

# Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



<b>Chronological no.:</b> 3017	<b>Subject:</b> Approved LFIF Fund Hydroponic Farm- Purchase Growcer	<b>Originated by:</b>
<b>The Council of the</b> Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		<b>District</b> Gespe'gewa'gi
<b>Date of duly convened meeting</b>	<b>D</b> 1 2   <b>M</b> 0 1   <b>Y</b> 2 6	<b>Province</b> Gepeg

**WHEREAS:** Canada has established the Local Food Infrastructure Fund to support projects that strengthen community food security and increase the availability and accessibility of local, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food through food-production activities for equity-deserving groups, particularly Indigenous and Black communities; and

**WHEREAS:** the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government (the "Recipient") has submitted to Canada an application for funding of the Project described in Schedule A - Project Budget, seeking to purchase and establish a hydroponic farm, a processing hub, and cold-storage infrastructure to advance food production and food sovereignty in Listuguj; and

**WHEREAS:** Canada has determined, based on this application, that the Recipient is eligible and that the Project qualifies for contribution funding under the Program; and

**WHEREAS:** Canada informed the Recipient that its funding application under this Program had been accepted; and

**WHEREAS:** Canada wishes to provide contribution funding to support this Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Contribution Agreement; and

**WHEREAS:** the Chief and Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government recognize the importance of advancing food security, food sovereignty, sustainable economic development, and year-round access to healthy, culturally appropriate foods for the Listuguj community; and

**WHEREAS:** community members have identified food security, access to fresh produce, and year-round healthy food options as priority needs within Listuguj; and

**WHEREAS:** the Hydroponic Farm Project (the "Project") aims to establish a controlled-environment agriculture facility within the community, utilizing hydroponic technology to produce fresh vegetables and other crops throughout all seasons; and

**Moved:** Gordon Isaac Jr.

**Seconded:** Wendell Metallic

**Abstain:** -

**Opposed:** -

**Absent:** Macy Metallic, Erwin Peter Molley

**Status:**  Passed  Defeated  Tabled

**Quorum** 7

Councillor Annette Barnaby

Chief Scott Martin

Councillor Sheilla Swanson

Councillor Sky Metallic

Councillor Erwin Peter Molley

Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin

Councillor Christie Caplin

Councillor Wendell Metallic

Councillor Macy Metallic

Councillor George Martin

Councillor Gordon Isaac Jr.

Councillor Tanner Isaac

Councillor Chris Wysote

**Mi'gmaq Nation**

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**WHEREAS:** the Project is expected to reduce reliance on external food supply chains, increase local production capacity, and strengthen long-term community resilience; and

**WHEREAS:** the Project will create new employment, training, and entrepreneurship opportunities for Listuguj members, while contributing to sustainable economic growth for the community.

**WHEREAS:** Growcer, a leading hydroponic farm developer in Canada, approached the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government with their turnkey solution for design, supply, installation, and training of hydroponic facilities; and

**WHEREAS:** the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government wishes to proceed with Growcer as the Project lead to ensure timely and effective implementation of the Hydroponic Farm Project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government hereby approves and endorses the Hydroponic Farm, Processing Hub, and Cold Storage Project as described in the accepted funding application; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. That Chief & Council agrees to move ahead with Growcer's proposal to provide a turnkey hydroponic farm solution;
2. Authorizes the execution of the Contribution Agreement with Canada under the Local Food Infrastructure Fund;
3. Chief and Council acknowledge that the total cost is \$ [REDACTED], of which Canada will contribute a maximum of \$ [REDACTED] under the Local Food Infrastructure Fund, subject to eligible expenditures and the terms of the Contribution Agreement;
4. Chief and Council further acknowledge that Canada's maximum contribution will be disbursed as \$ [REDACTED] in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and \$ [REDACTED] in Fiscal Year 2026-2027;
5. Chief and Council confirm that the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government will contribute \$ [REDACTED], representing a 25% cost-share of the total Project cost;
6. Chief and Council approve the implementation of the Project in accordance to Schedule A – Project Budget as approved by the by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada;
7. The Economic Development General Manager is designated as the lead responsible for managing all funding-related matters and overseeing project implementation;
8. The Economic Development Unit, together with all other designated officials, is authorized to undertake all necessary activities for project execution, including procurement, site preparation, construction, regulatory compliance, and operational planning;
9. The Project is recognized as a strategic food-sovereignty initiative aligned with community priorities;
10. The LMG is authorized to pursue additional funding and partnership opportunities to support and enhance the project; and
11. All required administrative, financial, and operational actions necessary to advance the Project are hereby approved, subject to regular reporting to Council.