



# NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

October 24-26, 2023

**Resolution No. RSA-23-10-13**

**Addictions and Trauma Treatment  
Support**

**Moved by:** Samuel Alagalak

**Seconded by:** Charlie Qumuatuq

**WHEREAS** Inuit have endured residential schools, forced relocations, dog slaughters and other harmful colonial policies and practices, which are directly related to intergenerational trauma and addictions in Nunavut, which are, in turn, the main contributors to Elder, child and domestic abuse in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** there is currently no residential treatment facility in Nunavut nor are there sufficient healing and mental health programs and support;

**AND WHEREAS** the legalization of cannabis and the opening of beer and wine stores in Nunavut have further exacerbated the situation and the negative impacts are currently being felt in many Nunavut communities including in schools;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Nunavut's 2012 Ministerial Task Force reviewing the *Liquor Act* recommended, in a report entitled "*A New Approach: Halting the Harm*", for the Government of Nunavut to offer sufficient effective prevention, treatment, and support programs at the community and regional levels;

**AND WHEREAS** the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls upon the federal government to provide sustainable funding for new healing centres in Nunavut as a priority to address the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual harms caused by residential schools;

**AND WHEREAS** the delayed opening of Aqqusariaq, which will now open in 2025 at the earliest, means Inuit continue to face painful delays for much needed residential addictions and trauma treatment in Nunavut;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut

- (1) to prioritize addictions and trauma treatment and support programs in Nunavut, including the planning and construction of additional addictions and trauma treatment centres at both regional and community levels in Nunavut as well as training Inuktitut-speaking counsellors and Community Social Services Workers;

- (2) as an interim measure, to make more long-term counsellors and Community Social Services Workers available in the communities including in schools; and
- (3) to delay the opening of additional beer and wine stores in Nunavut until there are suitable treatment options available to Nunavut Inuit.

**In Favour:** 16  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstention:** 3

Carried: ☒  
Defeated: ☐

Date: October 26, 2023