

JOINT COUNCIL NEWS

Resource Revenue Sharing (RRS) Agreement

What is a Resource Revenue Sharing (RRS)

Resource Revenue Sharing is a policy of the Ontario Government to share economic benefits of resource extraction with First Nations. The province proposes to share revenues from the forestry, mining and aggregate activities which occur within n'Daki Menan.

Temagami First Nation and Teme-Augama Anishnabai entered into negotiations with Ontario on March 9, 2022 with respect to a resource revenue sharing agreement related to forestry, mining and aggregate activities in n'Daki Menan.

The decision to enter negotiations and finalize an agreement, according to Ontario's policy and under severe time pressures, was made to fulfill our responsibility to our citizens: To not miss out on significant revenues from 2021-2022, should our citizens decide to go forward with a RRS agreement.

In 2017, the Lands and Resources Director was actively involved in developing RRS agreements in Ontario as part of efforts to acquire a stand-alone RRS agreement for the Temagami First Nation and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, outside of the collective First Nation or Tribal Council RRS agreements. That was turned down. Now Ontario has developed an RRS policy, and recently, approached us about our interest in a stand-alone RRS agreement.

The Temagami First Nation and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Joint Council have reached an agreement with Ontario and are now bringing the Agreement to our citizens for their approval.