



N.W.T. Housing Corporation Rent Scale Changes

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Whereas the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation proposes to impliment changes to the rent scales for public housing; and

Whereas these changes will dramatically increase the assessed rents on high income households; and

Whereas in such cases people may be assessed higher rent yet reside in smaller houses than those living in government housing or HAP housing; and

Whereas this creates a situation where a class of people receive better housing at a substantially lower rental rate; and

Whreas no maximum limit will be placed on the amount of rent a household may be assessed; and

Whereas one of the objectives of the proposed rate cahnges is to encourage high income households to vacate public housing and enter into Home Owners Assistance Program (HAP) housing;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 urge the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to build into its rate system consideration for the type, size and condition of public housing for which the housholders are assessed rent; and

Further Be It Resolved that the NWT Housing Corporation place a maximum limit on public housing rents so as to provide rates comparable to what residents of government housing and HAP housing may pay; and

Further Be It Resolved that maximum income restrictions which currently exist in the HAP program be lifted to accommodate those high income households living in public housing wishing to enter the HAP program.

MOVED BY: Anthym Kadjuk

SECONDED BY: John Arnalukjuaq

Carried unanimously

Resolution # 2 - 89**Home Ownership Program**

Whereas the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation's Home ownership Program offers satisfactory support during the construction phase to those individuals engaged in the program; and

Whereas no such support is offered subsequent to the completion of the structure in regards to maintenance and upkeep;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 recommend to the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation that they establish a support program to assist HAP house owners on a long term basis subsequent to the completion of construction of their homes.

MOVED BY: John Kaunak

SECONDED BY: Annie Napayok

Carried unanimously

Resolution # 3 - 89**Court Interpreters**

Whereas judicial proceedings conducted in the Northwest Territories are done so in English only; and

Whereas many Inuit involved in such proceedings have no access to interpreters and often do not fully understand what is happening; and

Whereas the circuit court system which conducts such judicial proceedings has not seen fit to provide interpreting services; and

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories has successfully trained a number of its interpreters in the interpretation of legal terminology; and

Whereas such trained interpreters are available in the Keewatin Region;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 request the Department of Justice to direct its court parties travelling into the Keewatin to make ongoing use of the government's trained interpreters when conducting judicial hearings; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Government of the Northwest Territories endeavor to ensure that Inuit are no longer denied the right to proper interpretation during court sessions conducted within the Keewatin Region which would otherwise prevent them from fully understanding the proceedings in which they are involved.

MOVED BY: Raymond Ningeocheak

SECONDED BY: Anthym Kadjuk

Carried unanimously

Resolution # 4 - 89**Keewatin Inuit Development Corporation**

Whereas Inuit in the Keewatin have demonstrated their interest and desire to participate and fully involve themselves in the planning and development of Inuit economy including both renewable and non-renewable resources; and

Whereas Inuit owned development corporations have strengthened their communities economically and socially and enhanced their political position within the region;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 reaffirms its commitment to form an Inuit owned development corporation within the Keewatin Region and directs the immediate planning and implementation of the development corporation in anticipation of the imminent settlement of land claims; and

Further Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the K.I.A. direct the President of the K.I.A. to take all necessary action required to establish the development corporation including the consultation with other Inuit corporation, review of the by-laws of other Inuit corporations, seek out all available funding to facilitate feasibility studies which would assist in identifying potential ventures for the corporation.

MOVED BY: Anthym Kadjuk
SECONDED BY: Rosie Oolooyuk

Carried unanimously

Resolution #5 - 89**Land Claims**

Whereas the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut has been negotiating land claims on behalf of Inuit for a number of years; and

Whereas Inuit affected have been waiting patiently for positive results and are now becoming impatient; and

Whereas the land in areas of negotiation are being encroached upon by mining companies which may detract from the potential economic development resulting from a final land claims agreement;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 strongly urge that T.F.N. work diligently in meeting its deadlines for the successful completion of land claims;

Therefore Be It Resolved that T.F.N. take necessary action to strengthen Inuit negotiators and work more closely with establish local H.T.A.'s, Hamlet Councils during land identification and land selection stage in Keewatin Region.

MOVED BY: John Kaunak
SECONDED BY: Annie Tatty

Carried unanimously

Resolution # 6 - 89**Proposed Baker Lake Uranium Mine**

Whereas Urangesellschaft Canada Ltd. is proposing to establish an open pit uranium mine in the vicinity of Baker Lake; and

Whereas this mine will result in the wide spread exposure of radioactive contaminants; and

Whereas the Keewatin Regional Uranium Intervention Coordinating Committee has been established to intervene in the Federal Environmental Assessment Review of the proposed mine; and

Whereas the Inuit Circumpolar Conference passed a resolution in 1983 stating its position on radioactive materials as prohibiting the exploration and exploitation of Uranium and other materials related to the nuclear industry; and

Whereas the Keewatin Inuit Association has membership on this committee;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association, in recognition of the hazards posed by the radioactive contaminants which would result from the operation of this mine, vehemently opposes the establishment of this uranium mine.

MOVED BY: Anthym Kadjuk
SECONDED BY: Rosie Oolooyuk

Carried unanimously

Resolution #7 - 89**Federal Environmental Assessment Review Panel**

Whereas a Federal Environmental Assessment Review Panel has been established to assess the environmental and socio-economic impact of a uranium mine proposed by Urangesellschaft Canada Ltd. for the Baker Lake area; and

Whereas a number of Keewatin regional groups including the Keewatin Regional Council, the Keewatin Inuit Association, the Keewatin Wildlife Federation, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, the Keewatin Regional Health Board have formed a coalition to collectively intervene in the FEARO hearings centering on the proposed mine; and

Whereas the limited funding presently available to intervening groups is completely unsatisfactory;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 strongly endorses the position of the Keewatin Regional Uranium Intervention Coordinating Committee and appoints the K.I.A. President, Louis Pilakapsi, to represent the K.I.A. on this committee;

Further Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the K.I.A. strongly urges the Federal Government to dramatically increase funding available to intervening groups.

MOVED BY: Raymond Ningeocheak
SECONDED BY: Simeoni Netseck

Carried unanimously

Resolution #8 - 89

Arctic Marine Conservation Strategy

Whereas the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans proposes the implementation of an Arctic Marine Conservation Strategy; and

Whereas this strategy is being developed to monitor the populations of various marine mammals and the effects of industrial pollutants upon them; and

Whereas Inuit fully support such conservation endeavors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 fully support this strategy; and

Further Be It Resolved that the general meeting recommend full participation in the execution of this strategy; and

Further Be It Resolved that the annual general meeting request the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to pass on all reported data, compiled through the execution of the strategy, to Keewatin Inuit.

MOVED BY: Simeoni Netseck

SECONDED BY: John Annaluktuak
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Carried unanimously

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MOVED BY: Simeoni Netseck

SECONDED BY: John Arnalukjuak

Carried unanimously

Regional Firearms Safety Program

Whereas there is a growing number of firearms related accidents occurring in the Keewatin Region; and

Whereas the territorial Department of Renewable Resources, in recognition of this growing concern, is currently delivering a comprehensive firearms safety program for various age groups; and

Whereas the Keewatin Inuit Association appreciates that steps must be taken to address this concern;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 fully supports the endeavors of the Department of Renewable Resources in the delivery of its firearms safety program; and

Further Be It Resolved that the annual general meeting encourages Inuit involvement in the promotion of firearms safety where ever Inuit reside and hunting may take place.

MOVED BY: John Kaunak

SECONDED BY: Rosie Oolooyuk

Carried unanimously

Resolution #10 - 89**Bowhead Whaling**

Whereas Inuit of Keewatin Region have historic, traditional and aboriginal right to harvest bowhead whales for subsistence purposes; and

Whereas Inuit have been deprived of this tradition for a number of years because of international and federal regulations; and

Whereas Keewatin hunters have strongly urged their representatives including Keewatin Wildlife Federation, Keewatin Inuit Association and other Inuit organizations for support in obtaining a legal permit for hunting of bowhead whales;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 fully support the K.W.F.; their strategy; to negotiate with the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and to take any other action they feel necessary to allow Inuit of the Keewatin in receiving their tradition of hunting bowhead whales; and

Be It Further Resolved that this annual meeting urged the President of the K.I.A. and President of the K.W.F. to meet with the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to inform him of the Keewatin Inuit position regarding their stand to revive bowhead whaling for subsistence purposes as soon as possible.

MOVED BY: Annie Tatty
SECONDED: Tagak Curley

Carried unanimously

Keewatin Regional Health Board

Whereas the current structure located at 5 Eastgate Street in Winnipeg serves as a transient centre for Keewatin patients under medical treatment in Winnipeg; and

Whereas this structure no longer meets the requirements of the Keewatin patients who from time to time occupy it due to structural shortcomings; and

Whereas the KRHB has identified another structure which more adequately meets the needs of Keewatin patients; and

Whereas the Government of the NWT is causing delays in the acquisition of this particular building;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 supports the KRHB in its endeavors to acquire this building and urges the Territorial Government to accommodate this acquisition as quickly as possible.

**MOVED BY: John Kaunak
SECONDED BY: Jackie Nakoolak**

Carried unanimously

Resolution #12 - 89**Keewatin Regional Health Board Chairperson**

Whereas the Keewatin Regional Health Board was established with the Government of the N.W.T.'s Regional Director serving as chairperson of the board; and

Whereas this arrangement was initially established with the intention of being a short term arrangement designed to serve the board in its initial period of operation; and

Whereas this arrangement is no longer deemed necessary; and

Whereas other board members are in a better position to preside over the board in consideration of cultural factors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 urges the Territorial Minister of Health to appoint another KRHB member to the position of chairperson to satisfy the cultural considerations of the Keewatin and to terminate the present reliance of the board upon the government.

MOVED BY: Jackie Nakoolak
SECONDED BY: Annie Napayok

Carried unanimously

Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

Whereas the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Mr. John H. Parker, has announced his plan to resign and retire from his office; and

Whereas Commissioner John Parker has served the N.W.T. and residents of the N.W.T. with honour, dedication and commitment to every segment of the society for many years; and

Whereas Commissioner John Parker and his wife Mrs. Helen Parker have received affection and complete confidence from the people of the N.W.T, including Inuit people and others from the Keewatin Region;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 acknowledge the hard work and dedication and compassion Mr. John H. Parker and Mrs. Helen Parker have shown during their official service to all people of the N.W.T.; and

Be It Further Resolved that K.I.A. and its members express sincere appreciation to Mr. John H. Parker and Mrs. Helen Parker for the successful public service both have given to people of the N.W.T and this message be communicated by the office of the President of the K.I.A. in a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Inuit of the Keewatin Region.

**MOVED BY: Simeoni Natseck
SECONDED BY: Anthym Kadjuk**

Carried unanimously

Resolution #15 - 89**Presidents' Mandate**

Whereas Keewatin Inuit Association was formed to represent, protect, and promotes Inuit Culture and values amongst Inuit Communities; and

Whereas Inuit people of Keewatin particularly the young generation now live in a complex society very different from their ancestors and parents; and

Whereas the newly elected President has committed this office to promote more cultural related projects and to encourage respect for moral principals and to take all necessary leadership to address complex and special problems facing Inuit society; and

Whereas Keewatin Inuit Association, the board of director and the President will require additional resources including financial and personnel to better represent Inuit people of Keewatin region;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 fully support President of Keewatin Inuit Association to take necessary steps including review of Administration, Finance, Personnel and Programmes and to hire additional staff if require; and

Further be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the K.I.A. that the President of Keewatin Inuit Association establish goals for current and future years and this be recommended to the board of directors at their next meeting for consideration.

**MOVED BY: Rosie Oolooyuk
SECONDED BY: Anthym Kadjuk**

Carried unanimously

Resolution #16 - 89**Sincere Appreciation**

Whereas Keewatin Inuit Association and delegates from Keewatin Communities received warm and generous hospitality from people of Coral Harbour; and

Whereas all delegates were provided with opportunity to take part in local old timers hockey games and plenty of food;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that this Annual General Meeting of the Keewatin Inuit Association held in Coral Harbour on February 9 - 15, 1989 and delegates express their sincere appreciation to the people and the Mayor of Coral Harbour for warm hospitality and generosity received during our stay.

MOVED BY: Tagak Curley

SECONDED BY: Michael Amarook

Carried unanimously