



LMG's 4 – Pillars Project

Summary of the
Community's VISION for our Mi'gmaw

- ❖ Culture
- ❖ Language
- ❖ Heritage

And the question for our Listugujewa'q VISION for ...
“WELLNESS”

“ *Gsmoqja'tu tlian* ”
Make it Happen!

Our VISION for our Mi'gmaq CULTURE is of our people, the Listugujewa'q...

- ❖ Living productive, active, healthy, engaged and happy lives as proud and capable Mi'gmaq, living in a close relationship with our land/territory;
 - ❖ Interacting with genuine mutual respect, confidence and competence, as Mi'gmaq, among ourselves and with the changing world;
 - ❖ Fully knowledgeable about, and inspired and empowered by, our Mi'gmaq culture, including our histories, stories, medicines, protocols and teachings, and practising our ceremonies and ways of knowing, being and doing at all stages of our lives. Our Mi'gmaq culture is our “normal” way of life;
 - ❖ Acknowledging the special role of our Elders and Knowledge Keepers in assuring we pass on our cultural ways and knowledge to our future generations;
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- Being born into our culture and language and learning, living and appreciating it from the very beginning of our lives, including actively participating in the special ceremonies and practices at the proper times in our lives;
 - Providing special support, encouragement and learning for our children and youth so they seek and appreciate high personal standards in all they do, which we celebrate;
 - Accepting our personal responsibility to learn, know, share and live consistent with our cultural ways on a day-to-day basis, and to celebrate it and pass it on to future generations; and
 - Affirming, exercising and protecting our Mi'gmaq rights, title, interests, and jurisdiction throughout our LMG territory to protect our wholistic Mi'gmaq ways of living.

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Our VISION for our Mi'gmaw LANGUAGE is one where...

- ❖ **Mi'gmaw is our normal, natural, primary and unifying language spoken and used on an everyday basis by all generations in our homes, day care centres, schools, community, workplaces and institutions.**
 - ❖ **Mi'gmaw is our language of success: all Mi'gmaw members in our community speak and think in Mi'gmaw as our primary, normal, natural language, with full competence, confidence, respect and pride.**
 - ❖ **Our language embodies our Mi'gmaw culture (values, principles, teachings, ways of thinking, being and doing) and our identity, and this is a source of personal pride.**
- Our Mi'gmaw language and thinking inform and empower all aspects of our lives, at home, in our institutions (schools, government, businesses and workplaces), and in all our social and traditional Mi'gmaw activities.
 - All Listugujewa'q are fully and personally committed to the active use and sustained flourishing of our language.
 - Non-Mi'gmaw members or employees in the community learn to speak Mi'gmaw.
 - Our language is fully present, both audio and visual, throughout our community and territory, including in our media, and on all public signage, where it is the primary language.
 - Our language adapts and evolves with changes in society and technologies.
 - Our members also function with full competence in at least one other language (English and/or French) enabling productive and friendly relations and dealings with Canadian society and the changing world.
 - Our language and its uses are protected and supported by our Mi'gmaw language laws and policies.

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Our VISION for our Mi'gmaw HERITAGE is of we, the Listugujewa'q ...

- ❖ **Moving forward in future generations, as Mi'gmaq, successfully navigating our way at all times in a constantly changing, increasingly complex world.**
- ❖ **United, guided and fully empowered by our Mi'gmaw heritage, including:**
 - **Our Mi'gmaw teachings, values, traditions, history, stories, knowledges, and ceremonies, with full respect for our Knowledge Keepers;**
 - **Our Mi'gmaw language;**
 - **Our caring, mutually respectful relations among ourselves as a strong, mutually supportive and united Mi'gmaw community;**
 - **Our caring relationship of responsible stewardship over our traditional territories and the natural environment, including the land, waters and all living things, and our related Mi'gmaw practices for the responsible harvesting of our medicines, the fruits of the land and waters, and the animals;**
 - **Our Mi'gmaw title, rights, visibility and governance over our full traditional territory and with our people, including unity and support within the Mi'gmaw Nation, and full respect by other governments for our Treaty Rights and our laws.**
- ❖ **We envision our Mi'gmaw heritage, including the knowledge, understanding, appreciation and related skills, being constantly passed from one generation to the next by our parents, our schools, and our Mi'gmaw organizations, fully supported by our competent and responsible Mi'gmaw government.**
- ❖ **All is under the guidance of our respected Mi'gmaw Knowledge Keepers and embodied in our Mi'gmaw laws.**

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Our Mi'gmaw VISION of WELLNESS for the Listugujewa'q

The last of the 4 Pillars is **WELLNESS**.

When we come to the community engagement session for our group during the period 13 – 15 October, we will be asked to propose our VISION for the WELLNESS of the Listugujewa'q, looking forward to our children, grandchildren and beyond, to future generations.

The question will be:

- ***When we, as Listugujewa'q, think of WELLNESS, what do we most want to see for our children, grandchildren and the future generations beyond?***

Once we have outlined our VISION for WELLNESS, we will be asked to think of the 3 most effective and beneficial actions we, as Listugujewa'q and the LMG, should take during the next 3 – 5 years, to help us “***Gsmoqja'tu tlian***” (Make it Happen).

Recall that ***Gsmoqja'tu tlian*** was the slogan the Elders proposed for the entire project: *Let's Make it Happen!*

As we did for the previous 3 Pillars, our best thinking will be presented to Chief and Council for their approval. This will then form the foundation of the 10-Year Plan for our 4 Pillars. We need to submit this Plan to start obtaining our funding from the 4 – Pillars Society to better enable us to implement our Plan.

Thank you for your contributions to this important work for ourselves, our children and grandchildren, and the future generations of Listugujewa'q.

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