



## **Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.**

### **DIO DESIGNATION POLICY**

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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

A Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) is an Organization, as defined in Section 1.1.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which is designated by NTI's Board of Directors to perform one or more particular powers, functions or authorities of a DIO set forth in the NLCA. An Inuit organization is not a DIO unless and until it is designated as a DIO by the Board, and then it is only a DIO for the specific purposes designated.

To be designated as a DIO, an organization must be constituted and operate with accountability to and democratic control by Inuit (NLCA, s. 39.1.6).

All powers, functions and authorities of a DIO under the NLCA are the responsibility of NTI unless and until NTI designates another organization as DIO for that power, function or authority.

NTI may make DIO designations, on terms and conditions that NTI deems appropriate. NTI must only designate an organization where that organization has the capability to undertake that power, function or authority (NLCA, s. 39.1.3).

NTI may revoke a designation at any time, for example, if NTI determines that the organization no longer has the capability to perform the power, function or authority for which it has been designated, or if the organization no longer operates with accountability to and democratic control by Inuit (NLCA, s. 39.1.4).

#### **II. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The purpose of this DIO Designation Policy is to ensure that:

- (a) DIO designations are made in a fair and inclusive manner;

- (b) DIOs have the capability to undertake the powers, functions and authorities for which they are designated; and
- (c) DIO designations are monitored effectively by NTI to ensure the ongoing capability of DIOs.

### **III. GUIDING PRICIPLES**

In making designations pursuant to section 39.1.3 of the NLCA, NTI's Board will be guided by the following principles:

- (1). The Regional Inuit Associations must participate in any general DIO planning processes.
- (2). Every power, function or authority exercised by a DIO shall be deemed to be exercised on behalf of and for the benefit of Inuit (NLCA, s. 39.1.10).
- (3). Every DIO must be constituted and operate with accountability to, and democratic control by Inuit (NLCA, s. 39.1.6).
- (4). To be designated as a DIO, an organization must demonstrate the capability to undertake the relevant power, function or authority (NLCA, s. 39.1.3).
- (5). NTI will retain responsibility for those DIO powers, function or authorities having a Nunavut-wide character or which naturally fit within NTI's mandate.
- (6). There is a need to promote fairness and consistency among the regions of Nunavut in the designation, implementation and monitoring of DIO powers, functions and authorities under the NLCA.
- (7). It is desirable to encourage, where applicable and to the extent possible, community participation and involvement in the designation, implementation and monitoring of DIO powers, functions and authorities under the NLCA.
- (8). There is a need to consider NTI and Inuit organizations' organizational and budgetary realities in the designation, implementation and monitoring of DIO powers, functions and authorities.
- (9). Designations should be made through formal agreement between NTI and the Designated Inuit Organization.
- (10). Designations should provide for periodic monitoring, review and evaluation by NTI.

#### IV. OBJECTIVES

NTI seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- (1) to fulfill Inuit responsibilities under the NLCA in a cost-effective manner;
- (2) to maintain, in co-operation with the Regional Inuit Associations, a comprehensive DIO designation plan;
- (3) to maintain a list of information requirements to be included in every request for designation;
- (4) to maintain a process for review of applications for designation;
- (5) to satisfy itself that an organization willing to undertake a power function or authority under the NLCA has the capability to do so and is constituted and operates with accountability to, and democratic control by Inuit;
- (6) to take the steps to inform Inuit of application procedures and opportunities for DIO designation;
- (7) to take the steps to determine any interest by Inuit organizations in acquiring responsibility for a particular power, function or authority under the NLCA;
- (8) to implement a system for monitoring, regular reporting and periodic evaluation of designations; and
- (9) to maintain a template for designation agreements.

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