

Land Creation Ceremony

August 5, 1991 marked the signing of a framework agreement with Canada, Ontario and representatives of the First Nation to negotiate a land base for the members of Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek formerly Sand Point First Nation. Within the next few months, the final process will be undertaken to formally and legally transfer the former Black Sands Provincial Park to Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek.



To mark this momentous occasion in the history of Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek, Chief Gladu and Council are inviting all members to attend a ***“Coming Home”*** celebration that will coincide with the official transfer of the land on Friday August 20, 2010 and Saturday August 21, 2010 on our land.

There is five months of planning time to prepare for this profound experience. Council wishes to have membership participate in marking this event. The first step in this planning process is establishing a planning committee. At this time we welcome you to put forth your name if you are interested in participating in the planning committee by forwarding your name and interest to Laura Airns by March 31, 2010.

The planning committee will ensure there is regular communication to the membership as we move forward. There will be opportunities to engage the general membership in various activities leading up to the event. The ***“Coming Home”*** is an appropriate theme for this the final transfer of land. The final transfer of our land to us has been a desire by our ancestors since the signing of the 1850 Robinson Superior Treaty. The ***“Coming Home”*** celebration will also provide an opportunity for our community to showcase our membership’s talent, gifts and connections to the land. We will be inviting our First Nation and Municipal neighbours, government and industry partners to share in the celebration.

Mark your calendars for August 20-21, 2010 for the Home Coming at the Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek Reserve.