



Key Facts

Temagami First Nation

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General Description

Bear Island, with a non seasonal population of 244 people, is home to the **Temagami First Nation**. The community is rich in natural environmental beauty and offers many opportunities for recreation and new and expanding businesses. The Temagami First Nation is the Body Politic of over 800 Teme Augama Anishnabai who are presently recognized as Indians under the Indian Act of Canada.

The following information highlights the many services this community has to offer.



Geographic Setting

The Temagami First Nation is located on Bear Island. Bear Island is the second largest of over 1250 islands in Lake Temagami and is situated in the Nipissing District of the North East region of the Province of Ontario. Roughly triangular in shape, Bear Island sits at the geographic centre (hub) of Lake Temagami and has an area of 2.91 square kilometers.

Lake Temagami is a large, deep and irregularly shaped lake with a surface area of 20,853 hectares. Because of its irregular shape and five elongated bays, Lake Temagami has a shoreline of 1046 km (Land Information Ontario: Ontario Hydro Network). Its depth ranges to 107 metres, giving rise to the Anishinaabe name "*Teme Augama*" meaning "*deep water by the shore*". It is the backbone of over 2,000 km of interconnecting canoe routes.

The community is near the Municipality of Temagami. The town and its seasonal residents draw many tourists to the area, with opportunities for cottaging, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, snowmobiling and canoeing.

The area is part of the Canadian Shield, one of the largest single exposures of Precambrian rocks in the world. The surrounding forest is primarily coniferous, with red and white pine, spruce, jack pine and balsam fir dominating the landscape. Deciduous trees in the region include maple, poplar and birch species. The area forests also boasts remnants of 'old growth' forest. The region has considerable mining and forestry potential and activity.

The major access point to Bear Island is from the western end of the Lake Temagami Access Road, 18 kilometers from an intersection with Highway 11. This intersection is 6.8 km south of the municipality of Temagami.

Bear Island is accessed via boat during spring, summer and fall, and via an ice road during winter months.

Social Setting

Temagami First Nation prides itself on its rich cultural heritage and the pristine natural beauty of its surroundings.

Residents enjoy many festivities and cultural events throughout the year to acknowledge their culture and lifestyle including a powwow, community festivals, cultural performances and birch bark canoe builds.

Temagami First Nation also offers an excellent primary public school, community health care, a caring social support system and an abundance of recreational activities.

Administration & Representation

The Teme Augama Anishnabai are the original inhabitants of n'Daki Menan.

Temagami First Nation is an institution that provides services to its members, including education, infrastructure maintenance, medical and health services, administration, capital, enterprises, and other services.

The Temagami First Nation Chief and Council are the governing body of the Temagami First Nation community under the Indian Act. The Temagami First Nation represents the interests of community members who have been recognized as having Indian status under the Indian Act.

The Temagami First Nation is responsible for the administration of all programs to the Temagami First Nation community. Temagami First Nation Chief and Council are responsible for management and the political agenda for the Temagami First Nation and its members. Temagami First Nation Chief and Council are responsible for ensuring appropriate policies are in place and delegate responsibilities for administration to their Executive Director.

The Temagami First Nation Chief and Council are elected to office serving a term of 3 years. The Chief and Council consist of a Chief, a Second Chief and six Councillors.

The Tribal Constitution of September 1978 (revised 2012) formalized the election process for the offices of Chief, Second Chief and Councillor of Temagami First Nation. Election Terms are three years in length.

Proximity to Business Markets

Market	Highway Distance	Market Population
Temagami	29 km	802 (2016 Census data)
Temiskaming Shores	85 km	9,920 (2016 Census data)
North Bay	90 km	51,553 (2016 Census data)
Sudbury	175 km	165,270 (2018 Census data)
Toronto	440 km	6,346,088 (2018 Census data)
Ottawa	466 km	1,377,016 (2018 Census data)

Directory

Band Office

Doreen Potts Health Centre

Family Healing and Wellness

Home and Community Care

Lands and Resources

Economic Development

Bear Island Education Authority

Laura McKenzie Learning Centre

Tillie Missabie Family Centre

Public Library

Justice Services

Canoe House

Warehouse

Fire

Shuttle/Ferry Contact Band Office

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