



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 18-20, 2022

Resolution No. RSA-22-10-13

Extradition of Johannes Rivoire

Moved by: James Eetoolook

Seconded by: Clara Evalik

WHEREAS Inuit and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) have been calling for former Oblate priest Johannes Rivoire, who lived in Igloodik from 1960 to 1965, Naujaat from 1965 to 1974 and Arviat from 1974 to 1993, to face justice for his horrific abuse of Inuit children;

AND WHEREAS the abuse of Inuit children by Oblates, an order of Roman Catholics, is a significant root of trauma in Nunavut, and the absence of justice has deepened this trauma and prevented healing;

AND WHEREAS Inuit victims first reported to the RCMP sexual abuses by Johannes Rivoire in 1993, at which time he fled to France, and Rivoire was formally charged in Canada in 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Oblates of France have been harbouring and protecting Rivoire, a known sexual abuser, to this date;

AND WHEREAS in September 2022 a delegation of Inuit, including Inuit survivors, travelled to France to seek the extradition of Johannes Rivoire, and met with and read the Victim Impact Statement to Rivoire;

AND WHEREAS NTI and Inuit are also pursuing legal avenues in France to seek the extradition of Rivoire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call for continuous efforts by the Government of Canada to seek the extradition of Johannes Rivoire to face justice in Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Canada to conduct an inquiry on the history and role of sexual violence by religious institutions in the colonization of Nunavut Inuit, among other things:

- to determine the role the Government of Canada and its institutions played in addressing or failing to address crimes against Inuit children by priests and missionaries in a timely manner, or at all;
- to determine the extent of the harm to Nunavut Inuit by priests and missionaries, and the intergenerational harm caused; and
- to make recommendations on how to assist in the healing needed for Inuit victims;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Oblates of France to immediately stop harbouring, protecting and otherwise aiding known sexual abusers of children like Johannes Rivoire;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate to make information and records available to potential victims, and to assist the victims on their journey for justice and healing.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:

Defeated:

Dated: October 20, 2022