

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2999	Subject: Drug Crisis Strategy and Mental Health Supports	Originated by:
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi
Date of duly convened meeting	D 2 M 5 Y 0 9 2 5	Province Gepeg

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 all Listugujewaq;

WHEREAS: the community of Listuguj has experienced a series of tragic and sudden deaths in recent years, attributed to substance misuse and mental health crises.

WHEREAS: the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government ("LMG") launched the Listuguj Wellness Renewal Initiative in October 2023 to engage community members and galvanize support in response to the drug crisis;

WHEREAS: the Listuguj Police Department ("LPD") has undertaken enforcement actions, including the laying of charges for drug trafficking and the establishment of a Drug Task Force;

WHEREAS: the LMG issued a "Lease Compliance and Zero-Tolerance" policy in July 2025;

WHEREAS: the LMG has issued eviction notices to non-community members living in Listuguj who have been charged with drug trafficking;

WHEREAS: the LMG has issued eviction notices to individuals living in LMG-owned housing units charged with drug trafficking;

WHEREAS: the LMG has conducted drug testing of individuals entering the workforce who will operate LMG vehicles or vessels;

WHEREAS: the LMG and Chief and Council are united in its desire to develop and implement a comprehensive Drug Strategy to address the drug crisis and to provide mental health supports for the safety and wellbeing of the community.

Moved: George Martin

Seconded: Annette Barnaby

Abstain: -

Opposed: -

Absent: -

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 Wendy Metallic	 Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin	 Councillor George Martin
 Councillor Gordon Isaac Jr.	 Councillor Tanner Isaac	 Councillor Chris Wysoke

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Chief and Council, in collaboration with the Executive Office, the LPD, and all Directorates, shall develop and implement a holistic strategy to address the drug crisis and to provide mental health supports that are culturally appropriate for the safety and wellbeing of community members.
2. The LMG shall identify and allocate the human and financial resources necessary to support the development and implementation of this strategy.
3. Should it be deemed necessary, the LMG shall declare a state of emergency to seek additional resources and funding from provincial and federal governments for the purpose of addressing the drug crisis and to provide adequate and culturally relevant mental health supports for the immediate and long-term