

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2937	Subject: Designation and name of the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site	Originated by:
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi
Date of duly convened meeting	D 0 M 8 Y 0 1 2 5	Province Gepeg

WHEREAS: since time immemorial, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation has had a sacred, inherent responsibility for the stewardship of the land, waters, and living things of Gespe'gewa'gi, including the Restigouche River;

WHEREAS: from June 28 to July 8, 1760, the British Navy fought the French Navy, Acadian refugees, and Mi'gmaq warriors at the mouth of the Restigouche River in what became known as the Battle of the Restigouche;

WHEREAS: in October 1760, following the Battle of the Restigouche, the British Crown and the Listuguj Mi'gmaq concluded a Treaty of Peace and Friendship;

WHEREAS: the treaty relationship between Crown and the Listuguj Mi'gmaq would be further affirmed through the covenant chain of the Peace and Friendship Treaties;

WHEREAS: Canada created the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site without consultation or the consent of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation;

WHEREAS: the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site commemorates "the last naval battle in the Seven Year War in North American waters;"

WHEREAS: designations of national historical sites may be reviewed if they omit an integral part of the history or historical perspective associated with the designation, such as the history of Indigenous peoples;

WHEREAS: the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site's designation fails to acknowledge the role the Mi'gmaq played in the Battle of the Restigouche, including the conclusion of a Peace and Friendship Treaty following the Battle of the Restigouche in 1760;

AND WHEREAS Mi'gmaq voices, perspectives, and worldviews must be accounted for when determining a new designation for the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site;

Moved: Sky Metallic

Seconded: Sheila Swasson

Abstain: -

Opposed: -

Absent: Annette Barnaby, Chris Wysote, Dr. Cathy Martin

Status: Passed Defeated Tabled

Quorum 7

Councillor Annette Barnaby	Chief Scott Martin	Councillor Sky Metallic
Councillor Erwin Peter Molley	Councillor Sheila Swasson	Councillor Christie Caplin
Councillor Wendell Metallic	Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin	Councillor George Martin
Councillor Gordon Isaac Jr.	Councillor Macy Metallic	Councillor Chris Wysote
	Councillor Tanner Isaac	

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

1. The LMG's negotiation team is directed to submit a request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board to have the designation and name of the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site reviewed and changed to reflect:
 - the role of the Mi'gmaq in the Battle of the Restigouche;
 - the history of the Peace and Friendship Treaties, including the conclusion of a Peace and Friendship Treaty following the Battle of the Restigouche in 1760; and
 - the importance of treaty-making to the history of Canada.