



**NUNATUKAVUT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO: 2024.01.16.01**

Subject: Mandate for negotiations on NunatuKavut Inuit rights over Churchill River and surrounding area

WHEREAS NunatuKavut Inuit are deeply connected to and dependent upon the lands, ice, waters, and resources passed down to us from our ancestors;

AND WHEREAS NunatuKavut Inuit have asserted their rights to govern, live, and subsist upon their lands, ice and waters;

AND WHEREAS NunatuKavut Inuit have traditionally used and exercised their rights over the lands, ice, and waters formerly called Eskimo River and Eskimo Bay, and formerly named Grand River, and now referred to as Churchill River;

AND WHEREAS NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) is the representative governing body for the Inuit of NunatuKavut, which means 'Our Ancient Land';

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT NCC seek to advance negotiations with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with a view to reconciling issues pertaining to Churchill River, including, but not limited to:

- Reparations with respect to Upper Churchill and Muskrat Falls;
- Consultation and consent with respect to future development on the Churchill River;
and
- Representation and inclusion with respect to the Churchill Falls 2041 renegotiation;

AND FURTHER THAT NCC explores other possible approaches, inclusive of legal, political and on the ground actions to enforce NunatuKavut Inuit inherent rights, as reflected in section 35 of the *Constitution*, and *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

Moved by: Jim Holwell, Vice-President

Seconded By: Boyce Turnbull, Member at Large