

Iqqanaijaqatigiit

Government of Nunavut and
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
working together



WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) wish to establish a process to identify and address common objectives and priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the GN and NTI agree to conduct their working relations in accordance with *Iqqanaijaqatigiit*.

Introduction

Pursuant to the Clyde River Protocol signed in 1999, *Iqqanaijaqatigiit* serves to outline the working relationship between NTI and the GN.

Elected leaders in both Parties have determined that the Clyde River Protocol should be revisited. *Iqqanaijaqatigiit* has been developed to further describe this relationship's evolution.

Iqqanaijaqatigiit will guide the working relationship between NTI and the GN. The enhancement of this relationship will help to maximize the benefits for all Inuit and residents of Nunavut.

Mutual Recognition

The GN recognizes that NTI occupies a special place in the affairs of Nunavut as the primary Inuit organization with the mandate to speak for the Inuit of Nunavut with respect to the rights and benefits of Inuit under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The GN further acknowledges that NTI's mandate embraces additional responsibilities designed to protect and promote the interests of the Inuit as an aboriginal people.

NTI recognizes that the GN, in exercising its jurisdiction as a democratic and responsible public government, must serve the needs and priorities of all citizens of Nunavut, in a fair and equitable manner.

Purpose

The purpose of *Iqqanaijaqatigiit* is to provide a framework for the Parties to work together effectively by identifying:

- Areas of mutual interest, and associated priorities, work plans and timelines;
- Working relationships and responsible officials;
- A process for periodic meetings to measure progress; and,
- A process for discussing and resolving disputes.

Iqqanaijaqatigiit is designed to enhance the relationship between the GN and NTI so that they serve the people and interests of Nunavut.



Areas of Mutual Interest

The GN and NTI recognize that the fulfillment of the objectives of the NLCA, and the meeting of its obligations, is a key area of mutual interest.

The Parties will canvass other areas of mutual interest at each annual meeting of leaders. Priorities will be assigned among such areas.

For each area of mutual interest, senior officials and staff of the Parties will identify opportunities for constructive collaboration. Objectives and associated work plans and timelines will be developed in relation to such opportunities.

A document setting out mutual areas of interest, priorities, objectives, work plans and timelines will be attached as an appendix to Iqqanaijaqatigiit and revised as needed.

Any disagreement in the development or interpretation of the document will be referred for resolution to the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs for the GN and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NTI.

In the event of lack of agreement being achieved by the Deputy Minister and CEO, the matter will be referred to the Premier of Nunavut and the President of NTI.

Both the GN and NTI recognize that agreement may not be achievable on all issues. In the event of this occurring, each Party shall respect the position of the other.

Information Sharing

The GN and NTI agree to share information with respect to matters of mutual concern on as free and as timely a basis as possible, within the constraints set by legal and budgetary considerations.

Meeting of Premier and President

There shall be an annual meeting of the leadership of both Parties represented by the Premier of Nunavut and the President of NTI. These annual meetings will serve:

- To identify areas of mutual interest, and opportunities to address those areas;
- To review associated priorities, objectives, work plans and timelines; and,
- To review progress on the agreed upon activities undertaken between meetings.

Each Party may invite other elected officials and staff to attend the annual meeting. Prior to the annual meeting, the Parties shall reach agreement on an agenda.



Meeting of Senior Officials

Officials level meetings shall take place regularly between the GN and NTI, including meetings arranged by the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs for the GN and the CEO of NTI.

Meetings of the Deputy Minister and CEO shall be held at least monthly. Notwithstanding, a meeting shall be convened as soon as practicable following a request from the Deputy Minister or CEO.

The Deputy Minister and CEO may direct the establishment of any standing or special purpose staff level working groups that they consider helpful in facilitating inter-organizational collaboration and cooperation.

Amendment and Term

This Protocol may be amended from time to time in writing by agreement of the Parties. It shall remain in force until one or both of the Parties determine otherwise.

A Party, by providing written notice, may delegate the power to amend the appendices to a designated representative.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 2004, at _____, Nunavut.

Paul Okalik
Premier
Government of Nunavut



Paul Kaludjak
President
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) – Government of Nunavut (GN)

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Priority Areas

Relationship with Canada

- NLCA – Contract Implementation Negotiations
- Devolution
- Transboundary Issues

Economic Development

- Implementing Nunavut Economic Development Strategy
- Economic Development Agreement
- NNI
- Article 2.7.3

Social and Cultural Development

- Health
- Housing
- Elders and Youth

Education, Training and Language

- Education Act
- Language
- Adult Learning Strategy
- Article 23

Environment

- Wildlife Act Regulations
- General Monitoring Programs
- Contaminated Site Cleanup

Communication and Consultation

- Communication
- Consultation
- NLCA Awareness

