



## NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 22-24, 2019

**Resolution #: RSA-19-10-14**

**Nunavut Early Learning  
and Child Care**

**Moved by:** Joe Ataguttaaluk

**Seconded by:** Peter Taktogon

**WHEREAS** early learning and childcare (ELCC) is important for children to learn and grow and set the foundation for language acquisition in Inuktitut;

**WHEREAS** availability of ELCC enables Inuit to take on educational opportunities, training and increases their availability for employment;

**WHEREAS** accessibility to ELCC in Nunavut is currently limited and does not reflect population growth. It also hinders Inuit participation in employment and educational opportunities;

**WHEREAS** Nunavut's current system for child care centres relies on non-profit associations, governed by volunteer Board of Directors, to operate and maintain existing early childhood education centres that lack adequate resources and capacity to address the needs and gaps in ELCC;

**WHEREAS** the construction of new child care centres is challenging due to the lack of federal and territorial capital and infrastructure funding;

**WHEREAS** the *Inuit Language Protection Act* places an obligation on the Government of Nunavut (GN) to develop early childhood education programming and resources in Inuktitut, as well as training and professional development for ELCC providers to enable them to teach children in Inuktitut;

**AND WHEREAS** Inuit have established goals and priorities in the Inuit Early Learning and Childcare Framework released in partnership with the Federal Government in September 2018;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call upon the GN to prioritize making significant investments in ELCC, including the construction of a substantial number of new child care centres in each of Nunavut's regions;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Members call upon the GN to work with Inuit under Article 32 of the *Nunavut Agreement* in the implementation of the Inuit Early Learning and Childcare Framework;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Members call upon the Minister of Education to fulfill its Inuit Language obligations in ELCC in Nunavut.

In Favour: All  
Against:  
Abstention:

Carried: X  
Defeated:

Dated: October 24, 2019