



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

November 15-17, 2021

Resolution No. RSA-21-11-12

Addiction and Trauma Treatment

Moved by: James Eetoolook

Seconded by: Kono Tattuinee

WHEREAS Inuit have been subject to harmful colonial and assimilative government policies and practices for decades, which is one of the main sources of trauma and addictions in Nunavut, which are in turn key contributors to Elder, child and domestic abuse and violent crime;

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

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada legalized cannabis in October 2018, and the Government of Nunavut opened the Iqaluit beer and wine store in 2017, is scheduled to open a second beer and wine store in Rankin Inlet in 2021 and has begun planning a third beer and wine store in Cambridge Bay;

AND WHEREAS negative impacts from the beer and wine store are currently being felt not only in Iqaluit but in other Nunavut communities;

AND WHEREAS the Nunavut Liquor Commission generated surpluses since opening the Iqaluit beer and wine store of \$1,444,473 in 2017-2018, \$4,563,316 in 2018-2019, \$3,138,629 in 2019-2020, \$3,704,110 in 2020-2021 and that it is unclear as to whether those surpluses are being utilized for preventing and mitigating the negative impacts of the beer and wine store;

AND WHEREAS the GN's 2012 Ministerial Task Force Review of the *Nunavut Liquor Act* recommended among other things for the GN to offer sufficient effective prevention, treatment, and support programs at the community and regional levels and provide assistance for private sector and non-profit employers to establish Employee Assistance Programs to address alcohol issues in the workplace;

AND WHEREAS the GN delayed planning for the Nunavut Recovery Centre, which will now open in 2025 at the earliest while the need for addiction and trauma treatment is more urgent now than ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the GN to delay the opening of beer and wine stores until there are suitable treatment options available to Nunavut Inuit, and to prioritize the construction and operation of the Nunavut Recovery Centre;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the GN to provide assistance for private sector and non-profit employers to establish Employee Assistance Programs to address alcohol issues in the workplace;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the GN to prioritize sufficient, effective prevention, treatment and support programs at the community and regional levels.

In Favour: 17

Against:

Abstentions: 2

Carried:

Defeated:

Dated: November 17, 2021