



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

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Resolution #: RSA-25-10-16

Improving Healthcare Services

Moved by: Natasha Lear
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WHEREAS healthcare in Canada is a universal, tax-funded system that provides Canadians with public health insurance for medically necessary healthcare services;

AND WHEREAS there is only one hospital in Nunavut located in Iqaluit, with all other communities being serviced by health centres;

AND WHEREAS many of those health centres also experience frequent temporary closures, due to shortages of nurses and other healthcare professionals, that can last for weeks at a time, with only emergency services being provided during these closures;

AND WHEREAS there is a heavy reliance on southern Canadian medical services, and use of medevac to transport Inuit to southern hubs such as Yellowknife, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Ottawa, to receive medical services, often resulting in Inuit not receiving timely medical treatment, and patients and their escorts being forced to be away from their home communities, their work and families for extended periods of time;

AND WHEREAS healthcare is a basic right of Nunavut Inuit as Canadians, and Inuit have a right to be served in their own language as required by the *Inuit Language Protection Act* as well as for accurate diagnosis and proper treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to increase funding to healthcare services in Nunavut to adequately support medical professionals in all Nunavut communities, to hire more nurses and other healthcare professionals and to retain them in Nunavut, for the purpose of ensuring that health centres remain open without closures;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to establish and maintain a hospital in each regional centre in Nunavut so that Inuit may receive as much medical services as possible in Nunavut;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut to review their Inuit Employment Plans in the health sector to increase the number of Inuit healthcare professionals as an effective and necessary means to reduce staff shortage and to deliver culturally appropriate services to Inuit by Inuit in our own language.

In Favour: All
Against:
Abstentions:

Carried: ☒
Defeated: ☐

Dated: October 23, 2025