



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Resolution #: RSA-24-10-13

Homelessness and Inadequate Housing

Moved by: Patrick Tagoona
Seconded by: Tars Angutingunirk

WHEREAS the colonial history and lived experience of Nunavut Inuit where Inuit were forced from the land and into settlements by the Government of Canada, based on certain promises and expectations, and coercive education policies;

AND WHEREAS there still remains a constant housing crisis consisting of homelessness, hidden homelessness, unsafe and inadequate conditions of houses, and lack of sufficient housing available persisting from the intergenerational effects of forced settlement living;

AND WHEREAS access to safe, adequate shelter affects every aspect of life, from positive health outcomes, both mental and physical, access to gainful employment to connection to culture and community;

AND WHEREAS Inuit in Nunavut are continuing to be displaced because they are removed from their home communities to access the right to adequate shelter because these facilities are not located locally;

AND WHEREAS the high cost of living continues to rise, further prohibiting proactive measures to expeditiously construct new and affordable housing units and shelters across Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS despite Inuit suffering from these issues, some government staff housing units remain vacant in many Nunavut communities, because of government policies prioritizing staff housing availability for employment positions targeting and recruiting non-Inuit to work in Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS although the Government of Canada and Government of Nunavut have made progress (including new funding allocations) towards addressing homelessness in recent years, the government efforts to date fall significantly short of combating homelessness for Inuit in Nunavut;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call upon the Government of Nunavut and Government of Canada to immediately and adequately fund housing in all sectors including supportive housing, affordable rentals, and ownership units in Nunavut to enable Inuit to meet their basic needs and human rights for safe, adequate and affordable housing.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: ☒
Defeated: ☐

Dated: October 24, 2024