

# Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

## Annual General Meeting

**Date:** June 19, 2008  
**Location:** Cambridge Bay, Nunavut



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**Resolution #:** A08-06-09  
**Resolution Title:** Approval of FNIHB Trend Analysis

**Moved by:** Thomasie Alikatuktuk  
**Seconded by:** Jim Lyall

WHEREAS, there is a special relationship between the Crown in right of Canada and the Inuit of Canada (as manifested by 91.24 of *Constitution Act, 1867* section 35 of *Constitution Act, 1982* and the history of Arctic Canada, including land claims agreements, Inuit Partnership Accord),

WHEREAS, the Minister of Health in his 2008/09 Report on Plans and priorities identifies the vision of Health Canada is: “*Improving the lives of all Canadians and making this country's population among the healthiest in the world as measured by longevity, lifestyle and effective use of the public health care system.*” And also identifies that one of his Strategic priorities is “*Better Health Outcomes and Reduction of Health Inequalities between First Nations and Inuit and Other Canadians.*”

WHEREAS, Inuit have generally poor health status in regard to all Canadians;

WHEREAS, Inuit have been frustrated by their exclusion from Federal Government programs and services related to health;

WHEREAS, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami has undertaken a trend analysis of some Health Canada First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) programming policies regarding Inuit, and has found that FNIHB programming policies are inconsistent in regard to Inuit inclusion.

WHEREAS, all Inuit have the right to access Aboriginal-specific health programs and services, and that right was not exhausted or reduced by signing of Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements.

WHEREAS, ITK has previously discussed this issue and proposed advocating for Inuit specific health policy in July 2006, but there has been no willingness by the Federal Government to discuss this option.

WHEREAS, a private member's bill requiring the Canadian government to "fulfill its obligations under the Kelowna Accord," easily passed in the House of Commons by a 176-126 vote on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and the content of the Kelowna Accord was supported by Inuit nationally and regionally in 2004

The Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Annual General Meeting resolves that:

The ITK President meet with the Federal Minister of Health and call on the Federal government to ensure that programs are accessible to Inuit in a manner that is at least consistent with what is currently provided to First Nations; and

That the federal government, in consultation with Inuit, develops and passes an Inuit Health Act, or a similar process to ensure Inuit are included fairly in Aboriginal-specific health programs and services.

***Carried Unanimously.***

**In Favor:**

**Against:**

**Abstentions:**

**Carried:** X

**Defeated:**