

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Board of Directors Meeting



Date: March 12, 2015

Location: Ottawa, Ontario

Resolution #: B15-03-06

Resolution Title: Approval of Inuit Statement of Reconciliation

Moved by: Nellie Cournoyea

Seconded by: Sarah Leo

WHEREAS many Inuit continue to recover from the intergenerational impacts of the residential school system in Canada;

WHEREAS healing is a journey, not a destination, which involves all parties;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada issued an “Apology to the Victims of Residential Schools” (Apology) in 2008;

WHEREAS since the Apology, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has worked towards reconciliation between Aboriginal Peoples and Canadians;

WHEREAS Inuit participated in the TRC’s National Events held in the North and other parts of Canada;

WHEREAS Inuit wish to collectively communicate an “Inuit Statement of Reconciliation” (Statement) to Canadians and the global community as part of the healing and reconciliation process;

WHEREAS a draft Statement was circulated among the regional representatives who have been working on TRC-related matters and comments were received from some but not all of these representatives;

WHEREAS these comments have been incorporated into the latest version of the draft Statement, which is here attached;

WHEREAS it is underlined in the draft Statement that Canadian Inuit stand in solidarity with Inuit in Nunatsiavut who have been left out of the Settlement Agreement, at this time, simply because Newfoundland and Labrador joined Confederation after the residential schools in that region were established;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the attached “Inuit Statement of Reconciliation”, as amended, be adopted and communicated to the TRC and made public at the time of the TRC’s final events scheduled for June 2015 in Ottawa.

Carried Unanimously

In Favor:

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated: