



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Baker Lake, Nunavut

September 12-14, 2006

Resolution No. B06-09-14

Education Act

Moved by: Thomasie Alikatuktuk

Seconded by: Donald Havioyak

WHEREAS in February 2006, NTI and the Government of Nunavut signed an Agreement on Terms of Reference for the Education Act Steering Committee, which provides for the collaborative development of the Education Act, from consultation through drafting, with joint decision-making by the Department of Education and NTI; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has made decisions by consensus on important issues in the new Act, including, among other things, the powers and roles of the DEAs, and the Inuit language as a language of instruction, but considerable work still needs to be done by the Steering Committee as the Bill is developed; and

WHEREAS NTI has been advised of a GN cabinet decision stating that copies of draft legislation will not be provided to bodies outside of the GN, a decision which is contrary to the collaboration contemplated by Article 32 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the *Clyde River Protocol* and its successor, *Iqqanaijaqatigiit*, the Terms of Reference for the Education Act Steering Committee, and past practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with a recommendation from NSDC, NTI withdraw from the education act steering committee process unless the Government of Nunavut:

ensures that the research and decision-making process on drafting instructions and drafting of the Education Bill is conducted by the Steering Committee in accordance with its Terms of Reference to NTI's satisfaction;

assures NTI that the Bill will not be introduced in the Legislative Assembly prior to the conclusion of the Steering Committee's process and agreement on the matters identified in the Committee's Terms of Reference, or the exhaustion of the dispute resolution process contained therein; and

advises NTI that it will be provided with full access to legislative drafts on an ongoing basis during the development of the Bill.

In Favour: 8
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Carried:
Defeated:

Date: September 13, 2006