

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2933	Subject: Listuguj Application for Aboriginal-led Protected Area	Originated by:						
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi						
Date of duly convened meeting		Province Gepeg						
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WHEREAS: the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation is a Mi'gmaq community indigenous to Gespe'gewa'gi with a sacred, inherent responsibility for the stewardship of the land, waters, and living things of Gespe'gewa'gi;

WHEREAS: the Mi'gmaq of Gespe'gewa'gi, including the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation, have existing Aboriginal title, Aboriginal rights, and treaty rights with respect to our lands and resources, and these rights have never been surrendered or extinguished;

WHEREAS: the Government of Québec's ("Québec") Natural Heritage Conservation Act, CQLR c C-61.01 provides for the designation of Aboriginal-led protected area;

WHEREAS: the Natural Resources Directorate has prepared an application requesting that Québec designate Residual Forest Unit 1066, an area of land in the immediate vicinity of Listuguj that is currently subject to a forest management delegation agreement between the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government and Québec, as an Aboriginal-led protected area ("Protected Area Application");

WHEREAS: designating Residual Forest Unit 1066 as an Aboriginal-led protected area would provide the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government with greater authority to manage the area in accordance with its traditional customs and values and return the area to a healthy and biodiverse natural forest;

WHEREAS: exercising greater control and authority over Residual Forest Unit 1066 would have positive social outcomes for Listuguj community members, providing space to exercise harvesting rights and cultural practices, and protect Listuguj's unique connection to and ways of living on the land;

WHEREAS: the Protected Area Application includes a role for the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Rangers to monitor and enforce activities in Residual Forest Unit 1066;

Moved: Gordon Isaac Jr.

Seconded: Erwin Peter Molley

Abstain: -

Opposed: -

Absent: -

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

1. The Protected Area Application is approved.
2. In relation to the Protected Area Application, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government will:
 - Develop a consultation plan;
 - Lead the consultation process with the various stakeholders concerned by the Protected Area Application;
 - Further develop the conservation and governance parameters for the proposed Aboriginal-led protected area;
 - Work with Québec to establish and implement the proposed Aboriginal-led protected area.
3. The Natural Resources Directorate is directed to take all action necessary to implement the Protected Area Application.