WHEREAS the Inuit of the Qikiqtani Region have ongoing substantial concerns about the effects of seismic testing on marine life in Baffin Bay, Davis Strait, Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait, Foxe Basin, Lancaster Sound and Parry Channel;

AND WHEREAS the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) has submitted an October 13, 2013 letter to the National Energy Board (NEB), commenting on a project proposal for a five year seismic survey operation in Baffin Bay which recommends, among other things, that until Inuit concerns on wildlife and environment are addressed, no permits should be granted for any oil and gas related activity in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait until such time as a Strategic Environmental Assessment is completed.

AND WHEREAS QIA, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada are in discussions regarding the conducting of a Strategic Environmental Assessment for Baffin Bay and Davis Strait as an integral step in combining Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and scientific knowledge and identifying gaps in knowledge respecting the effect of oil and gas related activity, in addition to addressing the concerns brought forward by communities regarding oil and gas activity in general.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members hereby request that no permits related to oil and gas development, which includes seismic testing, be issued in the Baffin Bay, Davis Strait, Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait, Foxe Basin, Lancaster Sound and Parry Channel until such time as a Strategic Environmental Assessment is completed and Inuit concerns are addressed to the satisfaction of Inuit.

In Favour: All
Against: None
Abstentions: None
Carried: ☒
Defeated: ☐

Date: October 24, 2013