

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2975	Subject: Four Pillars Society Committee Support	Originated by:
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi
Date of duly convened meeting	D 2 M 0 Y 25 2 7 0 5 2 5	Province Gepeg

WHEREAS: the Band Reparations Class Action, launched in 2015, sought to hold the Government of Canada accountable for the collective harm suffered by First Nations due to the loss of language and culture;

WHEREAS: in 2016, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government ("LMG") formally opted into the Band Reparations Class Action lawsuit which reached a settlement in 2023;

WHEREAS: the Four Pillars Society ("FPS") is a not-for-profit organization that has been created for the sole purpose of investing and distributing the [redacted] settlement fund that was awarded by the Government of Canada to the 325 Band Class members that signed on to the class action lawsuit;

WHEREAS: the LMG is receiving funding totaling [redacted] over the next five years to support its five-to-ten-year plan;

WHEREAS: this includes:

- [redacted] in Kickstart Initial Funding (to be disbursed upon Community Plan approval);
- [redacted] in Kickstart Final Funding (to be disbursed three months after the initial disbursement);
- [redacted] annually in Entitlement Funding for each of the fiscal years 2025–2026 through 2028–2029;

WHEREAS: the FPS initiated the release of planning funds of [redacted] to each Band Class member for each community to plan for their Four Pillars funding in the next five to ten years;

WHEREAS: the FPS recommends developing a five-to-ten-year plan which indicates how funding for language, culture, heritage, and wellness will be allocated;

WHEREAS: the Four Pillars of Language, Culture, Heritage, and Wellness are fundamental to the identity, strength, and well-being of the community, and the preservation, revitalization, and promotion of Mi'gmaq language, culture, and heritage are essential to fostering a strong and resilient community for future generations;

Moved: Dr. Cathy Martin

Seconded: Wendell Metallic

Abstain: Tanner Isaac, Macy Metallic, Chris Wysote

Opposed: -

Absent: -

Status: Passed Defeated Tabled

Quorum 7

Annette Barnaby
Councillor Annette Barnaby

Erwin Peter Molley
Councillor Erwin Peter Molley

Wendell Metallic
Councillor Wendell Metallic

Gordon Isaac Jr.
Councillor Gordon Isaac Jr.

Scott Martin
Chief Scott Martin

Sheila Swasson
Councillor Sheila Swasson

Dr. Cathy Martin
Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin

Macy Metallic
Councillor Macy Metallic

Tanner Isaac
Councillor Tanner Isaac

Sky Metallic
Councillor Sky Metallic

Christie Caplin
Councillor Christie Caplin

George Martin
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Chris Wysote
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WHEREAS: the LMG has already completed the necessary steps to receive the planning funds of \$[REDACTED] to aid in the development of a long-term strategic plan;

WHEREAS: the Executive Office will provide oversight, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will serve as signatory to approve plans and sign all related documents;

WHEREAS: the establishment of the Four Pillars Society Committee will provide leadership, guidance, and strategic direction in advancing initiatives that uphold and strengthen these core pillars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Chief and Council commit to supporting the Four Pillars Society Committee, including the provision of necessary resources as defined by the Committee's budget and operational needs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The LMG formally establishes the Four Pillars Society Committee, with roles and responsibilities outlined in the committee's Terms of Reference, ensuring that efforts to advance Language, Culture, Heritage, and Wellness remain a top priority within the community.