

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government

Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 3068	Subject: The LMG's priorities regarding cannabis and economic, social, and cultural development	Originated by:						
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi						
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WHEREAS: the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation has, since time immemorial, held a sacred and inherent responsibility for the stewardship of the lands, waters, and all living beings within Gespe'gewa'gi, including the safety and wellbeing of Listugujewaq;

- WHEREAS:** Listuguj has inherent rights and responsibilities, including:
- The right to autonomy and self-government over our internal and local affairs;
 - The right to freely pursue our economic, social, and cultural development;
 - The responsibility to protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of our community;

- WHEREAS:** federal, provincial, and Indigenous orders of government each have a role in regulating cannabis:
- The Government of Canada adopted the Cannabis Act SC (2018, c 16) to legalize cannabis across the country;
 - The Government of Québec adopted the Cannabis Regulation Act (CQLR c C-5.3) to regulate the sale of cannabis in the province;
 - The Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government adopted the Listuguj Cannabis Law (Law No 2018-1) to assert jurisdiction and promote the health, safety, well-being, and responsible development of our community;

WHEREAS: Canada and Québec's failure to recognize and respect the Listuguj Cannabis Law has had severe negative consequences in the community:

WHEREAS: combating the harmful effects of cannabis use and misuse in Listuguj, while capturing market opportunities created by the legalization of cannabis, requires special measures given our community's unique location, culture, traditions, character, and diverse composition;

WHEREAS: the Listuguj Cannabis Law states that it is prohibited to produce, distribute, sell, or possess cannabis otherwise than in accordance with the federal Cannabis Act;

Moved: George Martin
Seconded: Sky Metallic
Abstain: -
Opposed: -
Absent: Christie Caplin, Tanner Isaac, Annette Barnaby, Chris Wysote, Erwin Peter Molley, Gordon Isaac Jr.

Status: ☒ **Passed** ☐ **Defeated** ☐ **Tabled**

Quorum 7

Councillor Annette Barnaby

Councillor Erwin Peter Molley

Councillor Wendell Metallic

Councillor Gordon Isaac Jr.

Chief Scott Martin
Councillor Sheila Swasson

Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin

Councillor Macy Metallic

Councillor Tanner Isaac

Councillor Sky Metallic

Councillor Christie Caplin

Councillor George Martin

Councillor Chris Wysote

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WHEREAS Council resolved that no cannabis should be sold in Listuguj to individuals under 21 years of age (OIC #2523);

WHEREAS Council resolved to promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of the community by establishing a moratorium on new retail cannabis licences on September 18, 2024 (OIC #2916), extending this moratorium on May 27, 2025 (OIC #2978), and expanding this moratorium to prohibit any expansion, relocation, or modification of any existing cannabis retail establishments on March 16, 2026 (OIC #3036);

WHEREAS Council resolved to collaborate with the Executive Office, the Listuguj Police Department, and all Directorates to develop and implement a holistic strategy to address the drug crisis and to provide mental health support that is culturally appropriate for the health, safety, and wellbeing of community members on September 25, 2025 (OIC #2999);

WHEREAS the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government has the authority and responsibility to set priorities and guidelines regarding law enforcement and public security in the community;

WHEREAS the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government wishes to communicate to membership its priorities in relation to cannabis regulation as a part of the overall approach to addressing the community drug crisis;

NOW THEREFORE THE LISTUGUJ MI'GMAQ GOVERNMENT MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER-IN-COUNCIL:

The Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government is committed to protecting the community's health, safety, and wellbeing and advancing the community's economic, social, and cultural development by using the best available legal, policy, and program options to pursue the following priorities:

- Negotiating with Canada and Québec to establish a regime that would allow cannabis retailers currently operating in the community to transition to the legal market;
- Prioritizing intervention and enforcement by the Listuguj Police Department in pursuit of the following policy objectives:
 - o Preventing the opening of new cannabis retail businesses;
 - o Preventing the expansion, relocation, or modification of any existing cannabis retail businesses;
 - o Preventing the sale of cannabis to individuals under 21 years of age;
 - o Preventing cannabis retailers in Listuguj from selling any cannabis products or any amount of cannabis prohibited by the federal Cannabis Act;