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**Kivalliq Mayors Meeting**  
**Naujaat, Nunavut**

The annual Kivalliq Mayors Forum was held in Naujaat, NU from September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 until September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Every community was represented by their Mayor or Deputy Mayor for two days of presentations and discussions by representatives from Government, Business, and Industry.

The first day of the agenda included Premier Joe Savikataaq, Minister David Akeeagok, Minister Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister David Joanasié, Minister Lorne Kusugak, KIA President David Ningeongan, CEO Arctic Cooperatives Rod Wilson, and Nick Thomas Manager of Community and Investor Relations North Arrow Minerals.

The second day of the agenda included MLA Patterk Netser, MLA Cathy Towtongie, President Calm Air Gary Bell, MP Hunter Tootoo, Minister George Hickes, President Nunavut Tunngavik Aluki Kotierk, Dr. Maria Bronson "Building Strength in Naujaat", and Co-Founder Growing North Ben Canning. The discussions were productive with several resolutions being adopted at the end of the session on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The community celebrated with two community feasts and square dances as well as a silent auction which raised \$1500.00 for two local charities.

This event would not have been successful without the support and participation of Calm Air, Naujaat COOP and North Arrow Minerals. Thank you also to the dedication and tireless hard work of the staff of the Hamlet of Naujaat.

Further media inquiries can be directed to Robert Hedley, SAO Hamlet of Naujaat.

Solomon Malliki  
Mayor  
Hamlet of Naujaat

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## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Mayor Simeonie Sammurtok

Seconded by: Mayor Stanley Adjuk

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 001-2018

Whereas:

- The seven (7) Kivalliq Hamlets are dependent on diesel power for heating and electricity; and
- The costs of diesel power far exceeds power rates south of the Kivalliq region; and
- The KIA "Scoping Study – Hydroelectric Power from Manitoba to the Kivalliq Region in Nunavut," (2015) found that the connection of the Kivalliq Region to the Manitoba Hydroelectric power grid would generate major benefits in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and diesel heating oil savings estimated at 40 million dollars yearly; and
- The Scoping Study found that the project would have large economic, social, and environmental impacts, which will directly benefit Kivalliq Hamlets, the Governments of Canada, and Nunavut through potentially reduced fuel costs and subsidy payments; and
- The diesel plants that the majority of the Kivalliq Hamlets depend on are old or above capacity and need to be replaced at great costs; and
- The use of optical power ground wire (OPGW) as part of the transmission line project would allow high speed fibre optic telecommunications benefitting residents, industry, and business; and
- (OPGW) is superior to the current proposed 5Mbps speed committed by the Federal Government; and
- The next stage of the hydroelectric transmission line project is a feasibility study.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mayors of the Kivalliq support the efforts of the Kivalliq Inuit Association to advance this project by requesting that the Federal Government support a proposal to obtain funding for the feasibility study and then have the study available to this body when it is completed.

Adopted September 13, 2018

## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Mayor Bob Leonard

Seconded by: Mayor Willie Nakoolak

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 002-2018

- Search and Rescue Funding

Whereas:

- The Kivalliq Communities are tasked with the responsibility of dealing with Search and Rescue
- As the Hamlets receive no funding for Search and Rescue operations
- Some communities raise funds for Search and Rescue and use these funds for searches; these funds are refundable however; it takes a significant period of time to receive this reimbursement

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mayors of the Kivalliq Region support the idea of adding to the core funding of the Hamlets who are responsible for Search and Rescue Operations or to the Search and Rescue Society in the form of a Contribution Agreement on an annual basis.

Adopted September 13, 2018

## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Mayor Simeonie Sammurtok

Seconded by: Mayor Stanley Adjuk

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 003-2018

- Elders Facility / Palliative Care

Whereas:

- Residents of the Kivalliq Region have a moral duty to the care and protection of our Elders; and
- That Elders are better off in their home communities or their home Region

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Kivalliq Mayors support immediate action on the construction of an Elders Care Facility in Rankin Inlet so we may support our elders with dignity surrounded by family and friends.

Adopted September 13, 2018

## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Mayor Stanley Adjuk

Seconded by: Mayor Simeonie Sammurtok

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 004-2018

- Regional Director - CGS

Whereas:

- In previous years Community and Government Services (CGS) used to employ a Regional Director
- The Mayors of the Kivalliq Region feel that there is a real disconnect between the Hamlets and CGS in the Kivalliq Region

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mayors of the Kivalliq Region request that the Minister of CGS re-instate the Regional Directors position and proceed to hire for that position as soon as possible.

Adopted September 13, 2018

## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Mayor Stanley Adjuk

Seconded by: Mayor Willie Nakoolak

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 005-2018

Whereas:

- The Kivalliq Mayors feel that the Nunavut Planning Commission is unable to provide a proper consultation process
- The Draft Land Use Plan does not provide for an acceptable land mass for development within the Kivalliq Region.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Kivalliq Mayors do not support the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Kivalliq Mayors will not support a Land Use Plan that does not provide for proper public consultations.

Adopted September 13, 2018

## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Karen Yip

Seconded by: Mayor Simeonie Sammurtok

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 006-2018

Whereas:

- The Kivalliq Mayors recognize the massive difference in the cost of living between Northern Communities and those living in Southern Canada
- Northern Communities do not have access to alternative forms of energy
- Any Carbon Tax would disproportionately affect Northern Communities

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Kivalliq Mayors ask the Government of Nunavut to lobby the Federal Government for exemptions to the carbon tax for airline fuel, diesel fuel used for electrical generation, diesel used for home heating, as well as gasoline, and naphtha.

Adopted September 13, 2018

## RESOLUTION

Moved by: Mayor Bob Leonard

Seconded by: Mayor Solomon Malliki

Motion Carried Unanimously

Resolution # 007-2018

Whereas:

- The Kivalliq Mayors understand the complex nature of establishing a governance structure for the Hudson Bay Regional Roundtable
- The Kivalliq Mayors would like to focus on specific issues particularly the road, power line, and fibre optic service
- The Kivalliq Mayors want to establish clear timelines for a lobbying strategy going forward as well as realistic expectations for establishment of such infrastructure linkages

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Kivalliq Mayors affirm their continued support for the Hudson Bay Regional Roundtable with the understanding that the focus must be on the three pillars (road, fibre, and power) between our two jurisdictions.

Adopted September 20, 2018