



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Iqaluit, Nunavut

October 22-24, 2024

Resolution #: RSA-24-10-14

Firearms Licensing Process and Chief
Firearms Officer

Moved by: Sam Alagalak

Seconded by: Jeremy Tunraluk

WHEREAS Nunavut Inuit rely on firearms for harvesting and protection of life and property from wildlife;

AND WHEREAS the right for Inuit to harvest is protected in Section 35 of the Constitution and Section 5 of the *Nunavut Agreement*;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has imposed a requirement on Inuit to obtain a license to possess or purchase firearms and ammunition;

AND WHEREAS in 2003, NTI filed a lawsuit in the Nunavut Court of Justice to prevent the Government from enforcing the licensing requirements against Inuit and received an Interim Injunction against the government; however, all subsequent attempts for a negotiated solution have failed;

AND WHEREAS the process for obtaining a license to possess or purchase firearms and ammunition is difficult for many Inuit, especially unilingual Inuit and Elders, and the required safety courses are not regularly available in many communities and/or not offered in Inuktitut;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Firearms Officer responsible for Nunavut is located outside of Nunavut and is challenging for Inuit to communicate with, and NTI has long advocated that the Chief Firearms Officer be located in Nunavut;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members call on the Government of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to work with Inuit

- to simplify the process for Inuit to obtain a Firearms Possession and Acquisition License in Nunavut;
- to make firearms safety courses readily available in Inuktitut in all Nunavut communities including training more Inuit in the communities to provide the courses; and
- to establish a Chief Firearms Officer permanently located in Nunavut.

In Favour: All

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried:



Defeated:



Dated: October 24, 2024