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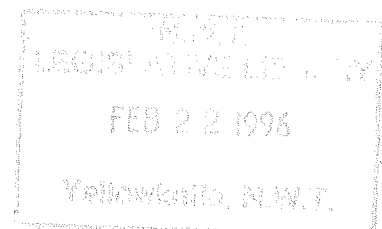
**BAFFIN LEADERS SUMMIT
IQALUIT, N.W.T.****JANUARY 12-13, 1996**

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MOTION # 1

WHEREAS the Minister of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Honourable Ron Irwin has not visited the Baffin region.

BE IT RESOLVED that Minister Ron Irwin be invited to visit the capital of Nunavut, Iqaluit for at least 2 days to discuss the historical events leading up to the December 11, 1995 plebiscite and to join in the March 15 & 16 Iqaluit Capital celebrations.

MOVED BY: Joe Kunuk**SECONDED BY: Ed Picco****In Favour: 22
Unanimous**

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MOTION # 2

WHEREAS weather has prevented the holding of this meeting in the planned location of Kimmirut

BE IT RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Baffin Leaders be held in Kimmirut after May 27, 1996, likely in the month of June.

MOVED BY: Goo Arlooktoo

SECONDED BY: Ed Picco

In Favour: 22

Unanimous

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MOTION # 3

WHEREAS The Government of Nunavut will be created by April 1, 1999, and;

and WHEREAS the recommendations of the Nunavut Implementation Commission contained in "Footprints in New Snow" have identified postions and locations for the proposed model of a decentralized Nunavut government;

and WHEREAS there is a need to reach consensus on the proposed government structure and decentralized model to allow for realistic and concrete planning and allocation of funds for the new Nunavut government;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Baffin Leaders Summit endorse in principle the decentralized government model proposed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission.

and FURTHER THAT the Government of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated be urged to accept the decentralized government model proposed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission.

MOVED BY: Gerry Ell

SECONDED BY: Levi Barnabas

In Favour: 22
Unanimous

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MOTION # 4

WHEREAS in the recent plebiscite on the Capital of Nunavut, many voters were informed of and supported the proposed model for government organization with Iqaluit as Capital developed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission (NIC);

and WHEREAS the Iqaluit as Capital government organization model developed by the NIC provides the most equitable distribution of new jobs in all Nunavut regions;

and WHEREAS on December 11, 1995 Iqaluit was chosen as the favoured Capital of Nunavut by sixty percent of voters in Nunavut;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Baffin Leaders strongly endorse in principle the decentralized Government organization model with Iqaluit as capital proposed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission, since it provides the most opportunities to create new local jobs in all of Nunavut, as a result of the implementation of Nunavut;

and FURTHER THAT the Baffin Leaders recommend that this decentralized government organization model be formally endorsed and recommended to the Government of Canada by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

MOVED BY: Joe Kunnuk

SECONDED BY: Ed Picco

In Favour: 22
Unanimous

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MOTION # 5

WHEREAS the question of the choice of Capital of Nunavut has been settled through a democratic process which resulted in an endorsement of Iqaluit as Capital of Nunavut by sixty percent of voters in Nunavut;

and WHEREAS Baffin Leaders have endorsed in principle a decentralized organizational model for Nunavut developed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission which provides the maximum number of new jobs in 11 large communities of Nunavut in the Baffin, Keewatin, and Kitikmeot regions;

and WHEREAS Baffin Leaders have also supported community transfer as another opportunity to create more new local job opportunities in communities of all sizes in Nunavut;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Baffin Leaders Summit pledge their full cooperation and good will towards the leaders and residents of the Kitikmeot and Keewatin communities to support the creation of the maximum number of new jobs in communities in those regions through a decentralized Nunavut Government and community transfers.

MOVED BY: Goo Arlooktoo

SECONDED BY: Joe Kunnuk

**In Favour: 22
Unanimous**

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MOTION # 6

WHEREAS The Baffin Leaders Summit has been in existence since late 1994;

and WHEREAS an ad hoc structure, rules and procedures have been developed for the Baffin Leaders Summit but not formally recognized;

and WHEREAS The Baffin Leaders Summit agrees that it would be desirable to consider options to formally recognize the Baffin Leaders Summit;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a working group be established by the Baffin Leaders Summit consisting of one Mayor, an MLA, a representative of BRIA, and the Regional Director;

and FURTHER THAT the working group be asked to consider and develop options for the next Baffin Leaders Summit to formally recognize the Baffin Leaders Summit.

MOVED BY: Joe Kunnuk

SECONDED BY: Aime Panimera

In Favour: 22
Unanimous

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MOTION # 7

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories is at present restructuring the operations of many departments, agencies and boards at the headquarters and regional level, including the consolidation of Health and Social Services, which has been implemented at the headquarters level but is only in the process of being implemented at the regional and community levels;

and WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories Community Transfer Initiative has until now allowed communities to negotiate the transfer of a government position, program or programs without the need to take on the responsibilities of an entire department;

and WHEREAS many Baffin communities participating in Community Transfer discussions have expressed a strong interest in taking on responsibilities for positions, a program or programs which are being restructured or for which restructuring plans are being considered, including the positions and programs in the former Department of Social Services;

and WHEREAS the Baffin Leaders Summit has expressed its strong desire to make dealing with social issues and Community Wellness a priority within their communities, due to the seriousness of social issues presently confronting communities in the region;

and WHEREAS a senior public servant in headquarters of the Government of the Northwest Territories has advised Baffin Mayors that community transfers should be delayed in their communities until the "full spectrum" of health and social services can be transferred at the community level in an integrated manner;

and WHEREAS many Baffin communities are eager to take on specific responsibilities for certain programs and positions in health and social areas in conjunction with the GNWT's Community Wellness program and in order to immediately acquire experience in delivering social programs;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Baffin Leaders' Summit strongly petition the Minister of Health and Social Services to allow communities interested in taking on responsibilities for positions, a program or programs to negotiate transfer of those positions or programs without the requirement that they take on the responsibilities of the entire department in their community.

MOVED BY: Jacopie Koksiak

SECONDED BY: Akalayok Qavavau

In Favour: 22
Unanimous

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MOTION # 8

WHEREAS in the Agreement signed March 31, 1988, which transferred responsibility for Health Services from the Government of Canada to the Government of the Northwest Territories, the federal government promised to provide its share of \$25 million for a new hospital in the Baffin region to be located in Iqaluit;

and WHEREAS it is urgent that construction of the new Baffin Regional Hospital be well advanced by the Government of the Northwest Territories prior to the implementation of Nunavut on April 1, 1999;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Baffin Leaders Summit move that the Government of Canada and our Member of Parliament, Mr. Jack Anawak, MP for Nunatsiak, work as expediently as possible to deliver on the 1988 commitment of the Government of Canada at the inflationary rate;

and FURTHER THAT our Member of Parliament, Mr. Jack Anawak, be requested to use his good offices to convene, as soon as possible, a meeting of himself, the Minister of Health and Social Services of the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Minister of Health and Welfare for the Government of Canada, and a representative of the Baffin Leaders' Summit, on the subject of expediting the construction of the new Baffin Regional Hospital.

MOVED BY: Paniloo Sangoya

SECONDED BY: Akalayok Qavavau

In Favour: 22
Unanimous

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MOTION # 9

WHEREAS The Government of the Northwest Territories must reduce spending due to increasing population, increasing demand on existing programs and significantly reduced revenues;

and WHEREAS circuit courts and youth and adult correctional facilities are very costly;

and WHEREAS in many communities elders, hunters and community leaders are willing and able to take responsibility for dealing with summary conviction and other minor offences and develop on-the-land programs for young offenders and first offenders as alternatives to jail and other expensive correctional facilities;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Justice for the Northwest Territories be strongly encouraged to support community justice initiatives and on-the-land programs as an alternative, in certain cases, to an expensive circuit court and imprisonment in expensive correctional facilities for youth and adults.

MOVED BY: Sam Omik

SECONDED BY: Manasa Evic

**In Favour: 22
Unanimous**

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MOTION # 10

WHEREAS Baffin Leaders are in full support of each community taking on the primary responsibility for developing their own solutions to social problems;

and WHEREAS communities are in need of support and development in order to achieve Community Wellness;

and WHEREAS funding is presently available through territorial and federal programs;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1.** Baffin Communities make it a priority to develop a community based plan and strategy towards achieving Community Wellness;
- 2.** A Community Development Training Program appropriate to northern communities be established and made available to all communities through the Nunavut Arctic College.

MOVED BY: Ann Meekitjuk Hanson

SECONDED BY: Gerry Ell

In Favour: 22
Unanimous

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MOTION # 11

WHEREAS the Baffin Leaders Summit have endorsed the principle of a decentralized government for the new Government of Nunavut;

and WHEREAS there is at present a shortage of housing and in particular a shortage of housing for government employees in most Baffin communities;

and WHEREAS the Nunavut Implementation Commission has recommended to the Government of the Northwest Territories that the GNWT should stop selling government staff houses in Nunavut;

and WHEREAS the sale of government staff housing is still continuing;

now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Baffin Leaders' Summit urge the GNWT to suspend further sales of GNWT staff houses in Baffin until a strategy has been put in place to provide for the anticipated staff housing requirements in Baffin Communities for the Government of Nunavut.

MOVED BY: Manasa Evic

SECONDED BY: Joe Curley

In Favour: 22

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

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MOTION # 12

WHEREAS there is concern with the scheduling of flights between Iqaluit and the High Arctic in terms of flights being inconvenient or not in accordance with the wishes of residents of the High Arctic;

and WHEREAS there is a need to adjust the scheduling of flights to the High Arctic and to address the concerns of residents;

now THEREFORE the Baffin Leaders Summit request that First Air meet with residents in the High Arctic to alleviate their concerns and adjust their flight schedules accordingly

MOVED BY: Levi Barnabas

SECONDED BY: George Ekuluk

In Favour: 22

Unanimous

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MOTION # 13

WHEREAS The Government of the Northwest Territories has announced reductions to the Public Service Career Training Program and has reduced funding available for other public service training;

and WHEREAS Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement calls for at least 50% Employment of Inuit by April 1, 1999 in the new Nunavut Government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baffin MLA's bring forward this concern and request that the Cabinet and Minister of Education, Culture and Employment reinstate a suitable level of funding to allow for the necessary public service training to take place to meet Article 23.

MOVED BY: Paul Amagoalik

SECONDED BY: Akalayok Qavavau

In Favour: 22

Unanimous

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MOTION # 14

WHEREAS many Nunavut Arctic College students experience long delays in receiving their Student Financial Assistance;

and WHEREAS this has been occurring for several years;

and WHEREAS this has forced some students to leave their college programs;

and WHEREAS these delays are caused by application, approval, processing and payment being located in various locations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baffin Leaders urge the The Minister of Education, Culture & Employment to decentralize full program authority for Student Financial Assistance for the Baffin region to the regional Education, Culture & Employment office in Iqaluit.

MOVED BY: Joe Kunuk

SECONDED BY: Ed Picco

In Favour: 22

Unanimous

