

TIMIAGAMIING ANISHINAABEG ONAAKONIGEWIN K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN



The People of the Place of the Deep Water at the Shore
Living Law of We Who Belong

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AADIZOOKAANENS

(A piece of a living story)

⋮ After Mishiibizhiw had flooded the world, many awesiinyag (animals) had
⋮ joined Nanabush on the raft he had made. Nanabush said that the world
⋮ could be remade if some earth from the bottom of the waters could be
⋮ brought up to the surface. Many awesiiyag, naturally adept at such a task
⋮ volunteered to try, all failed. Lastly, Wazhashk (Muskrat) volunteered, and
⋮ to the surprise of all, Wazhashk surfaced with a small amount of earth.
⋮ With this, Nanabush threw it into the surrounding waters, from which the
⋮ land sprung up and grew and grew, and thus, the world was remade.

WAAWIINDAMAGEWIN MINAWAAJ AANIKANOOTAMAAGEWIN (The Promise & Interpretation)

Since life was first breathed into our ancestors in a time immemorial, and Kizhemanidoo gifted them with our Ishkode and the path to mino-bimaadiziwin and with K'dakiiminaan, where the world was reborn, the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg have continued to live within our country as a distinct, self-governing nation of people alongside and in harmony with the other beings that share this sacred land.

Notwithstanding unjust attempts of powerful foreign nations to assume control over who we are and oppress the expression and exercise of our inherent self-determination, since the beginning, our inherent traditions, laws, and living sovereignty, endow us with the sole and sacred responsibility and right to define, determine and identify who *our* citizens are, K'dibendaagozimin (We who belong/citizens). These rights are recognized within International Law through the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**We know that our K'dibendaagozimin (we who belong /citizens)
strengthen our nation, not weaken it, they are assets, never liabilities.**

We will ensure that those descendants of the Timiigamiing Odoodemag (Families) of K'dakiiminaan, who have maintained aayaashkwad (reciprocal relationship) with their Odoodem(ag) (Clan(s)/Family(s)) and/or The Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg community and K'dakiiminaan, will be recognized as Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg K'dibendaagozimin (We who belong/citizens).

We will ensure that all Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg K'dibendaagozimin (we who belong/citizens) will have the opportunity to share in the exercise of our inherent Stewardship responsibilities, our eternal, sacred and continually emerging stories, our culture and the gifts and inherent duties and rights that flow from the lands, waters and life of our ancient ancestral homeland, Timiigamiing.

We will ensure that the voices of the of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg will be heard, through their recognition as K'dibendaagozimin (We who belong/citizens) of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg.



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1. DEFINITIONS

“**Aayaashkwad**” a reciprocal relationship where contributions, assistance, support and bimaadiziwin (well-being) are shared by those party to that relationship.

“**Application Form**” is the form an applicant for Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Citizenship will complete for submission to the Enrollment Officer.

“**Appeals Committee**” means the committee appointed pursuant to this Law to consider K’dibendaagozimin (citizenship) appeals.

“**Appellant**” means an Applicant or Citizen who submits a formal appeal of the decisions of the Enrollment and/or Appeals Committee

“**Citizen**” means a person named in the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobii’igan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry).

“**Odoodem(ag)**” means a Timiigamiing Clan (Family). Historically, these are the relatives of individuals of the Timiigamiing Maang (Loon), Ozhiishiigwe (Rattlesnake), Ogiishkimanisii (Kingfisher), Atik (Caribou), Amik (Beaver) and Kaag (Porcupine) Odoodemag (Families/Clans)

“**Onaakonigewin K’dibendaagozimin**” (we who belong/citizens(ship) law”) means, the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg “Living law of we who belong”

“**K’dibendaagozimin (we who belong/Citizens(ship)) Committee**” means the Committee responsible for developing and implementing this, Law.

“**Consensus**” means that no member of the K’dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee is actively opposed to an application for citizenship.

“**Descendant**” means a person who can trace their ancestral line back to a member of one of the Traditional Odoodemag (Families) of K’dakiiminaan.

“**Elder**” means a Citizen who is recognized by the K’dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee as an experienced and knowledgeable source of information about community ties.

“**Enrolment Committee**” means the Enrolment Officer and two Members appointed pursuant to this Law.

“**Enrolment Officer**” means the person designated pursuant to section

“**Immediate Family**” means a person’s siblings, spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren.



“**Indian Act**” is the primary law the federal government of Canada uses to administer Indian status, local First Nations governments and the management of reserve land.

“**Minor**” means a person who is less than eighteen years of age.

“**K’dakiiminaan**” means “our land” (inclusive), the traditional territory of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg.

“**Notice of Appeal**” means an appeal submitted pursuant to this Onaakonigewin K’dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law).

“**Notice of Appeals Committee Decision**” means the notice of a decision provided by the Appeals Committee.

“**Notice of K’dibendaagozimin (we who belong/citizens(ship)) Decision**” means a copy of the form that appears as a schedule to this Onaakonigewin K’dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law).

“**Onaakonigewin K’dibendaagozimin**” means The Living Law of We who Belong, or, Citizenship Law

“**Sovereignty Association Status**” means a type of official and optional recognition of those descendants who wish to maintain their federally recognised membership or citizenship with a First Nation (Indian Band), Inuit or Metis Nation outside of K’dakiiminaan.

“**Teme Augama Anishnabai (TAA) Council Meeting**” means a meeting held by the duly elected Teme Augama Anishnabai Ogimaa and Council.

“**Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan**” (“**Teme-Augama Anishnabai Central Registry**”) means the list of persons enrolled as Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg citizens in accordance with the terms of this Onaakonigewin K’dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law), maintained by the Enrolment Officer.

“**Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Odoodemag Keshawaajibiihiganan**” means the charts that contain the genealogy of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg.

“**Traditional Odoodemag (Families) of K’dakiiminaan**” means persons named on the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Odoodemag Keshawaajibiihiganan (Temagami Genealogy Charts), and their Descendants.

“**Working Days**” means the days between and including Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and public holidays.



2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Living Law of We who Belong/Citizenship Law) are:

- a)** to set out the guiding principles used to determine who is a Timiigamiing Anishinaabe Dibendaagozi (Teme-Augama Anishnabai/citizens).
- b)** to establish, maintain and administer the citizenship list, to be known as the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobii'igan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Central Registry).
- c)** to safeguard the continued existence and wellbeing of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg and K'dakiiminaan for the benefit of all present and future Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg K'dibendaagozi (those who belong/citizens);
and
- d)** to ensure that Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Citizens maintain and strengthen our ancient relationship to our homeland, to have a strong identity and sense of belonging, so that together we can fulfill our obligations and responsibilities to K'dakiiminaan and to future generations.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN (we who belong/citizens(ship))

3.1 Subject to section 5, a person is entitled to be enrolled as a Dibendaagozi (citizen) and named in the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobii'igan (Central Registry) provided that person meets at least one (1) of the following:

- A)** Is a descendant of one of the Odoodemag (Families) of K'dakiiminaan and is no more than three (3) generations, or seventy-five (75) years removed from a recognized Citizen, who had lived on K'dakiiminaan for a least a total of one (1) year throughout their lifetime.

For greater clarity;

- 1)** A descendant who is more than three (3) generations or seventy-five (75) years removed from the lifetime of a recognized citizen and not already acknowledged by at least one (1) Timiigamiing Odoodemag (see section 3.1 (b)), or does not qualify under the any or the other areas identified in section 3.1, may seek to re-establish a relationship with their Odoodem(ag) (Clan(s) / Family(ies)) and/or the Timiigamiing community and K'dakiiminaan, so that they may pursue proper consideration to be recognized as a Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (One who belongs/is a citizen).



- 2) The ancestors, those families of whom the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg have descended from, are those listed on the following historical documents:
- a) those who received presents at Manitowaning during the 1840s-50s
 - b) those named on the 1865 List of Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg
 - c) those named on Ogimaa Kaaneshens' petition of 1877
 - d) those named on the 1907 petition
 - e) those who are recognized under one (1) or more of sections 3.1 D, E, F, G [appendix includes documents]
- B)** Is acknowledged by at least one (1) Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Odoodemag (families), as having maintained or established a familial connection to that Odoodem (family).
- C)** is acknowledged by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg, in a duly convened Assembly as being a Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/a citizen).
- D)** was listed as a Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen) on any official Teme-Augama Anishnabai voters list, citizenship/membership list, documents or any of the lists provided to the courts in the Bear Island litigation.
- E)** was listed as a member of the Temagami First Nation or was entitled to have their name entered as a member of the Temagami First Nation, according to section 11 of the Indian Act, on the date immediately prior to [Add Effective Date Here], the effective date of this *Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin* (Citizenship Law); or
- F)** was adopted as a minor by a person who is/was a Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen) or is/was entitled to be a Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen).
- G)** was, as a child, originally, or was entitled to be, a Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen) and who, by reason of adoption or unidentified descent, was not included on the Mawmandobiihigan (central registry) or was transferred to a First Nation external to K'dakiiminaan or registered with an Inuit, Metis or any nation external to Turtle island (North America), shall have the right, as an adult, (or as a minor with the agreement of the (adoptive) parent(s)/guardian(s)), upon written application, to become an immediate Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen) of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg.



4. CHILDREN OF TIMIAGAMIING ANISHINAABEG K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN

(we who belong/citizens)

4.1 Timiagamiing Anishinaabe citizens, parent(s)/guardian(s), may register their minor children as Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Citizens by providing sufficient evidence as parent(s)/guardian(s) to the Enrolment Officer, and, if the parent(s) or guardian(s) are not citizens, acknowledgement by at least one (1) Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Oodoodemag (families), as having a familial connection to that Oodoodemag.

4.2 A long-form birth certificate shall be considered sufficient evidence of parental/guardianship.

5. K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN ORDER OF WIIDOOKAAGE-DIBENDAAGOZI

(One who belongs/citizen-helper)

5.1 Includes all those K'dibendaagozimin already recognized on Teme-augama Anishnabai citizenship lists, or was entitled to have their name included as a citizen of the Teme-augama Anishnabai on the date immediately prior to **[Add Effective Date Here]**, the effective date of this Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law), who are, due to their distinct standing, included within one (1) of the following three (3) categories found below in sections 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.

5.2 WIIDOOKAAGE-DIBENDAAGOZI INAWEMAAGAN [WDI]

(one who belongs/citizen-helper: relative)

5.2(a) Includes all those K'dibendaagozimin (those who belong/citizens) who have citizenship or membership in First Nations (Indian bands), Inuit or Metis Nations, external to K'dakiiminaan or *any* Nations external to Turtle Island (North America), that are already recognized on Teme-augama Anishnabai citizenship lists, or was entitled to have their name included as a citizen of the Teme-augama Anishnabai on the date immediately prior to **[Add Effective Date Here]**, the effective date of this Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law)

5.2(b) The K'dibendaagozimin (We who belong/citizens) Order of Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi Inawemaagan (One who belongs/citizen-helper: relative) may be granted to Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Descendants who wish to retain their federally recognised status as a member or citizen of a First Nation (Indian Band), Inuit or Metis nations external to K'dakiiminaan or *any* Nations external to Turtle Island (North America)

Applications:

5.2(b)i Any person eligible for citizenship under section 3, may make an application to become a Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi Inawemaagan (One who belongs/citizen-helper: relative) notwithstanding their citizenship or membership in a First Nation (Indian Band), Inuit or Metis Nation external to K'dakiiminaan, or *any* Nations external to Turtle Island (North America).



5.2(b)ii Any application on behalf of a minor person with citizenship or membership in a First Nation (Indian Band), Inuit or Metis Nation external to K'dakiiminaan or *any* Nation external to Turtle Island (North America) , pursuant to section 4, will be considered by the Enrolment Committee according to the eligibility criteria in section 3.

5.2 (c) includes recognition with K'dibendaagozimin (those who belong/citizens) for the purposes of their descendants right to claim Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Citizenship based upon the criteria set out in section 3.

5.3 WIIDOOKAAGE-DIBENDAAGOZI WIIDIMAAGAN [WDW]

(one who belongs/citizen-helper: spouse)

5.3 (a) The Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg maintain the ancient custom of making a Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen) of those spouses who had come to K'dakiiminaan to make their families and homes and participated in the practice of aayaashkwad (reciprocal relationship). Such persons were formally accepted as a part their extended families and adopted by the community. We continue this custom and codify it here.

5.3 (b) First, the Order of Wiidookaaage-Dibendaagozi Wiidimaagan includes all those K'dibendaagozimin already recognized on Teme-augama Anishnabai citizenship lists on the date immediately prior to [Add Effective Date Here], the effective date of this Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law).

5.3 (c)

- i)** is acknowledged by at least one (1) Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Traditional Odoodemag (families), as having maintained or established a familial connection to that Odoodem (family), and
- ii)** is acknowledged by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg, in a duly convened Assembly as being Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi Wiidimaagan (one who belongs/a citizen).

5.4 WIIDOOKAAGE-DIBENDAAGOZI MIINIDIWINIKE [WDM]

(one who belongs/citizen-helper: honoured gift giver (honourary citizen))

5.4(a) An appropriate and modern category of citizenship adopted by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg during the leadership of Ogimaa Gary Potts in 1987, is that of the honourary citizen, or *Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi Miinidiwinike*. We continue this meaningful customary form of citizenship and codify it here.

5.4(b) Candidates considered for this honour have shown an extraordinary level of effort in their lives to forward, support and strengthen the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg in K'dakiiminaan.



5.4(c) At a duly convened Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Assembly, a resolution may be moved for the purpose of sponsoring an esteemed individual for consideration of conferring upon them Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi Miinidiwinike (one who belongs/citizen-helper: honoured gift giver (honourary citizen[ship])). Upon the adoption of the resolution in accordance with assembly rules, the nominee may have their honorary citizenship granted.

5.5 ODOODEMAG DECISION-MAKING RE: K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN

- a) The Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Odoodemag (families), based upon and tied to K'dakiimenaan since the beginning, have always held a critical responsibility both in the safeguarding of their families and neighbours, and of the lands, waters, plants and animals that shared our territories.
- b) For the purposes of this Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin, an official decision of an odoodem (family), in terms of the acknowledgement of an individual as being a part of that family, is rendered when at least two family members, that are at the current top generational level of a family line within a particular odoodem, acknowledge the individual as being a member of their family, confirming this by putting their mark upon a document that affirms this truth. (appendix explanatory chart)

5.6 WIIDOOKAAGE-DIBENDAAGOZI GANAWENINDAMOONAAN

(One who belongs/citizen-helper entrusted responsibilities and duties)

Wiidookaage-Dibendaagoziwag:

- a) Will have their inherent rights to hunt, fish and gather within K'dakiiminaan recognized and protected by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg.
- b) Participate in and addressing Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg assemblies and official events in a non-voting capacity.
- c) May participate in Odoodemag decision-making and leadership.
- d) May be granted access to and/or a form of tenure, for lands for family use including domicile. Especially in cases where a minor child is a Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen).
- e) A Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi (One who belongs/citizen-helper) is eligible to apply to, and if accepted, fully participate in all committees, boards and commissions established by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg, subject to other qualifications of the entity (such as age, in youth or elder committees for example). *However, they may only seek to become a candidate for the Council of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg by running for one (1) of the two (2) councillor positions (out of four (4) in total) that are open to all K'dibendaagozimin of voting age.*



- f) Note: Services and entitlements provided by government agencies to Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg K'dibendaagozimin shall be defined according to treaties, trusts, diplomatic agreements, applicable provincial, federal and first nation laws, bylaws, regulations, and policies, and in the laws, regulations, policies, and procedures established by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg government.
- g) Access to or to eligibility for any Temagami First Nation programming or funding intended for Temagami First Nation members can not be made available. A Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi (One who belongs/citizen-helper) may not have access to programing or funding established by the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg.
- h) A Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi (One who belongs/citizen-helper) is not eligible for any entitlements, services, grants, or benefits in areas where they are eligible for such comparable entitlements, services, grants or benefits from, or due to, their membership in, a First Nation (Indian Band), Inuit or Metis Nation, or any Nation external to Turtle Island (North America). Especially when such comparable entitlements, services, grants, or benefits flow from the same, similar or different treaties and/or agreements between the provincial and/or federal crown and the other Nation(s) they are registered with.
- i) A Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen-helper) does not have voting rights in Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg elections, Referenda, or Assemblies.

6. APPLICATIONS BY TIMIIGAMIING ANISHINAABEG CITIZENS FOR CITIZENSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST NATIONS (INDIAN BANDS) INUIT OR METIS NATIONS EXTERNAL TO K'DAKIIMINAAN

A person ceases to be a Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (one who belongs/citizen) one (1) month after that person had applied and was registered as a member or citizen of an Indian Band (First Nation) Inuit or Metis Nation, or any Nation external to Turtle Island (North America) outside of K'dakiiminaan.

7. K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN (Citizenship) APPLICATIONS

7.1 Individuals who wish to be considered for Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship) must complete the Application Form, and submit it, with the documentation specified therein, to the Enrolment Officer.



7.2 A person may apply to become a Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (Citizen) on behalf of:

- a)** themselves.
- b)** their natural, adopted or guardianship child who is under eighteen (18) years of age.
- c)** another person for whom they are their spouse or
- d)** another person for whom they have the legal authority, by power of attorney or otherwise, to manage that person's legal affairs.

7.3 For greater certainty, any person who is above the age of sixteen (16) may apply on their own behalf to become a Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (Citizen).

7.4 All persons applying to become a Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (Citizen) shall be provided with access to a copy of the following by the Enrolment Officer, upon request:

- a)** the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Law) in effect at the time of application.
- b)** Any document referred to in Section 3.1 A.2

7.5 All persons applying to become a Dibendaagozi (Citizen) may be provided with access to a copy of the following by the Enrolment Officer, upon request and at the discretion of the Enrolment Officer:

- a)** any available genealogy charts related to the applicant's family line.

7.6 The onus to prove eligibility for K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship) is upon the applicant and it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all information and documentation required to establish entitlement to K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship) pursuant to the requirements of section 3.

7.7 The Enrolment Committee shall review and consider all completed applications that are accompanied by supporting documentation and determine whether the applicant should be enrolled as a Dibendaagozi (Citizen) according to the eligibility requirements set out in Sections 3, and/or 4, 5.

7.8 Where an application lacks information or documentation that is required for the Enrolment Committee to determine whether the applicant should be enrolled as a Dibendaagozi (Citizen), the Enrolment Officer shall make reasonable efforts to contact the applicant to request the required information or documentation.

7.9 Applicants, or their appointed representative or agent, will be given the opportunity to make written and/or oral submissions to the Enrolment Committee in support of their applications if the Enrolment Committee decides written and/or oral submissions are necessary.



7.10 Where the Enrolment Committee approves an Application for K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) the Enrolment Committee shall instruct the Enrolment Officer to contact the applicant in writing and provide them with a *Notice of K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Decision*, to inform him or her of the Enrolment Committee's decision. (*note: exceptional circumstances re Council approval?*)

7.11 Where the Enrolment Committee rejects an application for K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship), the Enrolment Committee shall instruct the Enrolment Officer to contact the applicant in writing to inform him or her of:

- a)** the Enrolment Committee's decision.
- b)** the reasons for the Enrolment Committee's decision.
- c)** the applicant's right to appeal the decision of the Enrolment Committee at any time after the receiving the Notice of K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Decision; and
- d)** the procedures for appealing the decision of the Enrolment Committee.

7.12 If the Enrolment Committee rejects an application for K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship), the applicant may only reapply for enrolment as a Dibendaagozi (Citizen) if that person has obtained new information or documentation supporting their eligibility under section 3, and/or 4, 5.

8. K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN (Citizenship) DECISIONS

Enrolment Committee

8.1 The Enrolment Committee shall be appointed by the K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee, from among K'dibendaagozimin (Citizens) who have applied to serve on the Enrolment Committee.

8.2 A quorum of the Enrolment Committee shall be the Enrolment Officer, plus at least two other members of the Enrolment Committee.

8.3 The Enrolment Committee shall:

- a)** review and consider all applications for K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship).
- b)** subject to section 12.1(g), ensure all applications are treated as confidential.
- c)** ensure that applicants are provided with the opportunity to provide further information or make written and/or oral submissions prior to any decision rejecting the application.
- d)** meet to review and consider K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) applications every three (3) months, or more frequently if necessary.



- e) determine whether an applicant has met the requirements for enrolment as a Dibendaagozi (Citizen) according to the requirements set out in section 3.
- f) instruct the Enrolment Officer to notify applicants of its decisions in relation to applications, applicants' rights to appeal and the appeal process.
- g) instruct the Enrolment Officer to post all Enrolment Committee decisions in the form of a *Notice of K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Decision* in prominent places in the community.
- h) recommend amendments to this Timiiagamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Law).
- i) develop and maintain procedural rules to govern its activities which shall promote the principles of fairness, open dialogue and, subject to section 12.1(g), confidentiality; and
- j) develop and maintain a code of conduct for members of the Enrolment Committee.

8.4 The Enrolment Officer shall keep minutes of every meeting of the Enrolment Committee.

8.5 The Enrolment Committee may seek the advice and guidance of Elders as required in its discretion.

8.6 Members of the Enrolment Committee may participate in the decision-making process relating to a member of their Immediate Family but may not vote in such a decision.

8.7 In the event that all members of the Enrolment Committee are disqualified from considering an application pursuant to section 8.6, a substitute committee of Members shall be appointed to consider the application.

8.8 The Enrolment Committee will endeavour to make its decisions by consensus but if there is no consensus the decision shall be made by a majority of the Enrolment Committee.

8.9 If a majority vote is not obtained, the citizenship application will be rejected.



9. K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN (Citizenship) APPEALS

Appeals of K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Application Rejections or Approvals

9.1 Applicants may, within one (1) year, appeal decisions the Enrolment Committee rejecting an applicant's application for K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship), and/or all decisions made throughout the process.

9.2 Any Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Dibendaagozi (Citizen) over sixteen (16) years old, may, within ninety (90) days of a posted decision, appeal decisions of the Enrollment Committee approving an applicant's application for K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship).

Appeals Committee

9.3 All appeals of decisions of the Enrolment Committee shall be considered by the Appeals Committee and a decision rendered within ninety (90) days of receiving the Appeal.

9.4 The Appeals Committee shall consist of 3 members that shall be appointed by the K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee from among themselves and/or Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Citizens at large, who are not members of the Enrollment Committee.

9.5 The Appeals Committee shall:

- a)** review and consider all appeals of decisions of the Enrolment Committee which have been submitted in the manner prescribed by this Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law).
- b)** provide all individuals who commence an appeal under section 9.1 or 9.2 with a reasonable opportunity to make written and/or oral submissions to the Appeals Committee.
- c)** Promptly inform any individual potentially affected by a decision of the Appeals Committee, of the basis of the appeal and provide the individual (and/or her/his advocates) with a reasonable opportunity to make written and/or oral submissions to the Appeals Committee.
- d)** provide written reasons for all decisions of the Appeals Committee.
- e)** instruct the Enrolment Officer to contact individuals affected by decisions of the Appeals Committee of those decisions.



9.6 The Enrolment Officer shall contact the individuals affected by decisions of the Appeals Committee in writing by providing them with a Notice of Appeals Committee Decision to inform the individuals of:

- a)** the Appeals Committee’s decision.
- b)** the reasons for the Appeals Committee’s decision.
- c)** their right to appeal the decision of the Appeals Committee at any time after the posting of the Notice of Appeals Committee Decision.
- d)** the procedures for appealing the decision of the Appeals Committee.

9.7 No member of the Appeals Committee may participate in appeal proceedings involving a member of their Immediate Family.

9.8 The Appeals Committee will endeavour to make its decisions by consensus but if there is no consensus the decision shall be recorded as a rejection of the appeal.

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9.9 An Appellant may, within one (1) year, appeal any posted decision of the Appeals Committee to the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council. [Or Justice Tribunal]

9.10 Applicants who appeal a decision of the Appeals Committee are entitled to make oral or written submissions or to have a representative make oral or written submissions on their behalf to the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Council.

9.11 The decision of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council shall be made in accordance with any decision-making requirements of duly convened Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council meetings and in accordance with the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K’dibendaagozimin. (Citizenship Law) A decision on the Appeal shall be rendered within ninety (90) days of receiving the Appeal.

9.12 The Enrolment Officer shall contact the individuals affected by decisions of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council meeting in writing to inform the individuals of:

- a)** the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council’s decision.
- a)** the reasons for the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council’s decision.

9.13 All decisions of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Council shall be final.



10. AMENDMENTS TO THE TIMIAGAMIING ANISHINAABEG ONAAKONIGEWIN K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN (CITIZENSHIP LAW)

10.1 Citizens may propose amendments to the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law) to the K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee or the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Council or the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Assembly

10.2 The K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee may, on its own initiative, propose amendments to the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law).

10.3 The K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee shall consider all proposed amendments to the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law) and shall decide whether to submit the proposed amendments to the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Council for their consideration to put the proposed amendment(s) to the K'dibendaagozimin (Citizens) via referendum.

10.4 The notice of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai referendum to consider proposed amendments to the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law) shall contain the text of the proposed amendments, along with an explanation of the reasons that the amendments are being proposed, and be made public at least ninety (90) days before the day the referendum is to begin.

10.5 All proposed amendments to the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law) presented to the Teme-Augama Anishnabai referendum shall be adopted by a vote of at least sixty (60%) percent of the K'dibendaagozimin (Citizens), who are eighteen years of age or older, participating in the referendum.

[*Note: this clause should mirror the threshold establish by an approved ratification process for the law]

11. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

11.1 All Citizens are responsible for ensuring that their name and other information is correctly recorded in the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry).

11.2 Citizens may request from the Enrolment Officer their information as recorded in the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry) in person, by mail, by facsimile, by electronic mail or by telephone in order to verify the accuracy of the information.

11.3 Citizens may correct inaccurate information recorded in the Timiagamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry) in person, by mail, by facsimile, by electronic mail or by telephone.



12. ENROLMENT OFFICER

12.1 The Enrolment Officer shall:

- a)** provide copies of the forms set out in the Schedules to any potential applicant or Dibendaagozi (Citizen) upon request.
- b)** receive all applications and written submissions in support of applications.
- a)** contact all applicants if information or documentation is missing from their application.
- d)** notify applicants of the need for written or oral submissions if necessary.
- e)** notify each applicant in writing of Enrolment Committee decisions based on their application.
- f)** advise applicants in writing of their right to appeal and the process for appeals.
- g)** post the names of persons approved by the Enrolment Committee for enrolment and addition to the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry), in prominent places in the community for a period of 30 days.
- h)** acknowledge receipt of notices of appeal in writing.
- i)** post all notices of decision and notices of appeal.
- j)** notify all persons affected by appeal decisions in accordance with section 9.
- k)** make additions and deletions from the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry) in accordance with the provisions of this Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law).
- a)** record the dates of all additions and deletions from the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry).
- m)** maintain the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Mawmandobiihigan (Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizenship Registry).
- n)** keep minutes of all meetings of the Enrolment Committee.
- o)** process Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law) amendment proposals.
- p)** Provide Kidibendaagozimin (citizenship) reports to the Enrolment Committee as required.



- q) maintain all files related to K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship) applications, additions, deletions, appeals and issues.
- r) subject to section 12.1(g), ensure that rules, policies and procedures are implemented to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all applications and other personal information contained therein; and
- s) carry out any other duties related to citizenship administration as authorized, requested or delegated by the Enrolment Committee or Appeals Committee.

13. RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP

13.1 Any Citizen may voluntarily and willfully renounce their Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg K'dibendaagozimin (citizenship) in writing to the K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship) Committee, a

14. OATH OF K'DIBENDAAGOZIMIN (citizenship)

14.1 From where the Sun now stands, I, [name], before all my relations and all that I hold as sacred, affirm my allegiance to the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg, whose perspectives of society and values I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, whose civic duties and responsibilities I will fulfill and whose laws I will uphold and respect.

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