

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Board of Directors Meeting



Date: February 18, 2008

Location: Toronto, Ontario

Resolution #: B12-06-03
Resolution Title: Approval of Urban Inuit

Moved by: Pita Aatami
Seconded by: James Eetoolook

WHEREAS Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) serves as the national political body representing all Inuit of Canada; and

WHEREAS the urban Inuit population is growing rapidly as Inuit relocate to southern Canada for education, employment, health, and social services; and

WHEREAS the programs and services for these Inuit should better reflect the social and cultural realities and needs of Inuit; and

WHEREAS the 2006 Inuit Action Plan prepared and approved by ITK calls for:

- Data and resource research including numbers of Inuit in different urban centre's, types of programs and services they are accessing, types of program and services they could access; and
- Development of urban Inuit centre's to enhance and improve access to programs and services for Inuit; and
- Recognition of the unique needs of the Inuit population living outside Inuit Nunaat by developing and promoting the protection and enhancement of Inuit language and culture in these communities; and

WHEREAS TI has demonstrated its commitment to the pursuit of these goals and its commitment to the provision of program and services for the urban Inuit of Canada; and

THEREFORE, ITK recognizes and supports the Board of TI to undertake research and planning leading to the adoption of a broader role in program and service delivery for urban Inuit of Canada consistent with the goals of the 2006 Inuit Action Plan, and with respect to Inuit Land Claim Agreements.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that TI is directed to report back on the outcomes of the above research and planning to the ITK BOD within 6 months (August 2008).

In Favor:

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated: