

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
Annual General Meeting



Date: September 28, 2023

Location: Nain, Nunatsiavut

Resolution #: A23-09-06
Resolution Title: Illegitimate Identity claims of ‘NunatuKavut Community Council’

Moved by: Andy Moorhouse
Seconded by: Johannes Lampe

WHEREAS there exists a group, formerly known as the Labrador Metis Association, which has renamed itself the ‘NunatuKavut Community Council’ (NCC);

WHEREAS section 35 of the Canadian Constitution states “the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed” and section 35(2) notes that “In this Act, aboriginal peoples of Canada include the Indian, Inuit and Metis peoples of Canada”,

WHEREAS, the NCC is currently lobbying the federal government and other institutions for access to Inuit-specific programs and services;

WHEREAS, the Nunatsiavut government has joined the Innu Nation’s court challenge of a 2019 *Memorandum of Understanding on Advancing Reconciliation*, which will be heard in Ottawa in early October 2023;

WHEREAS, the federal government’s unclear response to NCC’s advocacy has created confusion and undermines efforts to improve the social and economic conditions of Inuit both within and outside Inuit Nunangat;

WHEREAS, the ITK Board directed ITK to issue a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, sent on October 7, 2021, urging the government of Canada to exclude the NCC from accessing federal Inuit-specific policies, programs, and initiatives that are intended to benefit Inuit;

WHEREAS, ITK has also expressed that continued entertainment of NCC’s claims by the federal government could create an alarming and disturbing precedent, potentially enabling similar groups with fraudulent claims to emerge and seek recognition of rights based on unfounded and illegitimate assertions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NCC is not an Inuit collective, and its members are not capable of holding rights through section 35 of the Canadian Constitution and that they are not recognized as being Inuit by the members of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami;

In Favor: All
Against:
Abstentions:

Carried: X
Defeated: