

requirements for applicants to provide written documentation to verify their claims in certain situations.

The rarity of false identity claims can be attributed to the close-knit nature of Inuit communities. Inuit are not only known by name but by shared experiences, family bonds, and community ties. This deep familiarity within the community serves as a safeguard against attempts to falsely claim Inuit identity. The connection to Nunavut and the land is further strengthened by the concept of “associated community” in Article 35 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, which requires an applicant to apply for enrolment through the traditional community of their parents and grandparents.

“A family’s privacy, peace, and dignity has been affected because of the actions of these three women,” said President Kotierk. “The two daughters benefitted from their mother’s fraud scheme, and yet their role in the scheme will go unanswered. This is not acceptable.”

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