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Hon. John Main
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% Office of the Premier
Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
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March 4th, 2026

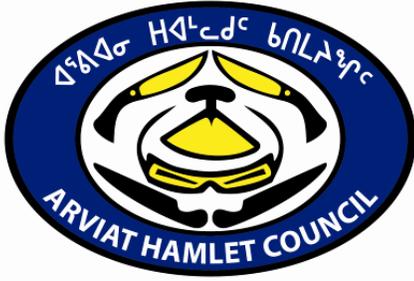
RE: Resolutions from 2025-26 Kivalliq Mayors Meeting

Dear Premier Main,

On behalf of all the Mayors, SAOs, and communities of the Kivalliq Region, I wish to offer our sincere thanks to you for taking the time to attend the **2025-2026 Kivalliq Mayors Regional Meeting**. I know that all of us greatly appreciated you taking the time to meet with us in person to discuss our concerns and priorities in the Kivalliq Region.

I'd also like to express our appreciation for all of the Government of Nunavut representatives who took the time to attend our meeting and have open and constructive discussions with us. Most GN departments were represented and everyone's participation was greatly appreciated.

As you know, each year the Mayors pass various resolutions to highlight their concerns and priorities for the year. This year there were five different resolutions passed. Many of these resolutions call on the Government of Nunavut to take action on various issues, and these resolutions are provided below. We are CC'ing the entire Government of Nunavut Cabinet on this letter, and trust that each Department and the GN as a whole will respond to our resolutions as appropriate.



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Thank you again for your time, and if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these resolutions further, we encourage you or any of your colleagues to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Joe Savikataaq Jr.
 Chair, 2025-26 Kivalliq Mayors Meeting
 Mayor, Hamlet of Arviat
 On behalf of the Mayors of the Kivalliq Region

CC: Kivalliq Mayors:

James Taipana, Mayor, Baker Lake
 Simonie Sammurtok, Mayor, Chesterfield Inlet
 Patterk Netser, Mayor, Coral Harbour

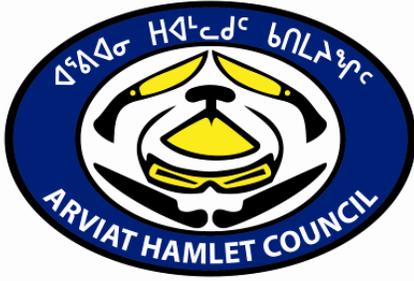
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Kevin Tegumiar, Mayor, Naujaat
 Harry Towtongie, Mayor, Rankin Inlet
 Oliver Shipton, Mayor, Whale Cove

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2025-26 Kivalliq Mayors Meeting

2026 Resolutions

Resolution #001

Department of Education Curriculum and Attendance rates in the Kivalliq Region.

Whereas: the mayors of the Kivalliq Region are not satisfied with the current curriculum and student attendance rates; and

Whereas: improved attendance is essential to student success and the long-term well-being of Kivalliq communities;

Therefore be it resolved: that the Mayors of the Kivalliq Region calls for the Department of Education, local District Authorities and School officials to work on the improvements to the attendance rates and increased parental engagement in supporting and encouraging their children's education, so that students may become active and contributing members of their communities.

Moved by: Mayor Oliver Shipton

Second by: Kevin Tegumiar

-Carried-



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Resolution #002

Resolution of support for the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Line

WHEREAS:

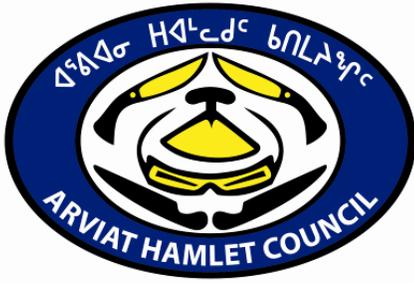
- The Kivalliq Hamlets are currently dependent on diesel fuel for heating and electricity; and
- The diesel plants that our communities rely upon are aging, operating at or near capacity, and will require replacement at significant cost; and
- The KHFL project will allow Kivalliq communities to shift away from diesel generation by connecting five communities and one mine to clean hydroelectric power; and
- The KHFL is an Inuit-led, nationally significant infrastructure project that is now in the **final year of development**, with engineering and procurement planned to follow; and
- Construction of the KHFL is planned to occur between **2028 and 2032**, bringing long-term benefits to the region; and
- The KHFL is approaching a major milestone with the upcoming launch of the regulatory licensing process through the Nunavut Planning Commission and Nunavut Impact Review Board; and
- All Hamlets and Hunter and Trapper Organizations have recently reaffirmed their support for the project and its proposed route; and
- The KHFL represents an opportunity for sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits for the Kivalliq Region, the Government of Nunavut, and Canada; and
- With this project, Nunavut will be able to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants while supporting cleaner, more reliable energy; and
- High-speed fibre-optic telecommunications will be integrated into the transmission corridor, improving connectivity for residents, businesses, and industry across the region; and
- The KHFL strengthens Canada’s Arctic sovereignty and long-term northern security by investing in critical infrastructure for the North.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mayors of the Kivalliq Region formally support Nukik Corporation’s continued work to complete development, advance regulatory processes, and secure the partnerships and financing required to move the KHFL into engineering, procurement, and licensing.

Moved by: Oliver Shipton

Second by: Simionie Sammurtok



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-Carried-

Resolution #003

Motion: Reaffirmation of a Medical Boarding Home in the Municipality of Rankin Inlet.

Whereas the Mayors of the Kivalliq Region have requested the reaffirmation of a medical boarding home in the Municipality of Rankin Inlet to accommodate medical clients from the Kivalliq communities;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mayors of the Kivalliq region supports and formally requests the reaffirmation of a medical boarding home in the Municipality of Rankin Inlet to meet the healthcare accommodation needs of medical clients throughout the Kivalliq Region.

Moved by: Kevin Tegumiar

Second by: Patterk Neter

-Carried-

Resolution #004

Motion: Reinstatement of the Hudson's Bay Roundtable

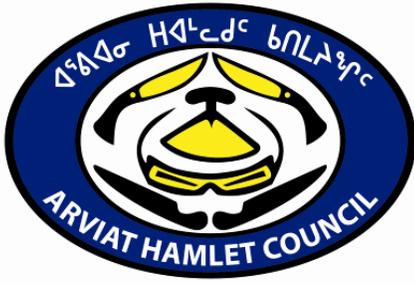
Whereas the Mayors of the Kivalliq Region have expressed a desire to reinstate the Hudson's Bay Roundtable;

Be it resolved that the Mayors of the Kivalliq region supports and requests the reinstatement of the Hudson's Bay Roundtable to promote collaboration and dialogue among regional leaders.

Moved by: Danny Kowmak

Second by: Simionie Summortok

-Carried-



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Resolution #005

Motion: Inuit Employment Priority in Devolution

Whereas the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut are undertaking the devolution of responsibilities to Nunavut;

Whereas Article 23 of the Nunavut Agreement affirms the objective of achieving a representative level of Inuit employment in the public service;

Whereas devolution will create new and expanded employment, training, and capacity-building opportunities;

Be it resolved that Inuit in the smaller communities shall be prioritized for all employment opportunities arising from the devolution process, in accordance with Article 23 of the Nunavut Agreement.

And further be it resolved that the Mayors of the Kivalliq region calls upon the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut to ensure that hiring, training, and advancement opportunities related to devolution meaningfully support Inuit in the smaller communities.

Moved by: Patterk Netser

Second by: Oliver Shipton

-Carried-
