



Tabling of Documents

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Gjoa Haven

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*Resolutions from the 2016
Annual General Meeting of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I had the honour of joining with colleagues from Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay and Netsilik on the occasion of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association's recent annual general meeting, which was held earlier this month. I am pleased to table today the resolutions that were adopted at the meeting, which I encourage all Members to review with care.

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SUPPORT FOR THE GRAYS BAY PORT AND ROAD PROJECT

Whereas, Nunavut Resources Corporation (NRC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA), has identified the *Grays Bay Road & Port Project* as a transformative infrastructure project of national significance, and;

Whereas the *Grays Bay Road & Port Project* will help to define economic development in the Kitikmeot region throughout the 21st century by creating a transportation backbone that improves the quality of life in Kitikmeot communities and helps overcome barriers to regional growth, and;

Whereas, as part of NRC's efforts, the KIA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Nunavut on July 10th, 2016 to jointly advance the Grays Bay Road & Port Project with the intention of KIA becoming the owner of this publicly-accessible infrastructure, and;

Whereas, the KIA President and NRC's Chair provided a detailed presentation on the Grays Bay Road and Port Project to a duly constituted KIA Annual General Meeting in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut on October 6, 2016.

Therefore, it be resolved; that the KIA AGM Assembly, representing the Inuit of all five Kitikmeot communities, recognizes and favourably views the significant potential benefits that the Grays Bay Road and Port Project could provide to the Kitikmeot region and to Kitikmeot Inuit. As such, the KIA AGM Assembly affirms its support for KIA's continued involvement as a joint proponent of the project, in partnership with the Government of Nunavut. The KIA AGM Assembly directs the KIA to continue to advance the initiative at all available levels in a manner that is consistent with the KIA's mandate, values and vision. The KIA AGM Assembly specifically directs KIA to effectively engage the KIA membership, and other key stakeholders, in order to build awareness and support for this important project.

Moved By: Tars Angutingunirk

Seconded By: Jeannie Ugyuk

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM 15/16

Mult Year Funding Resolution

Whereas; at a duly constituted KIA Annual General Meeting in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut on October 4, 5 & 6, 2016, and;

Whereas; the KIA AGM discussed the need for Multi-Year Funding for projects rather than the annual funding schedule cycle that is currently being used by Government departments today, and

Whereas; development consultation and reporting of proposals take up a large majority of KIA staff's time on an annual basis.

Therefore, be it resolved; that KIA lobby Federal and Territorial Governments to redevelop their guidelines to allow for Multi-year funding for KIA Programs and Initiatives.

Moved By: Lucy Taipana

Seconded By: Bessie Sitatak

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM 16/16

Air Services in the Kitikmeot Region

WHEREAS, CANADIAN NORTH VICE PRESIDENT OF SCHEDULED SERVICES, Lorraine Bonner PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATION AT A DULY CONSTITUTED KIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE BAY, NUNAVUT OCTOBER 4th, 5th & 6th 2016, AND

WHEREAS, DELEGATES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS WITH RELATION TO FLIGHT SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE IN THE KITIKMEOT,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; KIA will organize a regional meeting between Airlines and Regional Stakeholders to lobby the airlines to improve air services in the Kitikmeot Region

Moved By: Charlie Lyall

Seconded By: Darlene Elias

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM 17/16

WOMENS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; THE WOMEN'S DELEGATION MET AT A DULY CONSTITUTED Kitikmeot Inuit Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE BAY, NUNAVUT, OCTOBER 4, 5 & 6, 2016 TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS; THE WOMEN PRESENTED THEIR REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

1. Develop a plan for Board Training for Local Women's Groups
2. Seek potential Partners/Funders for Women's Administrative Support
3. Ensure Women's Groups are engaged in new Harvester's Support Program
4. Explore Opportunities to offer Educational Awareness programs
 - a. Example: Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Elder Abuse, Financial Abuse
5. Support for Women & Girls facing Violence to Build Healthy Relationships
6. Explore feasibility to establish Men's Shelter's in the Kitikmeot starting with Men's Support Programming
7. Ensure that Funders understand that Traditional Sewing Skill Revitalization programs are of High Priority to Continue in the Kitikmeot
8. *Strengthen the connection between Kitikmeot Women's Groups and Qullit Nunavut Status of Women's Council*
9. *Invite Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Kitikmeot Board Member, Executive Director & Minister to 2017 KIA AGM*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT KIA CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BY LOBBYING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND KIA SEEK LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM EACH RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY; AND DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY KIA, AND WHERE APPLICABLE, SEEK FUNDING WHERE APPROPRIATE,

Moved By: Jimmy Haniliak Sr.

Seconded By: Jeannie Ugyuk

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM: 18/16

Youth Resolution

WHEREAS, THE YOUTH DELEGATION MET AT A DULY CONSTITUTED Kitikmeot Inuit Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU OCTOBER 4 ,5 & 6 2016 TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES; AND;

WHEREAS, THE YOUTH PRESENTED THEIR REPORT TO THE KIA ASSEMBLY WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

1. Supporting & Exploring Development of Youth Centers in All Kitikmeot Communities while creating plans for each community to move forward
2. Apply for Funding from the Department of Culture & Heritage Youth Centre Funding
3. Exploring the Development of Youth "Safe houses"
4. Develop Inuit Youth Leadership Training specifically linked with Youth Society Development as an end goal
5. Continue to provide, develop and evolve Youth Language Learning Programs
6. Encourage and Develop Cultural activities such as Sewing, Tool making, Land Camps with Inuktut Immersion; in partnership with community groups
7. Promote Educational Opportunities such as FANS to Youth in the Kitikmeot
8. Develop Inuit Youth Specific programming to Educate and Discuss Healthy Relationships with Self and Others,
9. Connect Suicide Prevention Initiatives to Kitikmeot communities to provide support for families and communities dealing with the effects of suicide.
10. Plan a community Healing session for the Gjoa Haven Youth Centre Building potentially in Partnership with Embrace Life
11. Actively Lobby at all levels to support the search for a solution to the issue of suicide

Therefore, be it resolved; THAT KIA CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BY LOBBYING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND WHERE APPLICABLE, SEEK FUNDING WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY KIA

Moved By: Kitty Taipagak

Seconded By: Shannon Kayaitok

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM: 19/16

Search and Rescue

Whereas; the membership met at a duly constituted KIA Annual General Meeting in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut on October 4th, 5th& 6th, 2016 and,

Whereas; The KIA Annual General Assembly discussed Search and Rescue operations within the region, and

Whereas; there is a need to coordinate efforts to ensure all search and rescue units have the basic tools supplied to ensure safe operations while conducting searches.

Therefore, be it resolved; That KIA work with the Search and Rescue Societies and the local Hunters and Trapper Organizations to assist them in lobbying the Government of Nunavut to ensure they are equipped with the proper tools to do their jobs and that the Government notifies all units of the existing financial programs available to them.

Moved By: James Aiyout

Seconded By: Ben Putuguk

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM: 20/16

ELDERS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; THE ELDER'S DELEGATION MET AT A DULY CONSTITUTED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE BAY, NUNAVUT, OCTOBER 4th, 5th & 6th, 2016 TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS; THE ELDERS PRESENTED THEIR REPORT TO THE KIA DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

1. TO ENSURE ADEQUATE HOME CARE SERVICES IN ALL COMMUNITIES FOR ELDERS AND TO ENSURE THERE IS LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES IN EACH COMMUNITY FOR ELDERS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO LIVE ON THEIR OWN.
2. EXPLORE FUNDING OPPERTUNITIES FOR INFASTRUCTURE, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR ELDERS BUILDINGS IN THE KITIKMEOT
3. CONTINUE TO EVOLVE & ENHANCE COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS TARGETED AT INCREASING LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL USE AND RETENTION
4. THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE INTERPRETING SERVICES IN SERVICE AREAS SUCH AS AIRPORTS, HEALTH CENTRES, HOME CARE, HAMLETS, STORES SO ELDERS ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IN THEIR LANGUAGE
5. EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR SECURING SECRETARIAL & TRESURER SUPPORT FOR ELDERS COMMITTEES.
6. THE NEED FOR ACCESSIBLE & FLEXIBLE ELDERS TRANSPORTATION IN ALL KITIKMEOT COMMUNTIES THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERS PROGRAMMING
7. THE NEED TO ADDRESS & HOST DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON ELDER VERBAL, PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ABUSE THAT EXISTS IN OUR COMMUNTIES WITH FOLLOW UP SUPPORT WITH REGIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND REGIONAL SUPPORT.
8. WORK TOWARDS INCREASING BANKING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL KITIKMEOT COMMUNITIES AND LOBBY TO PROTECT ELDERS FINANCING NEEDS
9. CONNECT COMMUNITIES OF THE KITIKMEOT WITH NUNAVUT WIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLANNING AND REQUEST THAT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KIA TO PLAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES IN EACH COMMUNITY
10. DEVELOP SUPPORTS & DISCUSSIONS FOR ELDERS TO STRENGTHEN HOW THEY CAN PASS ON LANGUAGE IN CULTURAL PROGRAMMING
11. EXPLORE POTENTIAL LANGUAGE POLICIES FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMMING TO ENSURE THAT INUKTUN EXPOSURE IS INCREASING LANGUAGE USE
12. SUPPORT FOR EXPLORING BLOCK FUNDING OPTIONS FOR LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT KIA CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BY LOBBYING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND KIA SEEK LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM EACH RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY; AND DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY KIA, AND WHERE APPLICABLE, SEEK FUNDING WHERE APPROPRIATE,

Moved By: Simon Oleekatalik

Seconded By: Attima Hadlari

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM: 21/16

Suicide Prevention

Whereas; The Issue of Suicide in the Kitikmeot was brought forth as an urgent concern by delegates at a duly constituted KIA Annual General Meeting in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut on October 4, 5 & 6, 2016 and,

Whereas; The KIA Annual General Assembly reviewed and discussed the issue of Suicide which includes the following:

1. Connect with Existing programming from the Embrace Life Council and the need to connect directly with Inuit in the Kitikmeot
2. Plan in Partnership with existing Nunavut Bodies that have a Suicide Prevention Mandate in connection with the communities of the Kitikmeot
3. Ensure that the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategies and National Strategies create an action plan in partnership with the communities of the Kitikmeot
4. Lobby to ensure that Inuit Specific Suicide Prevention Councilors are included to support Inuit entering the Court Justice System

Therefore, be it resolved; THAT KIA CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BY LOBBYING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND KIA SEEK LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM EACH RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY; AND DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY KIA, AND WHERE APPLICABLE, SEEK FUNDING WHERE APPROPRIATE,

Moved By: Susie Kemaktun

Seconded By: Betty Ann Kadlun

Disposition:

Carried:

AGM: 22/16
