



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

November 15-17, 2021

Resolution No. RSA-21-11-10

Bill 55 – An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act (PATA)

Moved by: Kono Tattuinee

Seconded by: Stanley Anablak

WHEREAS Bill 55 – *An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act (PATA)* transfers, from mining companies to Inuit, the burden of paying millions of dollars in property taxes each year on Inuit Owned Lands (IOLs) where Inuit hold the mineral rights;

AND WHEREAS Bill 55 substantially increases the risk of mining development for Inuit Organizations by obligating them to pay the outstanding property taxes of mining companies, if a mining company fails to pay or becomes insolvent;

AND WHEREAS with the passage of Bill 55, the Government of Nunavut is asking Inuit Organizations to collect property taxes from mining companies on the GN's behalf, and thereby forcing Inuit Organizations to be the guarantors for the debts of mining companies;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut had failed to adequately consult with Inuit Organizations and ignored their concerns;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut had failed to recognize the “public” nature of Inuit Organizations and IOLs, in the face of increasing recognition by the Government of Canada of their important governmental role;

AND WHEREAS with the passage of Bill 55, the Government of Nunavut had attempted to unilaterally and illegally amend provisions of the *Nunavut Agreement* without Inuit consent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members condemn Bill 55 in the strongest term, and demand that the Bill be amended in the earliest opportunity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NTI, collaborating with the Regional Inuit Associations, to develop mitigating measures, including without limitation, potentially additional security to be paid by the mining companies, to offset increasing risks arising from Bill 55 and to safeguard the interest of Inuit.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:
Defeated:

Dated: November 17, 2021