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NUNATUKAVUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL CELEBRATES UNEQUIVOCAL WIN IN FEDERAL COURT ON RIGHTS AND RECOGNITION MOU

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR, June 12, 2024 – The NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) commends the Federal Court for its decision affirming the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD) between NCC and the Government of Canada. The Federal Court decision says that the MOU stands and that Canada and NCC should be able to continue negotiations through the RIRSD process without interference by other Indigenous groups or the court.

"This is a very important and significant day for NCC and NunatuKavut Inuit! We have been vindicated. This is particularly so as this Court case has been used as part of a targeted and violent misinformation campaign against NCC and our people by Innu Nation and Nunatsiavut Government," said Todd Russell, President of the NunatuKavut Community Council. "NCC has been confident in this case and our legal team since day one. We are so pleased that the court has heard, listened and acted upon the evidence, supported by the law and the facts. We look forward to continuing negotiations with Canada and advancing the rights, recognition and priorities of NunatuKavut Inuit."

NCC will have further comments on this decision (found [here](#)) at 10:30 a.m. Atlantic time. Details to follow.

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The NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) is a governing organization that represents the rights and interests of Inuit who come from south and central Labrador. NCC is committed to advocating for section 35 rights, interests, and priorities of NunatuKavut Inuit. Rooted in the rich traditions and culture of NunatuKavut Inuit, NCC works diligently towards self-government and self-determination, while fostering community growth and sustainability.

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