

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Board of Directors Meeting



Date: August 14, 2018

Location: Inuvik, NWT

Resolution #: B18-08-10
Resolution Title: Formation of a Development Team on Written Inuktitut Standards to be followed by ITK

Moved by: Aluki Kotierk
Seconded by: Duane Smith

WHEREAS Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami’s National Strategy on Inuit Education states that: “Key to a new era in bilingual education is the ability to produce, publish and distribute common Inuit language materials. A standardized Inuit language writing system with common grammar, spelling and terminology, may facilitate the production of these materials”;

WHEREAS the Atausiq Inuktitut Titirauisq Task Group was formed to look at the feasibility of a unified writing system;

WHEREAS the Atausiq Inuktitut Titirauisq Task Group was not tasked specifically with deciding on a single standard spelling or on standard grammar;

WHEREAS the Atausiq Inuktitut Titirauisq Task Group have recommended a unified Inuktitut Qaliujaaqpait orthography but did not recommend a single standard spelling or standard grammar rules;

WHEREAS a single standard set of spelling and grammar rules – i.e., a national auxiliary written form of Inuktitut – would be required in order for Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami to publish and produce materials in a single version for use throughout Inuit Nunangat;

WHEREAS such a national auxiliary written form of Inuktitut should be based as much as possible on elements common to all dialects and should be based in a common orthography adopted in all the regions;

WHEREAS such a national auxiliary written form of Inuktitut should be based on careful consideration of spelling and grammar and on research and consultation that takes into account the needs of all regions and dialects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Atausiq Inuktut Titirausiq Development Team be tasked specifically with researching, developing and recommending standard Inuktut spelling and grammar rules for use in the production of common Inuktut materials by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, with the understanding that the Land Claim Organizations may also choose to adopt this national auxiliary written form for their own use;

AND THAT the Development Team include fair and equal expert representation from all four Inuit regions, with two members from each region, to be appointed by the regional land claims organization in consultation with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami;

AND THAT the Development Team include a non-voting member representing Urban Inuit through the Urban Advisory Committee being established by ITK', who will act as a liaison between the regions' voting members and those of their beneficiaries or shareholders who live in urban centres;

AND THAT the Development Team base its work on the unified Inuktut Qaliujaaqpait orthography recommended by the Atausiq Inuktut Titirausiq Task Group and on the other work done by the Atausiq Inuktut Titirausiq Task Group, making such revisions that shall be deemed appropriate;

AND THAT the Development Team be formed in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference (see Appendix);

AND THAT the Development Team shall report to the ITK Board of Directors on a biannual basis on its progress.

In Favor:

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated: