

# Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** June 10, 2009  
**Location:** Nain, Nunatsiavut



**Moved by:** Robert Gruben  
**Seconded by:** George Berthe

WHEREAS the rising number of H1N1 is of serious concern to Inuit communities and regions,

AND WHEREAS it has been identified that the H1N1 flu virus is affecting Inuit communities in a more serious manner than the rest of Canada,

AND WHEREAS the health status of Inuit is lower than it is for other Canadians, and is impacted by social determinants of health such as poverty, food security and overcrowding and inadequate housing, and by the high rate of tobacco use,

AND WHEREAS Inuit are also faced with issues of living in remote communities with issues of access to healthcare, diagnostics, antiviral, and with limited capacities to deal with Pandemics because of Health Human Resource issues unique to the regions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Health Agency of Canada must work with Inuit to create an Inuit specific appendix to the Canadian Pandemic Plan, with clear outline of roles and responsibilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Surveillance and epidemiological support needs to be enhanced for Inuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal Government work with Inuit, to address the underlying causes or social determinants of health which make Inuit more vulnerable to the H1N1 and other viruses.

***Carried Unanimously***

**In Favor:**

**Against:**

**Abstentions:**

**Carried:**

**X**

**Defeated:**