



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Arviat, Nunavut

March 21-23, 2017

Resolution#: RSB-17-03-14

**Bill 37 Education
Act Amendments**

Moved by: Stanley Anablak

Seconded by: PJ Akeeagok

Whereas there is an ongoing crisis in Nunavut in relation to highly interconnected issues of the design and shortcomings of the educational system, the survival and strengthening of Inuktut, and the creation of a fully Inuit representative government work force in Nunavut (85%), including teacher training, as provided by Article 23 of the Nunavut Agreement;

And Whereas this crisis resulted in the adoption by the Members of NTI, at their October 18-20, 2016, Annual General Meeting, of a resolution (RSA 16-10-2) that spoke both to the severity of the crisis and to concrete measures that should be taken by the Government of Nunavut to combat this crisis, including measures relating to proposed amendments to the *Education Act* (Bill 37) and the completion and implementation of an Inuit Employment Plan for the Department of Education, including its teachers and other educators (*copy of RSA 16-10-2 attached*);

And Whereas the measures recommended in Resolution RSA 16-10-2 have not been acted upon, remain outstanding, and have become more pressing;

And Whereas there is a growing public awareness and outcry on the part of Nunavut Inuit, with mounting media attention, to this unsatisfactory situation;

And Whereas Bill 37 has been given second reading by the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut and has been sent to the Standing Committee on Legislation with an invitation to NTI to make a written submission by April 21, 2017;

And Whereas the Board is mindful that the scope of this crisis, with its key highly connected issues, is sufficiently deep, and far ranging, as to require the active attention, energy and political and financial commitments of both the federal and territorial governments, represented by the Crown in the Nunavut Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NTI continue to pursue the implementation of AGM Resolution RSA 16-10-2, as adjusted for timeline and similar practical considerations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Consistent with that AGM Resolution, NTI communicate, as widely as possible, that Bill 37 falls far short of what is required in relation to the crisis in education and associated Inuktut and representative Inuit workforce issues, and to seek a postponement of further consideration of a new Education Act until:

- (a) the completion of a new DOE Inuit Employment Plan;
- (b) full exploration of an ambitious tripartite (GN, GC, NTI) Inuit educator training project; and,
- (c) the GN Department of Education has fully engaged NTI, consistent with Article 32 of the Nunavut Agreement, on such other reasonable changes as NTI has been seeking;
- (d) the proposed amendments reducing DEA authority are removed from Bill 37.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NTI, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Kivalliq Inuit Association and Kitikmeot Inuit Association, in solidarity, provide a joint submission to the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, calling upon the MLAs to reject Bill 37, and provide a united stance against the proposed amendments to the Education Act.

In favor: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:X

Defeated: