



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 18-20, 2022

Resolution No. RSA-22-10-11

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

Moved by: Johnny Kootook
Seconded by: Bob Aknavingak

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 arising from mining improvements on Inuit Owned Lands (IOLs) where Inuit hold the mineral rights, contrary to the intent and spirit of Article 22 of the *Nunavut Agreement*;

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 will also substantially increase costs for mining companies to do business in Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut had failed to recognize the “public” nature of Inuit Organizations and IOLs, contrary to increasing recognition by the Government of Canada as well as by the Government of Nunavut, as demonstrated by, among other things, the signing of the series of bilateral protocols between NTI and the Government of Nunavut since the creation of Nunavut, including the recent Partnership Declaration in March 2022;

AND WHEREAS despite the Members’ resolution at the 2021 Annual General Meeting condemning the Bill and the Inuit Organizations’ continuous efforts and desire to find a negotiated solution to the dispute, the Government of Nunavut has since brought the Bill into force;

AND WHEREAS NTI and the three Regional Inuit Associations were forced to file a lawsuit in August 2022 to challenge some aspects of Bill 55 in court, and will have no choice but to challenge all future property tax assessments that make Inuit pay property taxes arising from improvements owned by mining companies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members confirm their strongest objections to Bill 55, and demand that the portions of the Bill that Inuit oppose be amended immediately.

In Favour: All
Against:
Abstentions:

Carried:
Defeated:

Dated: October 20, 2022