***Be it Resolved:***

**Whereas** Temagami First Nation and Teme-Augama Anishnabai has since time immemorial occupied n'Daki Menan.

**Whereas** The Temagami First Nation and Teme-Augama Anishnabai were parties to the negotiations of the Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement.

**Whereas** Temagami First Nation Chief and Council and Teme-Augama Anishnabai Chief and Council authorized the signing of the Resource Revenue Agreement between the province of Ontario, as represented by Minister Rickford and Temagami First Nation by Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier.

**Whereas** both the Temagami First Nation and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Chiefs and Councils recognized in authorizing the signing of the Agreement there would be time to allow for community engagements and ultimate decision making on whether to accept the agreement by November 30, 2022, as the first cheque would be issued in December 2022, or allow time to opt out.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** Teme-Augama Anishnabai citizens, at the TAA Assembly Dated October 15, 2022 approve the Resource Revenue Sharing Agreement by secret ballot.

In Favour – 20

Against – 18

Abstain – 0

Carried

### Motion #2

#### Restoule Intervenor Status

***Be it Resolved:***

**Whereas** Ontario appealed the decisions of the first two stages. In June 2022, the Supreme Court of Canada agreed to hear Ontario's appeal.

**Whereas** The Supreme Court’s decision on the appeal could directly affect Teme-Augama Anishnabai and Temagami First Nation’s rights and interests, including whether and on what basis Canada and Ontario are required to compensate TAA and TFN.

**Whereas** We TAA and TFN speak for ourselves at the Supreme Court and to ensure nobody else speaks for us.

**Whereas** As an intervenor, TAA and TFN apply to intervene, it would be on a without-prejudice basis to its position on the Robinson-Huron Treaty, including the position that TAA and TFN never surrendered title to n’Daki Menan.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** Teme-Augama Anishnabai citizens, at the TAA Assembly Dated October 15, 2022 approve the application to apply for intervenor status to intervene in the Restoule Stage 1 and 2 Supreme Court of Canada.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** \$50,000 be used from the IBA if necessary.

In Favour – 25

Against – 11

Abstain – 1

Spoiled – 1

Carried



## TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION/ TEME-AUGAMA ANISHNABAI

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The Teme Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Committee requires two (2) new Committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee, applicants are asked to submit their name, a resume or statement of experience and a brief comment confirming the reasons why you believe you should be appointed by the Joint Council to the Citizenship Committee.

Please submit by Monday, October 31, 2022 to the Joint Council Administrator Natasha Fortin at [jointadmin@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:jointadmin@temagamifirstnation.ca)

**Do we have your  
contact information?**

**You could be missing out on tons of useful information. Call 705-237-8943 ext. 120 or email [membershipadmin@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:membershipadmin@temagamifirstnation.ca) to ensure we have your most up-to-date contact information.**

## Temagami First Nation (TFN) Membership

**If you are a newly registered member with Temagami First Nation please contact the office.**

We would like to welcome you to Temagami First Nation. Please feel free to access the website at [www.temagamifirstnation.ca](http://www.temagamifirstnation.ca) or call the Membership Office @ 705-237-8943 ext. 120 and we can add your address and contact information to our master list.

On the website you can find information such as:

- Enrichment Funds (Health Dollars, Skills Enhancement, Culture and Art)
- Education
- Employment Opportunities
- Summer Camp fund
- Cultural Programs
- And much more...

Temagami First Nation also provides a Shuttle service during the spring, summer, and fall, if you were planning a visit to Bear Island. The Membership office is located on Bear Island at the **Minowaabandan-gamiing Maa-wanjihidiwining**, Lakeview Gathering Place. We also have a newsletter called the BI Blast that circulates once a month and your email will be added to this list, if you wish.



**Thank you,** Sheri Mathias

**For information or forms please contact the office 705-237-8943 Ext 120 or email [membershipadmin@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:membershipadmin@temagamifirstnation.ca)**



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## Enrichment Policy Changes

The Enrichment Policies have been amended and will be effective as of November 1, 2022. The applications have been updated as well. You can find the updated policies along with the new applications on our website at [www.temagamifirstnation.ca](http://www.temagamifirstnation.ca). If you would like paper copies of the policies or applications, you can call me at the above number or email at [tfnenrichment@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:tfnenrichment@temagamifirstnation.ca) Please see below is brief description of the changes:

### Elders and Disabled Home Repair

- For members re-applying after 5 years, the limit of the household income has increased to \$45,000.00 and \$32,000.00 for a single household income.
- Applications are to be sent to the Enrichment Clerk.
- The Enrichment Clerk will review all applications with the housing department instead of the Community Infrastructure Manager.

### Arts and Culture

- Combined family applications can now apply for a maximum of \$1,500.00 for equipment.
- Deadline dates have changed to **May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>**, effective November 1, 2022.
- When members are pre-approved for expenses, they will have 30 days to submit receipts for reimbursement.
- Section 5 has a breakdown of what is eligible and what is not eligible. Eligible equipment above \$450.00 will be a one-time purchase.
- Information regarding Jordan's Principle was added

### Child and Youth Skills Enhancement

Information about Jordan's Principle was added.

### Adult Skills Enhancement

- Registration fees for adults was added to this policy. This means that members 18 and over can apply to receive reimbursement for sports registration fees.

### Athletic Funds

- Members who are students can apply for 1 sport.
- A coach's report will need to be filled out and attached to the application.
- More information about a Train to Train athletes has been added.

**Health**

- Members whose household income is below \$32,000.00 can apply for the Health Supplement.
- Travel rates have increased.
- Acupuncture and Osteopath expenses are now covered.
- To receive reimbursement for Medical Marijuana, members need to complete a Medical Marijuana Authorization Form.
- THC products will not be covered.
- Service animals must be qualified under the Accessibility for Ontarian's with Disabilities Act (AODA).

**Aftercare**

- Travel rates have increased.

**Funeral**

- The allocation has increased to \$3,500.00 for associated funeral costs.

**Emergency Needs**

- Hot water tanks, water lines and pumps will now be covered.

**Terminal Illness**

- Travel rates have increased.

**Secondary School Supplement**

- Information about Jordan's Principle has now been added.

**Tutoring**

- Allocation has increased to \$800.00 for expenses.

**Computer for Students**

- Allocation has increased to \$800.00 for laptops.
- A list of items that are not eligible under this policy has been added
- Information about Jordan's Principle has been added.

# SHARE TRADITIONS, NOT THE FLU



Adults **65 years and older** are at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Contact your health centre or local healthcare provider to find out how to get your flu shot.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [CANADA.CA/FLU](https://CANADA.CA/FLU)

Protect yourself, your family and your community:



Get the flu vaccine every year



Clean your hands often



Cough and sneeze into your arm



Keep shared surfaces and objects clean



Stay home and away from others if you feel sick

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# Back by popular demand....



## COVID-19 & FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

**FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
10<sup>AM</sup> - 2<sup>PM</sup> AT THE  
MGM GATHERING HALL**

The Timiskaming Health Unit is coming to Bear Island to host a vaccination clinic for children, youth & adults.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and bivalent COVID-19 dose will be offered. As well as the Flu Vaccine.

Walk-ins are most welcome. However, it is preferred you call a day or two ahead to ensure there are enough vaccines on hand.

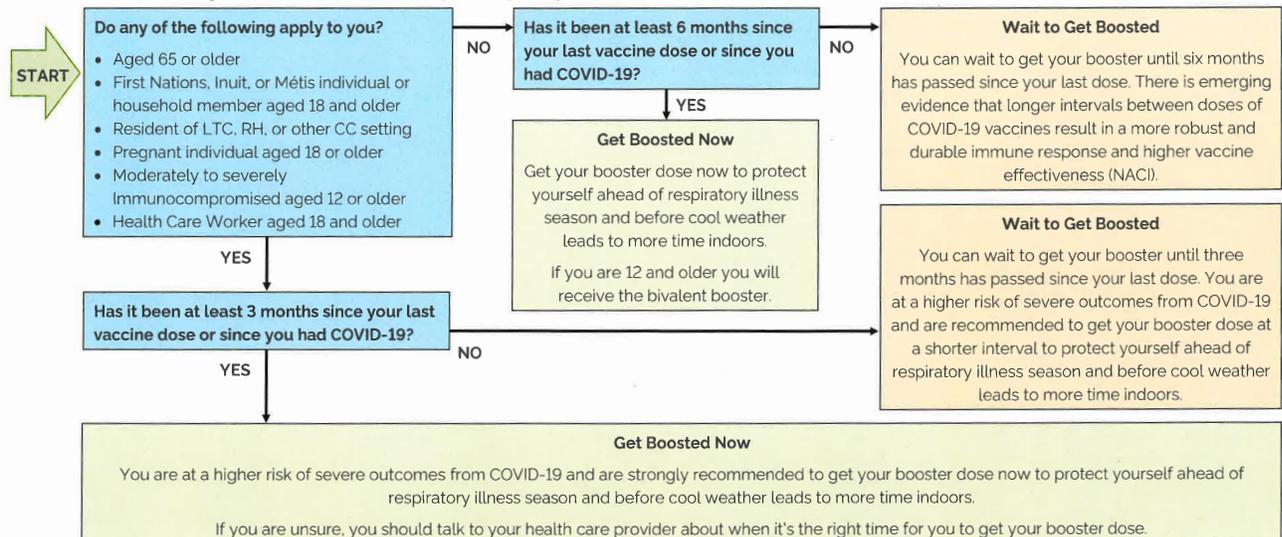
**Questions? Appointments?**

**Please contact Paula Potts at [pandemic@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:pandemic@temagamifirstnation.ca) or 705-237-8900 Ext. 304 for more information and to book your vaccine**

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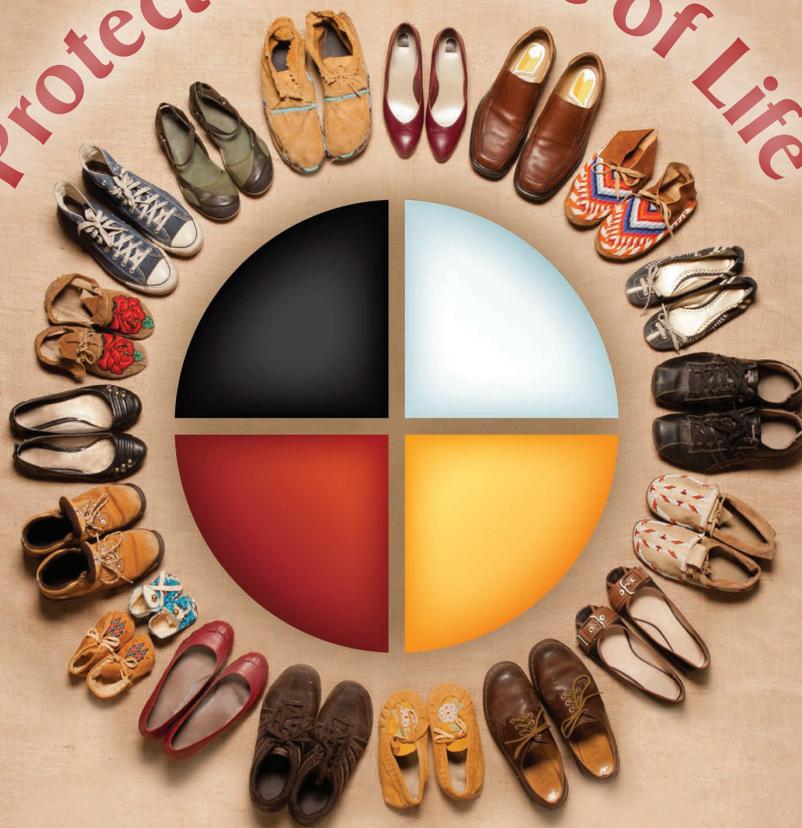
### Flow Diagram for COVID-19 Booster Vaccination – When should you get a booster dose?

For individuals aged 5 and older who have completed a primary series: Use the chart below to determine when it's time to get your COVID-19 booster.



- Health care workers are not at a higher risk of severe outcomes, unless they belong to another high-risk group. However, health care workers who care for high-risk patients are recommended to be vaccinated to protect their vulnerable patients and all health care workers are recommended to be vaccinated to ensure health system capacity.
- All vaccines available in Ontario are approved by Health Canada and are safe, effective, and are the best way to stay protected from COVID-19 and its variants.
- Bivalent Omicron-containing mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are the preferred booster products for authorized age groups (i.e., individuals 12 and older).

Protect the Circle of Life



## Your Flu Vaccine Protects Me My Flu Vaccine Protects You

- The flu vaccine is safe. You can't get the flu from a flu vaccine.
- Pneumonia and flu are a leading cause of death among Native elders.
- Please get a flu vaccine each year to protect you and your family.



Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
or call 1-800-CDC-INFO



# Student Success!

**KAIYA MONGRAIN**

*Congratulations!*

The Bear Island Education Authority would like to congratulate Kaiya Mongrain for her amazing accomplishment of being placed on the Dean's Honour List for Queen's University. To be placed on the Dean's Honour List, a student must have achieved a GPA of 3.50 or above in the previous academic year. Kaiya is currently in her second year at Queen's and continuing her studies in the Bachelor of Science – Biology and Bachelor of Education programs. Kaiya is the daughter of Dan and Lynn Mongrain and granddaughter of Dean Potts and Linda Paul. Keep up the great work, Kaiya!



*Provided by Maranda Mathias, TFN Student Success Worker*

Kwe Kwe Parents/Guardians,

The following are ways in which you can help build literacy and math skills with your child(ren). The first part are ideas you can use with your child to support their learning. The second part are a list of free apps and what they entail. You can make screen time become educational and fun to learn.

1. **Word Search.** After reading a short story to your child, spell out a word (I would start with short words for the younger ones) and see if they can find it and show you. Keep points and at the end of the week or month, give them a surprise for their hard work in finding words.
2. **Write in the sand.** While on a walk, stop and write a letter in the ground (with a stick) and ask your child to read the letter and make the sound. Then ask them if they can think of a word that begins with that letter.
3. **Numbers.** In the store, practice numbers by asking your child to repeat all the numbers in the price of an item.

4. **Patterns.** Ask your child to count by 1's, 2's, 3's, etc. (skip counting). This builds their learning to eventually develop multiplication skills.
5. **Have your child recall what they did at school when they get home.** Recalling information and understanding work at school helps your child with building excellent memory skills.

**FREE APPS** – Prodigy.com (mathematics), Khan Academy Kids (literacy/mathematics), PBS Kids Games (general education), YouTube Kids (educational videos), Epic (literacy), Swift Playgrounds (learning how to develop apps through solving puzzles and test codes to move on, Seek by iNaturalist (plants and nature), NASA (space expedition), Garage Band (making/producing their own music),

Miigwetch,  
Anastasia Cywink,  
LMLC Resource Teacher

# TFN TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY/ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30, 2022

It was a special day for our community. It was a day of recognizing our history, our people, our culture, our language and our community. Many of us came together to laugh, talk, learn, eat and reflect.

Several different events were held at the Mino Waabdaan Mawaan-jihidiwining/Community Hall. The day started with a delicious Pancake Breakfast with real maple syrup, cooked by Rachel Potts, a drum song by Tyler Paul and a Thanksgiving Prayer presented by Nicole Goulin, Jeremy Pichette, Delaney Sylvester and Mariah Paul. This was followed by a presentation by Mkwaw Minising Miidjim. In the afternoon John Turner and June Twain shared language, stories and used the maps of Daki Menan to share some History. We then viewed a documentary created by the Nbiising Anishinaabek called Biidaajwaan/Force of Water. It is a documentary about honouring their language warriors. Justice Program Assistant, Nancy Shipman organized a fun poster and painting activity for the children. This was followed by a Wild Rice Dish Competition. 1st Place and \$100 went to Cathy Metcalfe, 2nd Place and \$75 went to Mike Paul and 3rd place and \$50 went

to Vicky Blake. Following this we played Anishnaabemowin Bingo. A great spaghetti dinner was cooked by Rachel Potts. To wrap up the day, Tillie Missabie Family Centre supervisor, Michelle Polson organized a Community Orange Shirt walk and a beautiful orange candle displays to light the walking path.

The highlight of our day was a presentation and a hands on demonstration by a community business, Mkwaw Minising Miidjim. They are a family business focused on getting back on to Daki Menan and working on cultural food growth and harvesting practices. They plant and harvest wild rice. They produce maple syrup. They grow indian corn, pumpkins and several other foods. They

strive to involve community and to teach the children about the work they do.

The day's events were sponsored by TFN programs: Family Healing and Wellness Centre, Tillie Missabie Family Centre, Bear Island Education Authority, Justice Program and Anishnaabemowin Sagaswe'idiwin. We were also the beneficiaries of a Grant of \$1500 from the Temagami Community Foundation to support the costs of our special day. All the contributions came together nicely and resulted in a fabulous day of recognizing Truth and Reconciliation.

Miigwech.  
Patsy Turner  
Anishnaabemowin  
Sagaswe'idiwin, Chair



## We Shall Remember

Join us as we gather to remember our relations who gave so much of themselves for our freedom and for us to have a good Life.

### November 11, 2022

Zhimaaganish Giizhgad, Atikamek Giizis 11

at Mko Mnising Cenotaph

**10:45 am** Opening Drum Song  
 Welcome (Chief)  
 O'Canada (LMLC Students)  
 The Last Post (Patsy)  
 Two Minutes of Silence  
 Poems (LMLC Students)  
 Recognize Veteran Names (LMLC student)  
 Laying of Wreaths (Representatives of each program building)  
 Closing (Chief)  
 Closing Drum Song

**12:00 pm** Lunch to follow

## TIMIAGAMIING ANISHINAABEMOWIN SAGASWEHIDIWIN

**NOW ON  
WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS**

The Language Commission *returns with*

## TFN COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SESSIONS

Bi-Weekly:

Wednesday, November 9 and November 23  
6:30 - 7:30

follow this link ↘

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6819389857>

Staff  
Lunch & Learn  
Currently  
ON HOLD

**If you don't use it, you lose it!**



# Jordan's Principle

What is Jordan's Principle?

It's principle is to ensure that gaps in publicly funded health, social and educational programs are addressed in a timely manner so that First Nation children get services, equipment and supports they need.

Should you need help with the application process or just looking for more information please contact:

*Lydia McKenzie - Jordan's Principle Navigator*

*[jp@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:jp@temagamifirstnation.ca)*

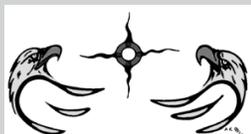
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SCHEDULE A MONDAY TO FRIDAY		NOVEMBER 2022							
Depart <b>Bear Island</b> WEEK DAY (MON-FRI)	Depart <b>Mineroad</b> WEEK DAY (MON-FRI)	Sun	Mon	Tues 1	Wed 2	Thurs 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	
8:00 a 8:30 a	8:15 a 8:45 a								<b>NOTE: MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE DURING OFFICE HOURS (8:30AM-4:30PM) BY CALLING: 705-237-8943 EXT 101 <a href="mailto:tfn@temagamifirstnation.ca">tfn@temagamifirstnation.ca</a></b>  <b>PLEASE NOTE THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES CALLS MAY PRE-EMPT THIS SCHEDULE.</b>
MAIL DAYS ONLY - Tues./ Fri.		6	7	8	9	10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY	12	
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4:00 p 4:30 p	4:15 p 4:45 p	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		27	28	29	30				

**NOTE: ALL TRIPS MUST BE BOOKED MONDAY-FRIDAY (8:30AM-4:30PM) AT LEAST TWO (2) HOURS IN ADVANCE - PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR BOOKING & CANCELLED TRIPS**

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- Two Regular Bin Size Limit; \$10 per passenger.
- Cash, EMT Available [vicky.blake@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:vicky.blake@temagamifirstnation.ca)

**\*\*Shuttle Trip only if booked prior to 1:45**

TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION SHUTTLE BOAT SCHEDULE



TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Tech. Help Drop In Sessions

Need essential assistance with your technology, such as your laptop, Chromebook or tablet. Feel free to drop into the Public Library to receive basic aid and quick tutorials.

# We drafted a Land Use Plan for Bear Island!

**OCT 18**

In **October 2018**, Temagami First Nation / Teme-Augama Anishnabai started the process of developing a Land Use Plan for Bear Island.

## WHAT IS LAND USE PLANNING?

A Land Use Plan is a document containing maps and text that describe how we will **use land in the future**, and the long term **goals and vision** of Temagami First Nation.

## OUR DRAFT LAND USE PLAN FOR BEAR ISLAND

Some land uses considered as part of the land use planning process include housing, culture, community uses, recreation, and the environment.



## OUR VISION FOR OUR LANDS BASED ON YOUR FEEDBACK!

*“Honouring our ancestors and future generations, our land use reflects Anishnabai values and responsibilities to n’Daki Menan.”*

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Open Houses
- Surveys
- Workshops
- Virtual Meetings
- Surveys

Total of 502 Participants



## COMMUNITY VOTE

In September and October 2022, our citizens came together for a community vote on the draft Land Use Plan.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Based on the community vote, TFN/TAA citizens voted "yes". Congratulations!

What is next? We are drafting an Implementation Plan to assist with the development and design of Bear Island. Stay tuned!

**OCT 22**

## COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- Community Togetherness
- Housing
- Servicing
- Lake Temagami
- Economic Development
- Critical Habitat Areas
- New Community Site
- Cultural Sites
- N’Daki Menan



TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION/TEME-AUGAMA ANISHNABAI

# We are creating an Environmental Management Plan for Bear Island!

## What is an Environmental Management Plan?

- Summarizes existing environmental conditions
- Identifies environmental management actions
- Sets the stage for environmental policies and laws
- Supports environmental stewardship

## Our Environmental Management Goals



## Under Land Code, we are responsible:

- To develop and help achieve environmental goals and policies for Bear Island; and
- To follow federal environmental legislation.

## Activities and Engagement to Date

- Background Research and Analysis
- EMP Introduction Session
- Community Discussions
- Online Survey
- Elders Sessions
- Open House #1
- Lands and Resources Committee Sessions

## Environmental Management Priority Areas



## What we Heard

- Light Pollution
- Education and Enforcement
- Alternative Water Sources
- Water Protection
- Re-use
- Partnerships
- Vegetation Inventory
- Fish Health
- Net Zero
- Boat Traffic
- Green Community

## How do we get there?

**Fall 2021**  
We started to develop our EMP for Bear Island by listening to community members.

**Spring 2022**  
We conducted additional engagement activities and started drafting our EMP.

**Fall 2022**  
Stay tuned for the draft EMP coming later this year.

## Next Steps

- The draft EMP will be shared at the next Community Open House later this fall.
- The final EMP is to be completed in 2022!

# We are creating an Implementation Plan for Bear Island!

## What is an Implementation Plan?

Under Land Code, TFN can develop guidelines to assist with the development of Bear Island. The Implementation Plan will help us achieve good design for new development.

## What did we discuss at the first Open House in July?



Housing and Density



Development Approvals Process



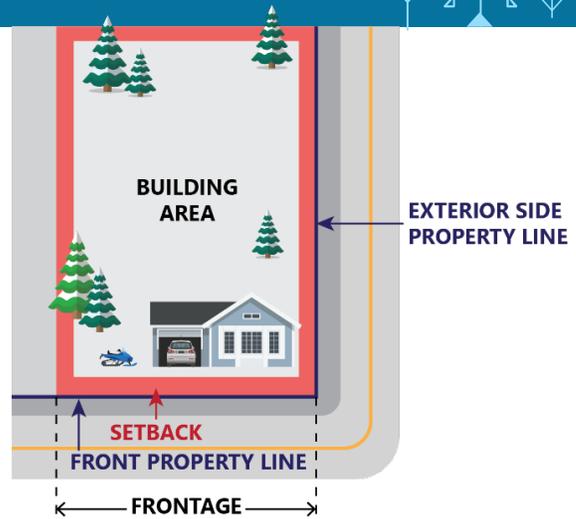
Parking



Signs and Markers



Landscaping



## What did we hear?

- Embrace peoples individuality and creativity!
- Use local plants that do well in local climate.
- Consider parking storage (e.g., snowmobile gear)
- Make information on existing development process more accessible.
- Encourage good design without using the colonial approach of 'zoning' that is used by municipalities.
- If we set standards now on Bear Island, we may be better positioned to expand those to n'Daki Menan.

## What is next?



## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact: Mike Molyneux, Acting Lands & Resources Director  
 Email: [assistantlandsdirector@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:assistantlandsdirector@temagamifirstnation.ca)  
 Phone: 705-237-8943 Ext. 205

## Project Updates for the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Digitizing Project for Lands & Resources

- Purchased and Assembled the New Large-Scale Scanner for Maps and Oversize Documents
- Mid-Process of Hiring a Youth Archive Technician
- Old Electronic Storage (Dropbox) Fully Transferred into New Storage (SharePoint)
- 4-5 Land Claim Boxes Have Been Scanned
- 4 Binders Have Been Scanned
- Naming Convention and OCR is Applied to All New Scans
- Uploaded over 12 GB in Scans to SharePoint



Temagami First Nation  
Lands and Resources

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20 grants of \$2,500 plus CCAB membership



**Level 2**  
8 grants of \$7,500 plus CCAB membership




**Indigenous Entrepreneur Grants: Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business in partnership with Hydro One**  
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TFN MEMBER

**JUNE TWAIN**

SHARES

*Heidi Jobson, TFN Communications*

JUNE TWAIN, daughter to Joe Mattias of Beaverhouse First Nation and Elizabeth Potts of Bear Island and maternal granddaughter to Tom Potts and Maria Wabie as well as decendent of Chief Tonené, is the proud oldest living resident on Bear Island. She was born and raised here and grew up on the land as a girl with her family while her dad trapped in the winter or guided for tourists in the summer. She attributes her strong work ethic to those winters on the land out at Turtlesell Lake. She talked about all of the regular daily tasks that she and her siblings had to take care of at a young age in order for camp to operate. Her eldest brother Sonny, herself, younger sister, Doreen and her younger brother George all had obligations, collecting wood to keep the wood stove going, collecting water and cleaning the laundry as well as all the other regular daily chores. Her upbringing and strong sense of family and commitment shaped her into the determined Anishnaabe Kwe she would become.

June sat with me and shared her background, some funny stories and her life's work and accomplishments. She is a highly respected Elder in the community and speaks with purpose and warmth. As she wove through her stories, I got the sense that all of her projects were successful because of her compassion and love for her family, her community. Most in the community already know what a true leader by example in kindness she is. It was a pleasure and honour to sit and learn and hopefully help her share her story.



**Chief Ignace Tonené**, courtesy of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography

In 1969 June trained as a Chef at George Brown College. She worked as a Chef from about 1969 to 1989, her cooking skills and breads in particular, are still talked about today. But around that time June started to struggle with arthritis and cooking became more difficult. She decided to go back to school, this time taking the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program at Canadore College. It was there that she felt drawn into Native Spirituality and realized that her spirit was calling out for this knowledge. You see, she spent a lot of time with her grandmother growing up who was quite a strict Catholic. Later, her husband Jim Twain, was studying to become a Deacon. She began attending the Friendship Centre in North Bay where she would participate in ceremony. She was affected greatly by her first circle and when offered the Eagle Feather one day, she began to weep. She was overcome by the feeling that the Spirit moved her and that she needed to return to Native spirituality.

After completing her 40 week program, June returned to Bear Island and took a job as the NNADAP (National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse) Worker where she was responsible for implementing and delivering a prevention program in relation to alcohol and drug abuse as well as intervention services in the community. She keenly noted that at that time there were no programs in the community geared towards our Elders or our Youth. She promptly implemented an Elder's Luncheon program that is still successful today.



*June & Jim's Wedding, March 2, 1974  
L-R: Don Twain, Jim Twain, June (Mattias) Twain, Doreen Potts*

Elders would gather over coffee, tea and lunch and be able to speak Anishnaabemowin or just have a reason to get out and socialize together.

She saw a need for the Youth of the community to also have a place to go and activities to participate in and she wanted to ensure they would be interested so she felt like the youth program needed to be fun while igniting a spiritual and cultural rebirth to improve on one's sense of self worth and confidence. She knew those qualities would help the youth to stay off of a negative path and deter them from a lifestyle fueled by drugs and alcohol.

In the early '90s, June reached out to Mary Laronde who had a friend on the lake, Actor/Director, June Keevil and with the support of Linda-Joe Mattias as secretary, they began to write to June Keevil to see if she would be interested in helping to put together



*Roots and Wings, photo from brochure*

a theatre group of the youth of Bear Island. June agreed to come on board as Artistic Director and so the next task was to organize the funding. June and her team began feverishly writing letters and fundraising. They were fortunate to have a lot of local support from community members and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai as well, she also reached out to the members of the Temagami Lakes Association, Judge and local Camp Manitou owner Gloria Epstein, a fundraiser for Native Entertainment as well as many others helped to financially support the project. June explained that before sending out these fundraising letters, she smudged them and prayed about them. She explained that “if you’re working from the heart, the spirits will help.”



*“if you’re working from the heart,  
the spirits will help.”  
– June Twain*

There were about 25 youth between the ages of 14 and 25 involved in the creation of what came to be the Roots and Wings Theatre Group and their production of ‘*n’Daki Menan’*. As June explained how the project unfolded she speaks with shock in her voice and described her disbelief in accomplishing this huge project. She laughed about all of the problem-solving and ingenuity that came with creating it from scratch. She spoke with pride about all of the people who helped to bring it together.

They on-boarded Musical Director, Wayne Potts. He and the youth wrote 3 original songs for the play as well as a complete soundtrack for the production. See the lyrics on page 36. The youth wrote the script themselves. “The messaging is still relevant today,” June added. They spent their time gathering information about their own roots which led to strong messaging of the past and current struggles and successes of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and relayed the story in a dark comedic manner that all audience members could connect to. They could see by audience reactions that people were connecting deeply to this play. In fact, the following year, they

*“The audiences reaction was powerful, everyone involved could see that this was something special, deeper than we could comprehend.” – Wayne Potts*

toured the production of *‘n’Daki Menan’* from Bear Island to Haida Gwaii, the Queen Charlotte Islands in B.C. One of the many highlights was performing at the World Indigenous Conference. It was quite the considerable venture indeed! “‘Can’t’ wasn’t in my vocabulary,” she explained.

*“ The play depicted our story on how we overcame and asserted our sovereignty and our Indigenous rights to our Home Land ”*  
*– Wayne Potts*

The year that Roots and Wings toured *‘n’Daki Menan’*, they were able to get more funding from the Timiskaming Board of Education and the SEED program and the youth were able to be paid a wage and even collect school credit. Back at home they performed nightly for one-week, one of those shows included dinner and the show. Each night was SOLD OUT! The organizers and the youth had really done something special. They literally built the play from the ground up, constructing sets, making props and costumes, composing songs and writing scripts. It was an incredible achievement that has led to all kinds acquired skills through the making of this production.

The play was showcased back in the 90’s and the youth are now adults, a lot of them now have youth

children of their own. Maybe it’s a coincidence that all the young people who worked so hard over those summers are still active in the community and contributing in a significant way but more likely is that this special undertaking has followed them into adulthood and helped to inspire self confidence and greater purpose.

June graciously acknowledged all the support that the Roots and Wings got from the whole community. Individual contributions, contributions of Temagami First Nation staff, and of course June Keevil. June expresses her deep gratitude for June Keevil’s guidance on the project. “Without June, we wouldn’t have been able to do this. We wouldn’t have had a play.” “It may have been my idea but it wouldn’t have come together without all the support we received.”

Roots and Wings lives on. In recent years the program has been revived under the guidance of Christine Friday which evolved from a Theatre Group to more of a Skills Development Program that Reconnected the Youth to the Land. *Watch for the article next month featuring Christine and her efforts with the Roots and Wings.*

Chi Miigwetch to June for sharing. June is a mother to Peter McKenzie and Michelle Polson, grandmother and great-grandmother to many. She celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 3rd. She is stern but always kind and compassionate. She cares for her people deeply and promotes thoughtful care of our land, n’Daki Menan.



June with her family on Bear Island

**Children**

Peter  
Michelle

**Grandchildren**

Darren  
Amy  
Nathan  
Tyler  
Raven  
Sadie

**Great Grandchildren**

Isaiah  
Erikah  
Wabinan  
Aubrey  
Colby  
Chloe  
Madeline  
Shawn Jr.  
Ivy  
Zander  
Adrian  
Aaron

## OTHER NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Created the Moms & Tots Program

Lead in the creation for a Daycare on Bear Island

Cooking/Catering for Events and Programs

Awarded the Niche Award



### Siblings

Sonny

Doreen

George

Busty (Joseph Jr.)

Alex

Anne

Debbie

Anita

brother Busty, June and sister Debbie

# MINI Q&A WITH JUNE TWAIN

Q. What kind of advice can you offer? Community members, youth and mothers?

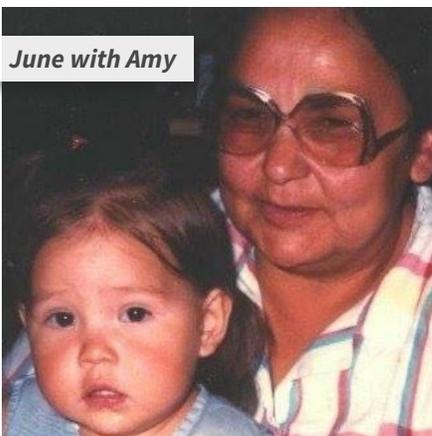
A. ***We need to heal the community. We need more circles for healing the children. When we sit in circle it helps you to understand others. It gives you compassion.***

Q. How do you find balance, body, mind, heart and spirit?

A. ***Prayer, ceremony, retreats, phone a friend.***

Q. If you could make any law, what law would you make?

A. ***Treat everybody with kindness.***



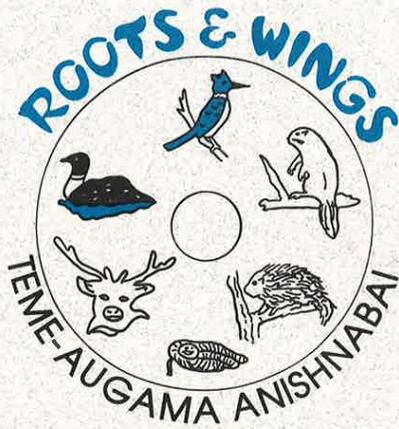
June with Amy



June with Shawn Jr.



June with Nathan



## ROOTS & WINGS

From its very beginnings the Roots & Wings Theatre Group has been a lot more than entertainment and drama. For the community of Bear Island and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai it is a source of pride and positive reflection. For the youth involved it has ignited a spiritual and cultural rebirth. The play, "n'Daki-Menan," (meaning "Our Land") ties directly into the Teme-Augama Anishnabai's 115-year-old quest for justice.

Conceived by June Twain, of N.N.A.D.A.P. (National Native Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program) on Bear Island, the Roots and Wings program was designed to get young people involved in a project which will help give them direction in life. Bear Island is a semi-remote island community where young people leave home at an early age to attend high-school. Through their participation in the theatre group they are now gaining the confidence and feeling of self-worth they will need to meet the challenges of today's society.

### THE GROUP

The Roots & Wings Theatre Group is comprised mainly of native youth from the Teme-Augama Anishnabai nation in the Lake Temagami area of northern Ontario. Artistic Director June Keevil is an accomplished actress and director whose family has been on Lake Temagami for 40 years. Keevil, Twain and the talented company of 25 youth spent a hectic seven weeks during the summer of 1991 producing the play. It was a whirlwind of activity on Bear Island as the company literally built the play from the ground up, constructing sets, making props and costumes, composing songs and writing scripts.

Throughout the summer, facilitators were invited to the community to share their knowledge with the youth on Native culture, spirituality, traditions and the issues facing Native people. The youth also attended workshops to explore character development and to acquire the skills needed to produce their play, "n'Daki-Menan." Keevil has assembled a company and put together a production that will dazzle the mind and warm the heart.

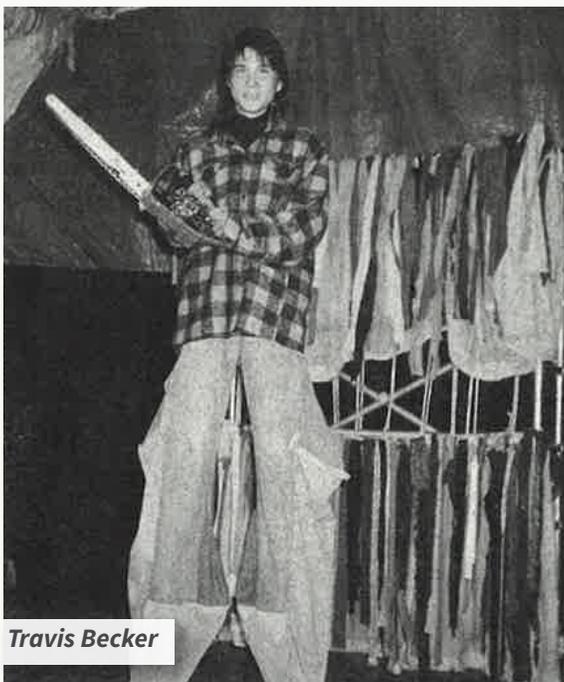
### THE PLAY

"N'Daki-Menan" carries a message of cultural survival and human struggle that is not lost on audiences. "N'Daki-Menan" portrays the history of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai from creation, to "contact" with Europeans, to the present. It provides a glimpse, with narration and in storytelling fashion, of how the Anishnabai confronted assimilation.

The highlight of Roots and Wings' itinerary for 1992 is a six-day stop at the "World Indigenous Conference" in Edmonton.

\* \* \* \* \*

"CNAF (Canadian Native Arts Foundation) was happy to be able to support Roots and Wings Theatre Group. Its existence allows the participants to explore their artistic talents, increase their leadership potential and self-awareness, learn traditional craft and history and to take part in a summer activity that is an example of positive lifestyle to the other young people in the community." — **John Kim Bell, founder and president. CNAF**



Travis Becker

"This artistic venture not only provided an evening of pleasant entertainment but also brought a message which had a profound affect on those in attendance. It brought to the audience, which was primarily non-Native, a reminder of the deliberate measures which were undertaken to destroy the culture of the native people and to assimilate them into the non-native world. It depicted a continuing determination of the aboriginal people to regain the lost heritage and to rebuild the very essence of their nation. The sensitivity of the issue was not lost and this very vital message was presented in a most tactful manner."

— **Jack McVey, Director of Education, Temiskaming Board of Education**

"It's a dark comedy that lightheartedly shares the struggle of a nation for survival. From the coming of settlers to the introduction of the Indian Act, the youth cover a broad base of emotions yet somehow manage to poke fun at both Natives and non-Natives, keeping everyone laughing."

- **Anishnabek News**

# Original Music for n'Daki Menan

Written by Wayne Potts and 3 or 4 youth from the play including a drummer, lead guitar and saxophone player.

## Confusion

Where do we belong anymore  
(confusion knockin at our front door)  
We've lost the meaning of our inner  
core  
(confusion comes around some  
more)  
We've been lookin out there where  
the glitter lies  
(ignoring the creator as our Spirits  
die)  
Come on into the circle to find a way  
out  
(of confusion, is what it's all about)

Chorus:  
Confusion, confusion  
2-ways to go what can we say  
Confusion, confusion  
Good spirits lead us on to a better  
day

Instumental break with sax

You might have heard, it's been our  
stand  
(good God above give us a hand)  
We're in the process of reclaiming  
n'Daki Menan  
(confusion now, in our band)

We've been to trial in the shagonash  
courts  
(seeking justice there of course)

But still somehow it don't seem fair  
(for them to judge our lands own  
heir)

(chorus) - instrumental break guitar  
(chorus) then end

by Wayne Potts

## We Progress

As we progress into the future  
Don't forget our sacred past  
Though the future holds many things  
What's already happened is made  
more vast

Our Nation will rise once again  
It will be strong to stand on it's own  
And inside our spirits will be free  
They'll be saying in a soft tone

Chorus:  
It is time tht we clean up our land  
To regain what is rightfully ours  
At that time and only then  
Can we stop our land wars  
It is time we clean up our land  
Yest it is time that we clean up our  
land

Instrumental

Repeat chorus and finish

by Tanya McKenzie

## Indian Act RAPP

Indian Act (x2)  
it's a fact, it's a fact

Rule #1 - you can't have any fun  
Rule #2 - we'll show you what to do  
Rule #3 - you're no longer free  
Rule #4 - that's it, we've closed the  
door  
Rule #5 - somehow we will survive  
Rule #6 - we're learning from their  
tricks  
Rule #7 - 7, 7  
Rule #8 - 8, 8  
Rule #9 - 9,9

Indian Act (x2)  
it's a fact, it's a fact  
Indian Act  
(RAPP.. clapping hands and stomping  
feet)

by Wayne Potts

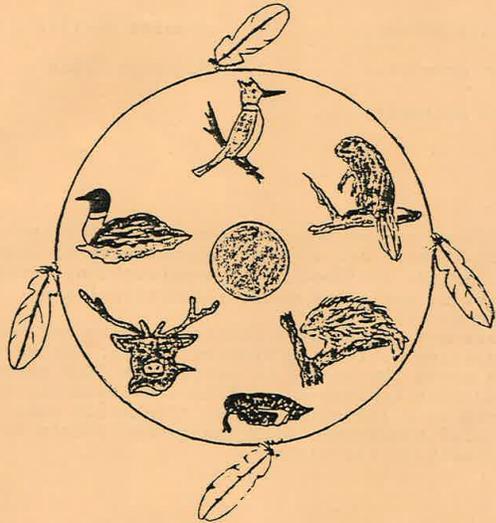
**IN SEARCH OF THE VIDEO RECORDING OF  
THE PERFORMANCE N'DAKI MENAN  
BY ROOTS AND WINGS**

**ALSO, IF ANYONE HAS A COPY OF THE SCRIPT,  
PLEASE CALL TFN COMMUNICATIONS  
AT 705-237-8943 EXT. 107.  
WE WOULD LOVE A COPY FOR OUR ARCHIVES.**

# ROOTS & WINGS YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

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## "N' DAKI-MENAN"



### A COMPANY CREATION

under the direction of

**JUNE M. KEEVIL**

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR.....June Keevil  
 TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....Rob.Friday  
 PRODUCER.....June Keevil  
 MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Wayne Potts  
 ASST. MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Lawrence Bellaire  
 SET DESIGN.....Rob.Friday  
 SET ARTISTS.....Stephen Snake  
 .....Larry Lang  
 CHOREOGRAPHY.....Barbara Murray  
 MASK.....Frank C. Turner  
 MOVEMENT & MIME.....Gerardo Avila  
 PROPS.....Larry Lang  
 LIGHTS.....Paul Aquino  
 ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR.....Roxanne Potts  
 TRADITIONAL DRUM & DANCE.....Lindsay Cote  
 DRESSER.....Barbara Irvine  
 SECRETARY.....Linda Joe Mattias

The "ROOTS & WINGS" Youth Theatre Company is a project developed and organized by June Twain, N.N.A.D.A.P. Worker of Bear Island, and the Temagami Indian Band's sponsored S.E.E.D. and START OPTIONS programs, through C.E.I.C.

### COMPANY

#### PERFORMERS

Jason Ball	Terry McKenzie
Jody Becker	Tracy McKenzie
Ryan Becker	Arden Moore
Annette Paul	Darcy Fortin
Lynn Paul	Laura Irvine
Desiree Peshabo	Genesee Keevil
Chad Polson	Charlene Mathias
Rachel Potts	James Saville
Melanie McKenzie	Jessica Saville
Peter McKenzie	Michelle Twain
Tanya McKenzie	

The first season provided our "Roots & Wings" Youth Theatre Co. with the opportunity to learn set design, costumes, prop construction, script creation, music and dance (traditional and contemporary).

We are now beginning a different phase and our production is touring Western Canada. We have been given the honour to perform at "The World Indigenous Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, and a once in a life-time chance of sharing their cultural background with Indigenous people from all parts of the world.

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Temagami Memories	Temagami Shell
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Yarn Boutique	Marg's Restaurant
Bonnie Seigel	Vicky Grant
Kirk & Cathy Smith	Wilderness Centre
Jack Guppy	The Framing Experience
C.E.I.C. (S.E.E.D.)	Steve Turner
Price Signs	Dave Kilgour
Teme-Augama Anishnabai	Lucille McKenzie
Gloria Epstein	Temagami Lakes Assoc.
Rose Molyneaux	Temagami Marine
Bonnie Turner	Lakeland Airways
Marion Russell	Highway Book Shop
Grant Heggie	Temagami Transport
Gateway Theatre Guild	Temagami Shores
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# Did I ever tell you the story of the first time I went up to Maple Mountain?

## A story told by June Twain in her own words

Jim and I were going to the Friendship Centre regularly and learning about ceremony, but we hadn't done our own yet. No one gave us permission to, we just did it.

So, we took eight students and four chaperones and we paddled to High Rock and then we paddled up the rest of the way. We were gone for a week, I think it's 30 miles, I'm not sure how far. Nobody had ever gone up there before, so we didn't know what to expect. So, we paddled all the way through there and we got to the base of the mountain and we thought we could camp at the bottom of Maple Mountain but it was all swamp. So, then we had to paddle back across to the one campground on Tupper Lake. We were paddling back and suddenly this hawk came down, swoosh! Just like that. It was flapping its wings and making ripples in the water, and it did that four times! Debbie asked me, "June, what does that mean?" I said, "I don't know," but in my mind I figure the Spirits knew we were coming to pray, and the hawk was applauding! Saying Izha-da-yam-yowok, Come Pray in Anishnaabemowin.

So, we camped out there and the next day we went to the top of the mountain and there were some people up there and Jim knew that we had to have a fire to offer tobacco to the fire. This is teenagers who've never done this before. So we waited 'til those people left and Jim made a fire and we told the kids, like ok, we're going to be taking tobacco in your left hand, that's the hand that's closest to your heart and then you're going to pray with that tobacco. You don't have to pray loud or anything, you're just praying to yourself and then we're all in circle and we're going to take turns and put tobacco in the fire. So that's what we did.

So, they're all taking turns and doing it and suddenly, this hawk comes in, full wing span, comes right over us, we could reach up and touch it! The kids were in awe. It came in the Eastern door and

they say all life comes from the Eastern door eh. So, it came along and went around and went back. I think that was the most moving experience I ever had in my life!

They put that experience in the play! It was absolutely amazing! We never really shared what we felt after that, but they had an eye-opener.

When we came back from there John Aguonie, the teacher that we had come to the community, I told him about it and I said, "the hawk came and joined us," I said and he says, "June, that was one of your ancestors."

Isn't that amazing? That was one of the most amazing things I've ever experienced. At the top of Maple Mountain!

You know, for a long time I couldn't tell that story without crying. I just felt so humbled that the Creator would show us that. That was one of the most meaningful things I ever experienced and it came from Creator.





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### **Thinning Projects on the Temagami, Timiskaming and Nipissing Forests**

**Over the course of the summer and fall, the DMLRC Forestry Crew worked on several manual thinning projects on n'Daki Menan through contracts with First Resource Management Group and the Nipissing Forest Management Inc.**

**During the summer, the crew were based in Elk Lake and carried out the work with brush saws on approximately 70 hectares of young jack pine plantation in Roadhouse and Willett Townships. In early September, the crew relocated to Cole Township (north of the Red Squirrel Road) to continue this type of work.**



**In October, the crew (Left to right: Sam Potts, Sebastien Latour, Thomas Saville and Gabe Potts-Paul) began to work on a contract on the Nipissing Forest. Using chainsaws and under the guidance of Steve Chenier (member of the Algonquin First Nation) trees that were hindering the growth of the red and white pine were cut.**

**On rain days, the guys have continued to produce and bag firewood for the upcoming season.**

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