

Restoring Our Name – Update #1

Temagami First Nation Transitioning to Traditional Name: Teme Augama Anishinabek

Our leadership has formally adopted a Band Council Resolution to begin the transition from our colonial name, Temagami First Nation, to our traditional name, Teme Augama Anishinabek (see **BCR**). This important change reflects who we are as the Deep Water People and **affirms our inherent rights to self-determination and cultural reclamation.**

An Implementation Plan is being developed to guide this transition. Consultations with Elders and knowledge keepers will help to guide. The plan will be shared in detail in the December issue of the BI Blast, and monthly updates will continue as progress unfolds.

This transition is about harmonization and unification—bringing our governance, identity, and communications into alignment with our true name. It is both a practical and spiritual step toward reclaiming our original identity and expressing it consistently across all areas of community life.

Key steps in the Implementation Plan include:

- ✓ Notification to Indigenous Services Canada, confirming the official name change. **COMPLETE**
- Management and staff information sessions to deepen understanding and support a unified transition.
- The Communications staff is updating all public and administrative materials—this includes our website, signage, letterhead, and official correspondence—to read:
Teme Augama Anishinabek (formerly Temagami First Nation).
- Formal notification will be shared through media release to Crown-Indigenous Relations, Ontario Ministries, and all partner agencies.
- Ensuring consistent use of our traditional name in all administrative, financial, and intergovernmental activities.

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This is a meaningful moment in our collective story—a reflection of our strength, unity, and ongoing journey of reclamation.

Save the Date:

On March 20, 2026, during the spring equinox, we will gather for a community ceremony to honour this powerful act of renewal and self-determination. The date is significant as the spring equinox, and is a sacred **time of balance and new beginnings**, this reflects our shared intention to renew our identity, restore balance, and move forward as Teme Augama Anishinabek.

Watch for more information to come.

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**TEME AUGAMA
ANISHINABEK**
FORMERLY TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION

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March 20, 2026

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Ceremony & Unveiling Event