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**MOTION # 1**

**TOPIC: Community Economic Plans**

**WHEREAS** there are significant renewable, non-renewable, human and cultural resources in the Baffin Region;

**AND WHEREAS** every community in the Baffin Region has unique economic potential;

**AND WHEREAS** Baffin Leaders fully support the development of the economic potential of each community in the region as a priority, in order to create opportunities for new jobs and businesses;

**AND WHEREAS**, current government initiatives such as Community Wellness and Community Empowerment are encouraging Baffin communities to take more responsibility over their own affairs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Community Initiatives Fund of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism is available to assist communities to take more responsibility over their own community economic plan

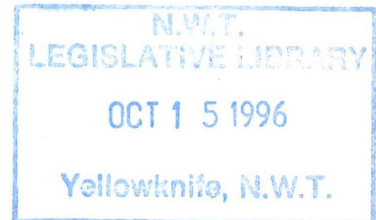
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit declares its agreement that the next step in maximizing the economic potential of the Baffin Region is to make it a priority to develop, in each Baffin community, community economic plans;

**AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** when the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada establish capital priorities, they should take into full account each community's economic development plan and infrastructure required for that plan.

**MOVED BY: Paniloo Sangoya**

**SECOND BY: George Eckalook**

**IN FAVOUR: 21 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED**



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**MOTION # 2**

**TOPIC: Support For Tourism in Baffin**

*WHEREAS* tourism is recognized as providing a prime opportunity in the Baffin Region, considering the abundant natural features and resources of the region;

*AND WHEREAS* tourism is environmentally friendly and can assist in enhancing and preserving Inuit cultural resources;

*AND WHEREAS* tourism is still in early stages of development in the Baffin Region;

*AND WHEREAS* there are still other unique features to tourism in the Baffin Region which make it quite different from tourism development in the western part of the NWT: short operating seasons, different numbers and types of visitors, obligations of government under Article 8 of the Nunavut Final Agreement.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Baffin Leaders Summit declares its commitment to the development of all forms of tourism in the Baffin Region;

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Government of the Northwest Territories, as it considers departmental restructuring and options like privatization of parks, fully recognizes and take into account that tourism is only in its early developmental stages in the Baffin Region, and that residents of Baffin communities are anxious to have, through their government, maximum local decision making powers over decisions involving tourism and local lands and resources.

**MOVED BY: Manasa Evic**

**SECOND BY: Aime Panimera**

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**MOTION # 3**

**TOPIC: Developing the Marine Fishery in Baffin**

*WHEREAS* abundant marine fishery resources are in waters adjacent to the Baffin Region;

*AND WHEREAS* the development of the offshore fishery in the Baffin Region can benefit from and complement Inuit traditional skills and knowledge;

*AND WHEREAS* Inuit should have access to increased quotas of saltwater fish since their communities are adjacent to the resources according to the Nunavut Final Agreement;

*AND WHEREAS* progress has been made in recent years in training and employing more Baffin residents in the offshore fishery, and in allowing Baffin communities to participate in fishing ventures in Baffin waters;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Baffin Leaders' Summit declares to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans its strong support for an increased share of quotas for turbot in sub area O, for issuing a share of Atlantic groundfish licenses to Baffin commercial fishing proponents, and support for exploratory fishing allocations for turbot in area OA for Baffin license applications.

**MOVED BY: Jacopie Koksiak**

**SECOND BY: Blandina Tulugarjuk**

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**MOTION # 4**

**TOPIC: Baffin Commercial Fishery Strategy**

*WHEREAS* there are abundant supplies of Arctic Char in the Baffin Region, and there is a market for these fish in the north and beyond;

*AND WHEREAS* the Arctic char fishery is an important source of much needed employment and income for hunters, families and community enterprises, which takes full advantage of local knowledge and land skills of the Inuit;

*AND WHEREAS* recent developments such as new fish trap designs, radio transmitter tagging and tracking of char in winter, and innovations such as new icemaking techniques, are promising developments for the summer char fisheries;

*AND WHEREAS* fishermen in the Baffin region are not taking as many fish as are allowed for by commercial quotas set by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans;

*AND WHEREAS* the Northwest Territories Development Corporation can have a major influence on the development of the fishery in the Baffin Region. due to its ownership and control of the major processing facility in the region, as well as fishing enterprises;

*AND WHEREAS* Baffin Leaders have proclaimed their commitment to the development of the offshore fishery and community economic development plans as important economic priorities for the Baffin Region;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Baffin Leaders' Summit urges the major participants in marine and Arctic char fisheries development in the Baffin Region: governments, aboriginal organizations, and regulators, to work together and co-operate in the development of a Baffin Commercial Fishery Strategy, which should include a regional body to co-ordinate activities and planning related to the development of the fishery in the Baffin Region, taking into consideration each community's economic development plan;

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT*, following up on an earlier request, that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans again be invited to visit the Baffin Region.

**MOVED BY:** Manasa Evic

**SECOND BY:** James Qillaq

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**MOTION # 5**

**TOPIC: Development of the Seal Industry in Baffin**

*WHEREAS* Baffin Leaders are in full support of the development of the fur industry in the Baffin region, as a source of employment and income for all Baffin communities;

*WHEREAS* so far the value of fur harvested in the Baffin region represents only about one tenth of the value of furs harvested in the Northwest Territories each year, yet the Government of the Northwest Territories spends significant amounts of its budget on trap development and trapper training which largely takes place outside the Baffin region;

*WHEREAS* inclusion of seals in the GNWT fur incentive program, international marketing efforts, successful promotion of sealskin garments and high fashion designs based on Inuit traditional designs, the development of primary and secondary seal products and improved public support have resulted in a revival of the seal industry in the Baffin region, to the point where it now exceeds the value of all other furs harvested in the region;

*AND WHEREAS* harp seals exist in overabundance in Arctic waters yet they are presently an underutilized resources;

*AND WHEREAS* the Government of Canada provides direct subsidies to Newfoundland harvesters of seal for commercial processing in Newfoundland but does not provide similar subsidies in the Baffin region;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Baffin Leaders' Summit strongly urges the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada to provide more support for the development of the seal industry in the Baffin region, and in particular to support: 1) research into the development of new and alternate seal harvest techniques, such as nets; 2) research into new ways of handling and processing seal products; such as mechanized skin preparation; 3) research into development of marketable seal byproducts from meat and fat;

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**AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a fair share of monies presently allocated by the Government of the Northwest Territories areas such as trap development and trapper training, which are not relevant in the Baffin region, should be reallocated to development of the seal industry in the Baffin Region.

**AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Government of Canada be urged that subsidies provided by the Government of Canada to Newfoundland seal harvesters should also be provided to Inuit seal harvesters in the NWT.

**MOVED BY:       Joe Kunuk**

**SECOND BY:     Paniloo Sangoya**

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**MOTION # 6**

**TOPIC: Mineral Exploration and Development in Baffin**

*WHEREAS* the release of recent Baffin maps produced by the Geological Survey of Canada and heightened interest in mineral exploration indicates that the Baffin region may have significant mineral resource potential, but more detailed mapping and ground geological work is yet to be completed in the Baffin region;

*WHEREAS* two major producing mines are presently operating in the Baffin region, and Baffin leaders are concerned that more long term northern residents can and should be employed in those mines;

*AND WHEREAS* significant mineral exploration will take place this year in the Baffin region, particularly in south Baffin, which could represent new opportunities for employment for Baffin residents who know and respect the land, and also for people and businesses who wish to provide services, equipment, supplies, materials and accommodation and food to exploration companies;

*AND WHEREAS* mineral exploration and production could have a major impact on the economy of the entire Baffin region through employment, taxes and wealth generated by exploration and production;

*AND WHEREAS* a prospector training course is planned for the Baffin region for this year in only one community, although there is a need for prospector training in almost every Baffin community;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** Baffin Leaders' Summit:

1. encourage governments, communities and mineral exploration companies to make maximum efforts to provide encouragement and training, including prospector training, to allow northern residents full participation in mineral exploration;
2. encourages governments, communities and mining companies to make maximum efforts to improve participation rates for northern residents in existing mines, and fuller participation of northern residents in providing services and supplies for existing mines

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3. encourages environmentally sound mining activity which features employment of northern residents and patronage of northern businesses for supplies and services.

**AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Geological Survey of Canada be urged to complete ground geological mapping in the Baffin region and the National Topographic Survey be urged to complete 1:50000 scale topographic mapping so as to encourage additional exploration expenditures in the Baffin region.

**MOVED BY: Silas Attagutsiak**

**SECOND BY: Manasa Evic**

**IN FAVOUR: 19 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED**



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**MOTION # 7**

**TOPIC: Increasing Public Sector Employment Opportunities in Baffin Through Decentralization, Community Teleservice Centres, and Workplace Innovations**

**WHEREAS** the Baffin Leaders' Summit has already pledged its strong commitment to support and organization model for the Nunavut government which is decentralized to the maximum, so that new job opportunities flowing from the creation of the new Nunavut government will be distributed to other communities in the Baffin region in addition to the regional centres;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories has announced its Community Empowerment initiative, which is also designed for running their own affairs, projects and programs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Nunavut Implementation Commission has produced a proposal for community teleservice centres which could provide access to the information highway and flexible local work stations in each community;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories has taken the first step towards implementation of community teleservice centres by putting out a Request for Proposals for higher quality broadband widths in each NWT community;

**AND WHEREAS** changes in the definitions of jobs and the workplace which are being studied by the Nunavut Implementation Commission could provide opportunities for more people to work at the community level through job sharing, flexible hours, home work stations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit declares its commitment to creating new public sector job opportunities in all communities in the Baffin region through recognition, community empowerment, improved communications and new approaches to jobs and the workplace and in particular, the Baffin Leaders' Summit urges the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories to:

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Innovations**

1.    accept and implement the decentralized model for organization of the Nunavut government proposed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission;
2.    support increased broadband width and the necessary local facilities, in order to implement community teleservice centres as proposed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission;
3.    recognize a changing workplace and more flexible definition of jobs as a way to redistribute existing and new work opportunities to more people at the community level.

**MOVED BY:       Paniloo Sangoya**

**SECOND BY:      Joe Kunuk**

**IN FAVOUR:      16    AGAINST:    0    ABSTAIN:     2    CARRIED**

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**MOTION # 8**

**TOPIC: Regional Marketing Co-operative for Baffin Arts and Crafts**

*WHEREAS* the Baffin Leaders' Summit acknowledges that the growing arts and crafts industry is a very important source of income and worthwhile employment in the Baffin region;

*AND WHEREAS* the growing demand for soapstone carvings will require new quarrying sites to be identified in the future.

*AND WHEREAS* although there are a number of organizations which market Inuit art from the Baffin region, but these organizations only benefit certain artists with a direct relationship with the organization, with the result that many Inuit artists cannot market their art effectively;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the Baffin Leaders' Summit recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories, in co-operation with communities, artists, and government agencies, establish a marketing co-operative for the Baffin Region to assist in raising both the quality of arts and crafts product and the economic return to the artists.

**MOVED BY: Manasa Evic**

**SECOND BY: Ann Hanson**

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**MOTION # 9**

**TOPIC: Production of Arts and Crafts**

*WHEREAS* the production of arts and crafts is one of the largest industries in the Baffin Region employing Inuit in generating income in excess of eight million dollars annually;

*AND WHEREAS* the availability of raw materials is a contributing factor to the success of this industry;

*AND WHEREAS* the current quarry sites between Kimmirut and Kingait: Aberdeen Bay (Tatsitut) and Korak Inlet (Kangisukutaak) are becoming increasingly difficult to quarry in a safe and efficient manner due to accumulated rubble;

*AND WHEREAS* the Baffin Leaders' Summit places a high priority on ensuring the continued success of the arts industry in Baffin;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* every effort be made to conduct a site cleanup at Kangisukutaak during the summer season of 1996, and at other sites thereafter;

*AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the funds necessary to undertake adequate cleanup of these sites, be identified from existing financial resources in the GNWT Arts and Crafts sector, and any appropriate programs in the Federal Government, and should amount to a minimum of one per cent of the total value of annual arts and crafts purchases.

**MOVED BY: Jacopie Koksiak**

**SECOND BY: Sam Omik**

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**MOTION # 10**

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada are in a deficit fighting mode;

**AND WHEREAS** creative solutions to generate new investment opportunities need to be addressed now to work toward a self sustaining Nunavut;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit strike an Investment and Economic Strategy Committee to follow up on the economic resolutions from the Kimmirut meeting and report to the Baffin Leaders at their next meeting to present ideas and solutions for the Governments of the NWT and Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

**MOVED BY:** Manasa Evic

**SECOND BY:** Paniloo Sangoya

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**MOTION # 11**

**WHEREAS** the ice conditions and poor weather in the winter 1996 fishery in Pangnirtung resulted in major losses of fishing gear and equipment;

**AND WHEREAS** compensation allowed to Baffin fishermen under the current programs of the Department of Renewable Resources is not nearly adequate to replace lost gear, equipment and income;

**AND WHEREAS** more generous programs are available to fishermen in other parts of Canada, through the federal government, for losses of equipment, gear and income;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit urges the Minister of Renewable Resources of the Government of the NWT and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for Canada to co-operate to put in place an acceptable gear replacement and income loss program for the Northwest Territories which is comparable to what is available elsewhere in Canada.

**MOVED BY:** James Qillaq

**SECOND BY:** Manasa Evic

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**MOTION # 12**

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories is continuing to downsize and reduce jobs and positions in the Baffin Region;

**AND WHEREAS** the Baffin Leaders' Summit has continuously endorsed a government organization model allowing for regional administration jobs to be transferred to communities outside the capital as proposed by the Nunavut Implementation Commission model;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories has accepted the principle that the Nunavut Government should be decentralized to the maximum;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has stated that it has relied on the NIC government organization model in planning for the implementation of Nunavut;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit urge the Premier of the Northwest Territories, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Nunavut Implementation Commission to review the current downsizing and job reduction in the Baffin region to ensure that downsizing not prejudice or impede the relocation of jobs from the regional headquarters in Baffin as contemplated in the NIC government organization model.

**MOVED BY:** Joe Kunuk

**SECOND BY:** Sam Omik

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**MOTION # 13**

**TOPIC: Implementing Community Empowerment**

**WHEREAS** the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs presented a paper entitled "Implementing Community Empowerment" to the Baffin Leaders' Summit on June 21, 1996;

**WHEREAS** Baffin Leaders accepted the principle of community empowerment and agreed that there are powers now held by the GNWT which should be devolved to communities, provided it is done in an acceptable manner;

**AND WHEREAS** Baffin Leaders expressed certain strong concerns about unresolved issue concerning community empowerment;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit declare its support in principle for the implementation of community empowerment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** in the process of public consultation and redefining the community implementation strategy, the GNWT be encouraged to address, take into account and resolve the following issues:

1. there is a need for ongoing, not one time training;
2. the GNWT has obligations to fully consult with Nunavut Tunngavik according to Nunavut Final Agreement;
3. the need for simplification in the process and the form of community empowerment agreement;
4. administration person years must be transferred along with program funds;
5. the pace of community empowerment must be driven by the communities, consider the community's fiscal and administrative capacity;
6. transfer of program funds to communities must not replace certain regional fund program which provide the flexibility to allow region-wide initiatives to take plans;



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- 7.    community empowerment, including the capacity for Hamlets to borrow money should have the effect of creating a disincentive for local governments to move to tax based status.

**MOVED BY:      Joe Kunuk**

**SECOND BY:     Ann Hanson**

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**MOTION # 14**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada, through DIAND and Public Works Canada, has agreed with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) and the Inuit birthright corporations to build infrastructure for the future Government of Nunavut in various communities in Nunavut;

**AND WHEREAS** DIAND has proposed that Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Nunavut Inuit birthright corporations would own and manage the new Nunavut infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** the Inuit birthright corporations will contract the building of Nunavut infrastructure requirements according to principles agreed on between NTI and the federal government;

**AND WHEREAS** some established Inuit-owned businesses have raised serious concerns that this contracting process will allow the birthright corporations to create whole new firms that may receive infrastructure contracts in competition with already existing firms that qualify under Article 24 of the Nunavut Final Agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit calls upon the Government of Canada and the birthright corporations to:

- 1) ensure that existing Inuit-owned businesses according to Article 24 will be guaranteed the right to bid on Nunavut infrastructure contracts;
- 2) ensure that the tendering process will be open and accountable;
- 3) ensure that the tendering process will maximize benefits of the new infrastructure construction, including employment, purchasing and other benefits, to Nunavut residents and corporations.

**MOVED BY:** Aime Panimera

**SECOND BY:** Sam Omik

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**MOTION # 15**

**WHEREAS** the Baffin Regional Health Board is committed to the development of community based health strategies and programs.

**AND WHEREAS** Baffin communities are now developing community action plans to implement community wellness through local governments;

**AND WHEREAS** it is desirable that individual communities should take over control of local responsibilities for health programs from the Baffin Regional Hospital provided they are ready and able to do so;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Baffin Leaders' Summit strongly encourage all Baffin communities to proceed with future discussions to complete, at their own pace, further transfer of responsibilities for delivering community health programs for the Baffin Regional Health Board;

**MOVED BY:** Ann Hanson

**SECOND BY:** Aime Panimera

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**MOTION # 16**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Ken MacRury has served in the Baffin Region for the past twenty-five years as a dedicated teacher, development officer, superintendent, Assistant Regional Director and Regional Director;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. MacRury has been a valued advisor and supporter of many important and successful innovations and successes first initiated in the Baffin Region;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. MacRury's dedicated, loyal and long term public service has contributed significantly to the social and economic development of the Baffin region;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Baffin Leaders' Summit hereby expresses its deep thanks to Mr. Ken MacRury for his years of dedicated, effective service to the people and communities of the Baffin Region.

**MOVED BY:** Paniloo Sangoya

**SECOND BY:** Goo Arlooktoo

**IN FAVOUR:** 19    **AGAINST:** 0    **ABSTAIN:** 0    **CARRIED**