

Beaufort / Delta Leadership Conference
November 13 & 14, 1996
 Inuvik, NT



Resolution 01 / Nov 13 - Appointment of Chair

Appointment of Bob Simpson for Chair.

Moved by Nellie Cournoyea. Seconded by Morris Blake. All in favour.

Resolution 02 / Nov 13 - Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of agenda with the addition of:

1. Capital planning: school extensions
2. Inuvik Hospital: contracts for management of project construction and contracts for ongoing services

Moved by William Koe. Seconded by Nellie Cournoyea. All in favour.

Resolution 03 / Nov 13 - Hiring of Self Government Fieldworker Coordinators

Be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders support the hiring of two fieldworker coordinators along with community fieldworkers to seek feedback from the communities on the self-government negotiations to date.

Moved by Morris Blake. Seconded by William Koe. All in favour. One abstention.

Resolution 04 / Nov 14 - Community Empowerment

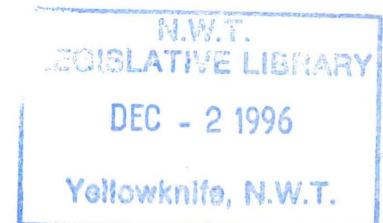
Whereas, the Beaufort/Delta Leadership Conference has recognized that the GNWT has initiated a process called Community Empowerment, and

Whereas, communities in the Beaufort/Delta over the past several years have initiated processes called Community Transfer Initiatives, and

Whereas, Community Empowerment is an extension of the Community Transfer Initiative process.

Therefore be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leadership Conference request their MLAs to support the implementation of the Community Empowerment program throughout the Beaufort/Delta communities.

Moved by Eddie Dillon. Seconded by Nellie Cournoyea. All in favour. One against.



Resolution 05 / Nov 14 - Inuvik - Tuktoyaktuk Highway Development

Whereas, the Beaufort/Delta Leadership Conference supports the development of the Inuvik - Tuktoyaktuk Highway over all other Northwest Territories Highways.

Moved by George Roach. Seconded by Eddie Dillon. All in favour.

Resolution 06 / Nov 14 - Replacement of Inuvik General Hospital

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed through the Health Transfer Agreement to the construction of a new hospital in Inuvik, and

Whereas the Health Transfer Agreement commits the GNWT to ensuring there is no reduction of health care services in the Inuvik region.

Whereas the GNWT may experience significant cash flow difficulty in meeting this obligation, and

Whereas the residents of the Beaufort/Delta communities would like to assist the GNWT in identifying an appropriate means whereby they would be able to meet their obligations within their fiscal abilities,

Be it resolved that the GNWT work with the residents of the Beaufort/Delta communities in identifying alternative funding arrangements for the construction of a new Inuvik General Hospital, and furthermore

Be it resolved that these alternative arrangements extend to the consideration of a joint GNWT / regionally financed facility that would be owned and maintained by regional interests and leased back to the GNWT, and furthermore

Be it resolved that the GNWT work with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the Gwich'in Tribal Council in identifying the appropriate regional interests to pursue this project.

Moved by Richard Nerysoo. Seconded by Frank Hansen. All in favour.

Resolution 07 / Nov 14 - New Aurora Campus Facility in Inuvik

Be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders support a speedy cabinet submission for the preferred option of building a new Aurora Campus facility in Inuvik and alternatively renovating Grollier Hall as a College Campus within the next fiscal year.

Moved by Nellie Cournoyea. Seconded by Charlie Furlong. All in favour.

Resolution 08 / Nov 14 - Base Funding Increase for the Aurora Campus in Inuvik

Be it resolved that Aurora College increase base funding for the Inuvik Campus to provide secure programs and alternative delivery of programs.

Moved by Charlie Furlong. Seconded by William Koe. All in favour.

Resolution 09 / Nov 14 - Regional Justice Conference

Be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders support the Inuvik Justice Committee to organize a Regional Justice Conference.

Moved by Charlie Furlong. Seconded by William Koe. All in favour.

Resolution 10 / Nov 14 - New Water Source for Fort McPherson

Be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders request that the GNWT find the necessary funds to provide a new water source for the community of Fort McPherson.

Moved by Phillip Blake. Seconded by Charlie Furlong. All in favour.

Resolution 11 / Nov 14 - GNWT Ministers Response to Beaufort/Delta Leaders' Conference

Whereas the Resolutions from the February 7 and 8, 1996 Beaufort/Delta Leaders Conference were forwarded to the appropriate GNWT Ministers for their consideration, and

Whereas, the Beaufort/Delta Leaders have not even received the courtesy of a response on the majority of their resolutions,

Therefore be it resolved that the collective leaders of the Beaufort/Delta communities advise the Premier of the GNWT of this lack of courtesy and response by some of his Cabinet colleagues, and in addition

Be it resolved that the Premier be requested to ensure that all resolutions forwarded by the Beaufort/Delta Leaders Conference to the members of his Cabinet be responded to in a thorough and timely manner.

Moved by Frank Hansen. Seconded by Charlie Furlong. All in favour.

Resolution 12 / Nov 14 - Cutbacks to Water Sewage Subsidies

Whereas, the main estimates of cutbacks to the water sewage subsidy through the whole Northwest Territories was presented at 5% to the Legislative Assembly, and

Whereas, the Regional MACA office has implemented changes to some settlements and hamlets up to 30% of their total water sewage subsidies,

Therefore be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders Conference requests from the GNWT information as to the rationalization behind cutting some communities subsidies up to 30%.

Moved by Lucy Kuptana. Seconded by William Nasogaluak. All in favour.

Resolution 13 / Nov 14 - Establishment of an Interim Regional Governing Council

Whereas the Inuvialuit and the Gwich'in, with the involvement and support of the Municipalities, have entered into agreement with the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories to develop a self-government agreement in principle for the Beaufort/Delta Region prior to May 1998, and

Whereas it is important that the leaders of the Beaufort/Delta communities prepare for the implementation of self-government in the Beaufort/Delta through the gradual acquisition of knowledge and experience relative to the management and control of existing regional GNWT programs and services,

Therefore be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta leaders establish a working group comprised of the Chairman of the Beaufort/Delta Leaders Conference, one Inuvialuit representative, one Gwich'in representative and one municipal representative to develop:

- a) draft terms of reference and a suggested schedule for the establishment of an Interim Regional Governing Council for the Beaufort/Delta region
- b) a listing of regional GNWT programs and services that might be considered for transfer under the authority of the Interim Regional Governing Council
- c) a draft schedule for the transfer of these programs and services, and furthermore

Be it resolved that the Working group present these drafts to the elected leaders of the Beaufort/Delta communities for their consideration at the next Beaufort/Delta Leaders Conference.

Moved by Nellie Cournoyea. Seconded by Phillip Blake. All in favour.

Resolution 14 / Nov 14 - Regional Five Year Capital Plan

Whereas the Beaufort/Delta Region supports the GNWT's Deficit Reduction Plan and to achieve a balanced budget by 1999; and

Whereas the Beaufort/Delta Region are witnessing and suffering an all time economic low because of government cut backs.

Therefore be it resolved that the GNWT enter into discussions with the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation to develop a protocol which outlines alternatives to stimulate the economy by creating projects and infrastructure;

Be it further resolved that the GNWT and the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation in consultation with the respective communities, develop a five year regional capital plan and to explore alternative resources to implement the regional plan in partnership with government.

Moved by Charlie Furlong. Seconded by Peter Esau. All in favour.

Resolution 15 / Nov 14 - Community Government

Whereas present legislation under municipal acts do not recognize Band Councils, Gwich'in Councils, Metis Locals and Inuvialuit Community Corporations as legitimate governing bodies.

Therefore be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders direct the GNWT to amend current legislation as soon as possible that recognizes the communities choice of existing government institutions or an entirely new community government structure developed by communities.

Moved by Charlie Furlong. Seconded by William Koe. All in favour.

Resolution 16 / Nov 14 - Aklavik Health Centre and Senior Citizens Home

Whereas the Aklavik Health Centre and Senior Citizens Home were identified in Aklavik's five year Capital Plan; and

Whereas the existing buildings in Aklavik are in need of replacement; and

Whereas the GNWT did not consult with Aklavik when it decided to defer the two projects beyond the five year Capital Plan.

Therefore be it resolved that the GNWT reconsider the deferment of the two projects and re-establish these projects in the five year Capital Plan;

Be it further resolved that the GNWT enter into discussions with Aklavik to develop alternative plans to ensure that the above two projects and other plans are not jeopardized because of GNWT's shortage of resources.

Moved by Charlie Furlong. Seconded by William Koe. All in favour.

Resolution 17 / Nov 14 - Fort McPherson Senior Citizens Home

Be it resolved that the Beaufort/Delta Leaders request that the GNWT reinstate the Fort McPherson Senior Citizens Home back into the capital budget.

Moved by William Koe. Seconded by Charlie Furlong. All in favour.

