



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 18-20, 2022

Resolution No. RSA-22-10-09

Healthcare

Moved by: James Eetoolook

Seconded by: Helena Maliki

WHEREAS both the Budget 2019 and the 2021 Speech from the Throne made reference to the Indigenous Health Legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has committed to a distinctions-based co-development process to the Indigenous Health Legislation;

AND WHEREAS Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) carried out an extensive engagement process, amid challenges relating to the COVID-19 pandemic between October and December 2021;

AND WHEREAS the engagement report echoes what Inuit have been saying about their health that history and ongoing social inequity impacts health outcomes and that health conditions are exacerbated by a substandard healthcare system;

AND WHEREAS the Special Representative reports to the 2022 NTI AGM membership expressed that health care services are inadequate for the level of need;

AND WHEREAS Inuit have identified areas that have the potential to immediately make the Nunavut health system more efficient, effective, relevant, and reflective of Inuit culture and society by, among other things, improving mental health care, improving the Non-Insured Health Benefits program, supporting community-based programs and allowing women to deliver their babies at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NTI participate in the distinctions-based co-development process of the Indigenous Health Legislation with the goal of achieving legislation designed to make transformative change to redress shortcomings in Inuit and broader Indigenous health outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in order to redress underlying, historical and structural inequalities and improve health outcomes, access to quality healthcare, where Inuit are employed in a culturally safe working environment that is defined and created by Inuit, can be achieved through legislation that includes the following priority areas:

- Inuit governance in healthcare;
- delivering healthcare in Inuktitut;
- anti-racism efforts with accountability measures; and
- Inuit education and training that aims to remove systemic barriers.

In Favour: All
Against:
Abstentions:

Carried:
Defeated:

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