



Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

ELECTIONS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CANDIDATES

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I. Application of the Code

The Election Code of Conduct for Candidates (the “Code”) applies to candidates seeking office in a Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (“NTI”) election, and where indicated, to their campaign workers and supporters.

II. Principles of the Code

1. The legitimacy of a candidate chosen through a democratic election rests on the following principles:
 - (a) as a result of being informed through the electoral campaign of the policies and qualities of all candidates, voters should be able to make an informed choice; and
 - (b) voters should be able to vote freely, without interference, fear, undue influence, or bribery.
2. All candidates commit themselves in good faith to adhere to the Code so that:
 - (a) these principles will be upheld;
 - (b) the election will be recognized as expressing the credible free choice of the voters; and
 - (c) the result of that choice will be respected by all voters.
3. In any matter relating to the election process, a candidate will conduct himself or herself in conformity with the requirements set out below.

III. Compliance with the Code

A candidate

- (a) will take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the Code by the candidate, his or her campaign workers and supporters.
- (b) will not make false, frivolous, or vexatious complaints about the conduct of other candidates;

IV. Compliance with the Law

A candidate must comply with all applicable laws and all NTI rules and policies governing NTI elections.

V. Campaign Management

1. A candidate must:
 - (a) respect the right and freedom of all other candidates to campaign, and to freely publicize their political ideas and principles; and
 - (b) conduct himself or herself in a manner that respects the rights of other candidates, the rights of Inuit, and the rights of all Nunavummiut.
2. A candidate must not interfere in any way with the campaign of any other candidate, and must not permit his or her campaign workers or, to the extent possible, supporters to do anything prohibited by this section.

VI. The Election Process

A candidate must cooperate fully with election officials and official election observers in order to ensure peaceful, orderly and accurate polling, to respect voters' complete freedom to exercise their right to vote, and to maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the votes of the voters.

VII. Accepting the Outcome of a Free and Fair Election

A candidate must:

- (a) accept the outcome of an election that has been certified by the NTI Chief Returning Officer;
- (b) submit any grievance only to the NTI Chief Returning Officer in accordance with Section XIII of this policy;
- (c) accept and comply with the final decisions of the NTI Chief Returning Officer and, where applicable, the Election Commissioner.

VIII. Candidate Conduct, and Content of Campaign Material and Speeches

A candidate must:

- (a) organize and conduct his or her election campaign in a manner that contributes toward a congenial and peaceful atmosphere during the campaign period, the polling period, the counting of votes, and the post-election period; and
- (b) act with a sense of responsibility and dignity.

IX. Destruction of Campaign Materials

A candidate must not:

- (a) steal, disfigure, or destroy campaign materials of another candidate; or
- (b) permit his or her campaign works, and to the extent possible, supporters to do anything prohibited by this section.

X. Intimidation

As required, a candidate will issue instructions expressly forbidding his or her campaign workers and supporters from intimidating any person at any time.

XI. Abuse of Position

A candidate must not:

- (a) abuse a position of power, privilege, or influence for a political purpose, by offering a reward, threatening a penalty, or by other means; or
- (b) use NTI property, NTI employees, or other NTI resources for campaign purposes.

XII. Corrupt Practices

A candidate must not:

- (a) coerce or offer monetary or other kinds of inducements to persons to vote for or against a candidate or to abstain from voting;
- (b) coerce or offer monetary or other kinds of inducements to persons to stand or not to stand as candidates, or to withdraw or not to withdraw their candidacies.

XIII. Resolution of Disputes

Any dispute arising out of the application of this Code shall be determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 13 of the Election Rules and Procedures.

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