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BAFFIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Baffin Regional Council

1. The assembly of all community councils of the Baffin Region shall be known as the "Baffin Regional Council."
2. The Baffin Regional Council shall represent all the communities situated within the area described as Baffin Region by the territorial administration.
3. Delegates to the Regional Council must consult with their respective communities and outpost camps and represent them at the Regional Council.

Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the Baffin Regional council shall be:

1. to act as a forum for the discussion of all matters of concern to the people of the Baffin Region and to improve communication among the communities.
2. to improve community services and government services to communities.
3. to assist communities to have an effective say in the overall development of the region.
4. to set priorities for government services and programs in response to the needs of the communities.
5. to negotiate with the Territorial Government during the preparation of budgets for communities and government departments in the Baffin Region and to assist the government in the allocation of capital funds to communities.
6. to be an agency to which the government could decentralize powers and responsibilities.
7. to make proposals for changes to government policies and to assist the government in developing new policies.
8. to make proposals for changes to territorial legislation and to assist in developing new legislation.
9. to co-operate with and be willing to assist other organizations whose aims and objectives are compatible with our own.

Structure

1. The members of the Baffin Regional Council will be the mayors or chairmen of the community councils. If the mayor or chairman of the council cannot attend, the deputy mayor or vice-chairman will do so. If neither can attend, the council will elect another of its members. The secretary-managers or settlement secretaries, or their assistants, will attend as assistants but may not vote.

2. Members of the Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T. representing constituencies which include communities in the Baffin Region and the President of B.R.I.A. and a representative of I.T.C. shall attend meetings of the Baffin Regional Council as resource persons and ex-officio non-voting members.

3. Representatives of government departments and other outside agencies and other organizations may be required to attend meetings of the Baffin Regional Council.

4. The Council will appoint a standing committee consisting of the Speaker as chairman and three executive members chosen from among the delegates, to deal with any matters affecting the council when it is not in session. The Executive Officer of the Council will act as secretary to this standing committee.

5. The terms of reference of the standing committee shall be determined by the council.

6. The Council shall appoint a permanent Executive Officer, to act as assistant to the Speaker, to organize sessions of the Council, to record minutes and to deal with correspondence.

7. At the end of each session, the Council shall appoint a person who is not a member of Council to be Speaker at the pleasure of the Council for a term of two years.

8. The Council may appoint committees whenever the members find it necessary to do so.

Procedure

1. The Baffin Regional Council shall meet at least twice a year. One meeting will be in September and one in March. Dates of meetings will be arranged so that they do not coincide with those of the Legislative Assembly. The date and place of the next meeting will be decided upon at the end of each Council session.

2. The Council may make rules for its own conduct at any time by resolution.

3. The constitution may be amended by a resolution of the Council passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

4. A quorum of Council shall consist of two-thirds of the members.

5. Only the members may make motions.

