

ARTICLE 25

RATIFICATION PROCEDURE

- 25.1 This Agreement shall be submitted for ratification by the parties as set out in this Article only after it has been initialled by Chief negotiators for Makivik and Government.
- 25.2 This Agreement shall be ratified by the Nunavik Inuit prior to ratification by Government.
- 25.3 Nunavik Inuit shall be considered to have ratified this Agreement when:
- (a) a majority of all eligible Nunavik Inuit voters by way of the Nunavik Inuit ratification vote approve this Agreement and authorize duly appointed officers of Makivik to sign this Agreement; and
 - (b) the duly appointed and authorized officers of Makivik sign this Agreement.
- 25.4 Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada shall be considered to have ratified this Agreement when:
- this Agreement is signed by a Minister of the Crown; and
- a statute ratifying this Agreement is enacted by Parliament and comes into force.
- 25.5 Upon initialling of the this Agreement, a Ratification Committee shall be established with responsibility to conduct the Nunavik Inuit ratification vote.
- 25.6 The Ratification Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals named by Makivik, one (1) individual named by the Minister of IAND and one (1) individual named by the Premier of Nunavut.
- 25.7 The Ratification Committee shall prepare a budget, subject to review and approval by the Minister of IAND, for its operation and the Nunavik Inuit ratification vote, including for greater certainty funding for the Voters List Committee. The approved budget shall be a charge on the Government of Canada.
- 25.8 There shall be created an Official Voters List that shall include the names of all eligible Nunavik Inuit voters. Eligible Nunavik Inuit voters are all living Nunavik Inuit who are eighteen (18) years of age or older on the last day of the ratification vote.
- 25.9 Makivik, as soon as reasonably possible after the establishment of the Ratification Committee, shall provide the Ratification Committee with a list of the names of all Nunavik Inuit. The list shall also include the birth dates of all Nunavik Inuit.

- 25.10 Not less than sixty (60) days, and not more than ninety (90) days, after the Ratification Committee receives the list referred to in section 25.9, the Ratification Committee shall make available a preliminary voters list for public review by posting a preliminary voters list in the Communities identified in Schedule 25-1 and by such other means as the Ratification Committee deems appropriate. The preliminary voters list shall be based on the list referred to in section 25.9, less those individuals under eighteen (18) years of age on the last day of the Nunavik Inuit ratification vote.
- 25.11 Within thirty (30) days from the posting of the preliminary voters list, an individual eligible to be on the voters list may make application to have an individual's name added to or removed from the voters list.
- 25.12 Upon initialling of this Agreement there shall be established a Voters List Committee consisting of three (3) members appointed by Makivik and one (1) non-voting member appointed by the Minister of IAND, which shall review applications referred to in section 25.11.
- 25.13 Decisions of the Voters List Committee in respect of an application shall be by majority of voting members and shall be final. The Voters List Committee shall notify the applicant, any person whose eligibility has been challenged and the Ratification Committee, of its decision.
- 25.14 Within seven (7) days after the Voters List Committee has rendered a decision on all applications, the Ratification Committee shall forward to the Government and Makivik the amended preliminary voters list. Upon receipt of approval of this list from the Minister of IAND and Makivik, the Ratification Committee shall publish this list as the Official Voters List including posting in the communities identified in Schedule 25-1 and in such other places as the Ratification Committee deems appropriate.
- 25.15 The Ratification Committee shall take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that eligible Nunavik Inuit voters have a reasonable opportunity to review the substance and details of this Agreement. Particular attention shall be given to the need for community meetings and to the production and distribution of materials in Inuktitut throughout various media.
- 25.16 The Nunavik Inuit ratification vote shall be held no earlier than seven (7) days after the publication of the Official Voters List on such day or days as may be agreed to by the Ratification Committee.
- 25.17 The Nunavik Inuit ratification vote shall occur on the same day or days for all eligible voters except for advance polls or where the Ratification Committee determines circumstances require an alternate day or days.
- 25.18 The vote shall be by secret ballot.
- 25.19 Voting ballots shall be in Inuktitut and Canada's official languages.
- 25.20 The Ratification Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the vote and tabulation of all ballots and publication of the results of the vote. The Committee shall retain all ballots and document all events and decisions related to the ratification vote, and shall make such documentation available to Government and Makivik upon request and within six (6) months shall transfer all such documentation to the National Archives of Canada.

The documentation shall not be disposed of, in whole or in part, without prior written approval of Makivik and Government. Makivik and Government shall be entitled to have access to and make copies of any and all such documents.

25.21 Following signing of this Agreement by the parties pursuant to paragraphs 25.3 (b) and 25.4 (a), and upon consultation with Makivik, the Government of Canada shall present this Agreement to Parliament, and propose the enactment of the ratification statute. The proposed statute shall:

- a) contain a clear statement that this Agreement is ratified, approved, given effect and declared valid;
- b) stipulate that this Agreement is binding on third parties;
- c) state that where there is an inconsistency or conflict between the ratification statute and this Agreement, this Agreement prevails;
- d) authorize the payment out the Consolidated Revenue Fund of such sums as may be required to meet the monetary obligations of Her Majesty under Articles 5, 15, 16 and 23;
- e) comply with s. 53 and s. 54 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*;
- (f) include two (2) recitals in the preamble stating that:
 - (i) Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada and the Nunavik Inuit, through their duly mandated representatives, have entered into an Agreement; and
 - (ii) this Agreement contemplates ratification by Her Majesty by an Act of Parliament; and
- h) make the statute binding on the Crown.

SCHEDULE 25-1

NUNAVIK INUIT COMMUNITIES

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Kuujuuaq |
| - Aupaluk | -
Kuujuarapik |
| - Chisasibi | -
Puvirnituaq |
| - Inukjuak | -
Quaqtaq |
| - Ivujivik | - Salluit |
| - Kangiqsualujjuaq | -
Tasiujaq |
| - Kangiqsujaq | -
Umiujaq |
| - Kangirsuk | |