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BEAUFORT DELTA LEADERS' CONFERENCE October 28-30,1997, INUVIK, NW

RESOLUTION #2 - Electoral Boundaries Commission

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Whereas: Division of the NWT will occur on April 1, 1999 and two new territories will be created; one for the east to be called Nunavut and one for the west with a name yet to be determined, and

Whereas: Nunavut will hold elections prior to April 1, 1999 and the current 14 western MLA's will carry out the mandate of the current government, and

Whereas: There is concern that aboriginal representation on the government of the new western territory will be greatly affected when elections are called after April 1, 1999:

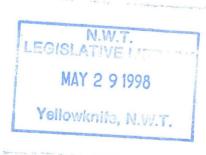
Therefore be it resolved that: The Beaufort/Delta leadership direct the Electoral Boundaries Commission to review the current western Constituencies, and furthermore

Be it also resolved that: Two new constituencies be recommended in the following communities: One for Aklavik because of its unique make-up of Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Metis and non aboriginal residents, and one for Tuktoyaktuk because of the future impact of development on that community, and furthermore

Be it also resolved that: The present constituencies of the Mackenzie Delta be made up of the communities of Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic and the present constituency of Nunakput be made up of the communities of Paulatuk, Holman and Sachs Harbour, and furthermore

Be it also resolved that: The current MLA's of the Mackenzie Delta and Nunakput be directed to lobby the Electoral Boundaries Commission to begin the process of creating the two new constituencies.

Moved by: Mayor Charlie Furlong Seconded by: Chairman Robert Kuptana All in Favour.



BEAUFORT DELTA LEADERS' CONFERENCE March 30 - 31, 1998, INUVIK, NWT

RESOLUTION #1 - Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Whereas: The leaders of the Beaufort/Delta communities, by way of motion #2 at their meeting of October 28 - 30, 1997, requested that an electoral Boundaries Commission create two new constituencies in a new Western Territory; one in Aklavik and one in Tuktoyaktuk, and

Whereas: The leaders of the Beaufort/Delta communities have yet to receive a full response to this request.

Therefore be it resolved that: The existing NWT Act sets the Legislative Assembly at 15 to 24 members and the present situation would result in only 14 members in a new Western Territory.

Therefore be it resolved that: The Beaufort/Delta leaders restate their position and request the establishment of an Electoral Boundaries Commission to address this issue as soon as possible.

Moved by: Mayor George Roach Seconded by: Mayor Eddie Dillon

Resolution Carried.