Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut   **October 20-22, 2020**

Resolution #: RSA-20-10-07   **Review of Medical Services**

Moved by: Pauloosie (PJ) Akeeagok

Seconded by: Stanley Anablak

WHEREAS Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) published the Nunavut Infrastructure Gap analysis on October 21, 2020 which found that only 14% of Nunavut Inuit have a regular health care provider, compared to 85% of Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the Nunavut Infrastructure Gap also identified that Nunavut has the fewest staffed and operational hospital beds per capita in the country, with 1,095 persons per bed, compared to a national average of 409;

AND WHEREAS all of those hospital beds are located in Iqaluit;

AND WHEREAS in lieu of adequate and appropriate local health care services, Nunavut Inuit rely on medical travel and medical evacuation;

AND WHEREAS Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) have raised their concerns with the Government of Nunavut's (GN) medical evacuation services for the Kitikmeot region;

AND WHEREAS there is no air ambulance aircraft, flight crew nor medical evacuation staff stationed in the Kitikmeot region;

AND WHEREAS this lack of air ambulances and crews in the Kitikmeot region results in longer response times which threatens the health, safety and lives of Inuit needing medical evacuation services;

AND WHEREAS the GN and the Government of Canada are responsible for the cost and delivery of medical services, including emergency medical transportation;

AND WHEREAS during the 2020 NTI Annual General Meeting, the Members directly called on the Premier of Nunavut to address the inadequacy of health care services in Nunavut;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the GN and the Government of Canada to conduct a review of medical services and standards in Nunavut, including model of care, Inuit employment and transportation and to make the review publicly available.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: ☒

Defeated: ☐

Dated: October 22, 2020