



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

October 21-23, 2025

Resolution No. RSA-25-10-19

Beer and Wine Stores
(Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet)

Moved by: Kono Tattuinee

Seconded by: James Eetoolook

WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut opened the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store in 2020 (initially in 2017 on a pilot basis) and the Rankin Inlet Beer and Wine store in 2021, with a goal to provide controlled access to alcohol to reduce consumption of hard liquor and lessen the harms of unregulated and illicit supply;

AND WHEREAS since the opening of the stores, both communities have experienced a sharp rise in alcohol-related incidents including public intoxication, family distress, violence, mental health issues and police involvement;

AND WHEREAS many residents and local leaders have acknowledged that the stores were opened without sufficient mental health, addictions, or treatment services to manage the negative social impacts;

AND WHEREAS there have been growing public calls for the Government of Nunavut to reduce store hours, limit purchases, or to close the stores entirely until proper support systems are in place to protect community well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut to conduct a review of the impacts of the beer and wine stores to date, and to hold a plebiscite to decide whether the stores should be closed or remain open, until there are suitable treatment, counsellors and mental health resources to the communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut to implement a new process for controlled access to alcohol with an aim to further reduce consumption including closing the beer and wine stores in Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet where needed (recognizing the impacts of such a closure to Inuit employed at each store), based on the outcome of the plebiscite in each respective community, until there are suitable treatment, counsellors and mental health resources within the communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut to prioritize sufficient and effective prevention, treatment and support programs related to alcohol use in the communities.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: ☒
Defeated: ☐

Dated: October 23, 2025