



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge bay, Nunavut

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Resolution#: RSA-20-10-12

Inadequate Housing

Moved by: Levi Barnabas

Seconded by: Liza Ningiuk

WHEREAS the colonial history and the lived experience by many Inuit whereby Inuit were forced away from the land and into settlements by the Government of Canada (GoC), based on certain promises and expectations;

AND WHEREAS the housing crisis in Nunavut is unacceptable on many fronts: overcrowding, homelessness, hidden homelessness, unsafe and unhealthy conditions of homes including mold, lack of affordable housing, long waitlists for public housing, etc.;

AND WHEREAS despite Inuit suffering from inadequate housing conditions, some government staff housing units remain vacant in many Nunavut communities;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 epidemic has highlighted the obvious inequities in relation to housing conditions available to Inuit in Nunavut, whereby it is not possible for many Inuit to practice physical distancing and implement other public safety measures due to overcrowding, which places Inuit at a much greater risk if ever COVID-19 entered Nunavut communities;

AND WHEREAS Nunavut Inuit have not yet benefitted from distinctions-based funding for housing, while the other three Inuit regions did receive a collective investment of \$400 million dollars under the 2018 federal budget;

AND WHEREAS the 10-year Nunavut Housing Action Plan identified that the Nunavut housing crisis requires \$4 billion dollars to address the current housing need;

AND WHEREAS NTI has submitted an initial \$500 million dollar ask for the creation for a distinction-based Nunavut Inuit housing fund to invest in affordable housing for Nunavut Inuit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut (GN) and the Government of Canada to adequately fund housing in Nunavut immediately so as to enable Inuit to have their basic human rights met including adequate shelter, safety and health;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members call upon the GN to include housing as a key priority in developing the long-term Nunavut Infrastructure Strategy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members call upon the Governments of Nunavut and Canada to ensure that all the factors affecting the social determinants of health of Inuit be addressed so as to prevent Inuit from being at a greater risk in case of public healthy emergencies such as global pandemics.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:

Defeated:

Dated: October 22, 2020