



Listuguj
MI'GMAQ GOVERNMENT

Chief and Council Funeral & Burial Assistance Policy

PURPOSE

The Chief and Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government acknowledge the emotional turmoil and financial strain faced by community members dealing with a death of an immediate family member. They understand that the situation is further exasperated for on-reserve community members who do not have the same access to financial support as our off-reserve community members. In an attempt to balance this inequity, the Office of Chief & Council will provide support to our on-reserve community members through this Funeral & Burial Assistance Policy.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for this Assistance, the funeral and burial costs must be for a Registered Member of the Listuguj First Nation, and they must reside in the community, or within a 40 KM radius. This Assistance is for deceased community members only, and is non-transferrable to non-registered family members. On-reserve community members are only eligible for one of the following options:

OPTION #1: ON-RESERVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE:

The LMG Chief and Council will continue to provide support through the INAC Social Programs, On-Reserve Income Assistance Program. This program lists funeral and burial costs as an Eligible Expenditure to support Income Assistance Clients and their dependants. The rates provided are in line with the Quebec Provincial Rates (not to exceed \$2,500), and based on INAC Policy.

On-reserve community members receiving social assistance are to contact Social Assistance to complete the Application for the Special Benefit for Funeral Expenses. It is this program that

will arrange to provide financial assistance through the established policies and procedures in place through Social Assistance.

OPTION #2: ON-RESERVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS NOT RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE:

For on-reserve registered community members, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Chief and Council will provide for only one (1) of the following two situations:

- 1) Financial assistance to a maximum of \$2,500 for funeral and burial costs paid directly to the Funeral Home;
- 2) Financial assistance to a maximum of \$2,500 to reimburse the costs to repatriate the remains of a deceased registered community member by rail, air or vehicle transport paid directly to the Estate Executor or Administrator.

On-reserve community members not receiving social assistance are to contact Christina (Tina) Barnaby in Membership / Lands & Estates to complete Application for Funeral & Burial Assistance.

PROCEDURES

To apply for the special benefit for funeral and burial assistance, Estate Executors or Administrators are to contact Christina (Tina) Barnaby to schedule an appointment to complete the Application Form. Applicants must file for the special benefit for funeral expenses within 90 days after the date of death.

1. All applications will be processed in accordance with the LMG financial policies & procedures;
2. All payments will be made directly to the Funeral Home to cover the funeral and burial costs.
3. In cases where the LMG is providing Financial Assistance to cover the costs to repatriate the remains of a deceased community member, the LMG will reimburse the Estate Executor or Administrator upon proof of payment.

This Policy takes effect 1 day after approval through Order-In-Council at a duly convened meeting by Chief and Council, and therefore, the LMG will not accept claims made prior to this date.