



NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Iqaluit, Nunavut

June 10 & 14, 2024

Resolution #: RSB-24-06-13

High Shipping Costs to Nunavut

Moved by: Kono Tattuinee

Seconded by: Paul Irngaut

WHEREAS there is no road connection between Nunavut communities and Southern Canada and it is prohibitively expensive to transport goods from Southern Canada to Nunavut and between Nunavut communities, resulting in the cost of everyday living, including the basic necessities, being prohibitively high in Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS the Nutrition North program is inadequate in that it does not cover non-food necessities and that a large portion of the government subsidy is pocketed by the retailers;

AND WHEREAS Inuit households increasingly rely on online retailers such as Amazon to supply daily necessities, and these retailers sometime provide cheaper prices for goods shipped to Nunavut despite not being recipients of Nutrition North subsidy;

AND WHEREAS at a meeting held in October 2023, NTI Members passed a resolution that, among other things, calling on the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to take immediate actions to combat the high cost of living in Nunavut, including, without limitation, increasing income support payments and providing more support to harvesters, and ensuring that Nutrition North subsidy is fully passed on to Inuit;

AND WHEREAS at a meeting held in May 2024, the Kivalliq Inuit Association Board of Directors passed resolutions urging the Government of Canada to change the Canada Post's costing regulations for Canadians living in air stage communities, and expressing support for Calm Air's pursuit to set up an Amazon Hub in Nunavut;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors calls on the Government of Canada to explore additional funding opportunities for Canada Post operations in Nunavut, to enable Canada Post to provide more equitable costing regulations for Nunavut communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors calls on Canada Post to work with airlines to improve costing regulations for Nunavut communities to reduce shipping costs for daily necessities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors supports initiatives to collaborate with online retailers, airlines and other stakeholders to reduce shipping costs to all Nunavut communities.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstention:

Carried:



Defeated:



Dated: June 14, 2024