



# Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

November 27-30, 2007

Resolution # A07-11-05

Northern Residents Deduction

Moved by: Thomasie Alikatuktuk

Seconded by: David Matu

**WHEREAS** the Northern Residents Deduction was established in 1987;

**WHEREAS** the amount of the Northern Residents Deduction has not increased since 1987;

**WHEREAS** Statistics Canada data indicate an increase in the Consumer Price Index from 1987 to 2007 of approximately 63%;

**WHEREAS** the cost of living in Nunavut is estimated as being 75% higher than the Canadian Average;

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada in October announced personal, corporate and sales tax cuts, but has not adjusted the Northern Residents Deduction;

**WHEREAS** the Nunavut Economic Forum has prepared a discussion paper dealing with the Northern Residents Deduction;

**AND WHEREAS** the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated has reviewed the Nunavut Economic Forum's discussion paper and recommendations, and is substantially in agreement with it;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. NTI support the specific recommendations of the Nunavut Economic Forum, namely that:
  - a) The Northern Residents Deduction be increased based on the cumulative effects of inflation since 1987 and indexed going forward;
  - b) The Northern Residents Deduction be increased to more effectively address the high cost of living in Nunavut;
  - c) The Northern Residents Deduction be further enhanced for lower income earners who do not benefit from the travel deduction and to ensure eligibility for Federal Programs such as the GST Tax Credit, Child Tax Benefit and the Energy Cost Benefit;

- d) The Northern Residents Deduction be increased to achieve an equitable tax burden for northerners who receive enhanced wage and benefits packages necessary to off-set the high cost of living;
  - e) The Northern Residents Deduction be viewed as one of the tools available to help facilitate the development of Nunavut's labour force which will benefit the overall economy of the territory and Canada.
2. NTI formally communicate the need for changes, as outlined, to the Northern Residents Deduction to relevant departments and agencies of the Government of Canada, MPs and Senators, the Government of Nunavut, and others with an interest in this matter, and take such steps as may be required to secure such changes.

In Favour: 46  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Date: November 29, 2007

Carried: X  
Defeated: