

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Board of Directors Meeting



Date: November 28, 2022

Location: Montreal, QC

Resolution #: B22-11-05
Resolution Title: National Inuit Identification Card Committee
Moved by: Duane Smith
Seconded by: Aluki Kotierk

WHEREAS the Board affirms the right for Inuit to identify themselves is essential to Inuit self-determination;

AND WHEREAS the federal Government has committed in the *Inuit Nunangat Policy* to recognize and treat Inuit distinctly from other indigenous peoples:

- 1.1 Inuit are a distinct rights-holding Indigenous People with their own history, identity, culture (including language) and way of life. Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution identifies three distinct Indigenous Peoples – First Nations, Inuit and Métis – who have their own origins, identities and representation.

AND WHEREAS the ITK Board is committed to ensure Inuit are able to identify themselves both within Canada and abroad through a nationally recognized form of identification;

AND WHEREAS the ITK Board wishes to formally designate staff and resources to the pursuit of a nationally recognized form of identification for Inuit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Each of the four land claim members will respectively put forward a representative to form an ITK Board committee to be known as the National Inuit Identification Card Committee (the “Committee”);
2. The Committee will be chaired and lead by an ITK staff representative to be put forward by ITK’s Executive Department; and

3. The Committee and its Chair is first tasked by the Board to prepare a term of reference for the Board's consideration and approval, noting that generally the function of the Committee will be to engage with government to secure required project funding or legislative reform needed to advance a nationally recognized form of identification for Inuit.

In Favor:	All
Against:	
Abstentions:	

Carried:	X
Defeated:	