



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

November 27-30, 2007

Resolution #:A07-11-07

Inuit Right to Education in the Inuit Language

Moved by: Joe Attagutaluk
Seconded by: Maria Totalik

WHEREAS, the Government of Nunavut has tabled a new Education Bill in the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the new Education Bill does not fully address Resolution #: A06-11-09 passed unanimously at the 2006 NTI AGM; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, the Qikiqtaani Inuit Association and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association have written to the Government of Nunavut Minister of Education reminding the Minister that the GN is responsible for implementing the Inuit right to have the education program in Nunavut delivered in the Inuit Language, and that implementation of this right should proceed immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Presidents' letter refers to "The Nunavut Project" report of Justice Thomas Berger, who stated that there is a crisis in education in Nunavut; and

WHEREAS the strength and use of Inuit language is threatened by the overwhelming influence of English; and

WHEREAS NTI's position on Inuit language instruction is based on expert advice that, in order to ensure the Inuit language remains strong, and that instruction in the Inuit language in all subjects at all grade levels would achieve greater educational success, the vast majority of the education program (80%) must be delivered in the Inuit language; and

WHEREAS it is NTI's position that the Government of Nunavut must immediately apply the necessary resources to ensure that there are enough Inuit teachers so that the education program will be delivered in the schools in the Inuit language in the shortest possible time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of NTI directs that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education expressing the membership's support for NTI's position.

In Favour: **46**
Against: **0**
Abstentions: **0**

Carried
Defeated

Date: November 29, 2007