

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN LISTUGUJ

- **1992:** Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government (LMG) reclaims control over educating Mi'gmaq in the community. LMG establishes the Listuguj Education Directorate (LED) in December of 1992.
- **1993:** LED receives its first students, starting with kindergarten.
- **1996:** LMG establishes the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Development Centre to meet the employment and training needs of Listuguj.
- **1997:** LMG issued a mandate for LED to run elementary school: Alaqsite'w Gitpu School opens.
- **2002:** Mi'gmaw Immersion (Kindergarten) introduced at AGS. In 2013, MI expands from Nursery to Grade 2; in 2016, Nursery to Grade 4.
- **2005:** Establishes Listuguj Education Advisory Board (OIC 1568). The governance model is envisioned in two phases, in the first an education authority board is accountable to the LMG and in the second phase, the board will be account to the community.
 - OIC 1568: “Establish a Listuguj Education Authority Board accountable to the LMG (phase 1) and Establish a Board accountable to the community (Phase 2)”
- **2008:** LMG signs the “Enhanced First Nation Education Programs and Services’ Agreement” with the Province of NB. The second Enhancement Agreement signed in 2015.
- **2013:** LMG forms the Listuguj Council of Mi'gmaq Educators (OIC 2094). Mi'gmaq Nation has “the inherent right to govern it's [sic] own affairs pertaining to educating its children under domestic and international law” and that the Council of Educators will

“carry out the work of codifying the rules pertaining to education Mi’gmaq children” under the supervision of the education directorate.

- The mandate of the Council of Mi’gmaq Educators was to “carry out the work of codifying the rules pertaining to the education of Mi’gmaq children under the supervision of the Listuguj Education Directorate who will report back on the work of the Council of Mi’gmaq Educators.” Since 2013, the LCME (as an advisory body) has provided strategic and technical support to the Education Directorate. Actual activities of LCME have been advisory body for in-community post-secondary programs, and advisory body on some academic research proposals.
- **2013:** LMG launches In-Community Post-Secondary Programs
 - MOU with Cape Breton University from 2013-2016
 - MOU with McGill from 2016-2020
 - MOU with CBU and McGill (*In progress*)
- **2013:** First Nations Regional Adult Education Centre (FNRAEC) opens at Listuguj. The Adult Education Centre is renamed Elawsimgewei Gina’muo’guom in 2021.
- **2015:** LMG creates the Listuguj Education Training & Employment (LETE) with the integration of Listuguj Education Directorate, the Listuguj Mi’gmaq Development Council, and First Nations Regional Adult Education Centre] (June 2015). In 2016, the Chief and Council mandate LETE to review education governance structures (vision, mission, principles) to create a single governance structure for education (October 4, 2016).
 - In 2016, “the Education Director, with guidance from the Mi’gmaq Council of Educators, [would]] carry out the work of reviewing existing governance structures (vision, mission and principles) of the LED [Listuguj Education Directorate], LMDC [Listuguj Mi’gmaq Development Council], and the FNRAEC [First Nations Regional Adult Education Centre] with the objective of

creating a single governance structure for education,” Duly Convened meeting of the Chief and Council. Oct. 4, 2016

- **2016:** LETE launches Adult Mi’gmaq Immersion program, Gelo’tmnej ‘Gtli’sutiminu.
- **2020:** LETE develops an Education Governance Plan
- **2021:** LETE, together with the Listuguj Council of Mi’gmaq Educators (LCME), develops Terms of Reference (TORs) to ensure that the LCME evolves with LETE, while keeping with the spirit and intent of its mandate to advise on the codification of rules governing education as an inherent right.
- **2021:** LETE launches Mi’gmaq education standards project to co-develop standards for education with/by/for Mi’gmaq of Listuguj.
- **2021:** LETE oversees and carries out several research projects to engage community members about educational needs and name aspirations for community-based education.
- **2022:** LETE launches community engagements around education governance models governance model and current needs and priorities when it comes to high school education