

### Recommendations for Change:

#### *To help improve the current system:*

1. That the Government of Canada set a freight rate based on consultations with all retailers to help improve program transparency and ensure competitiveness in the food retail market.
2. That the Government of Canada re-establish a means for on-the-ground, unannounced inspections of retailers to ensure program compliance.
3. That the Nutrition North Canada guidelines be revised to enable the shipping of butchered meats from southern Canada, provided they originate from licensed, regularly-inspected and food-safe compliant butchers to enable better access to fresh meats and meats at a lower cost per unit and that the Minister engage with federal and provincial counterparts to resolve the issue of interprovincial fresh cut meats to the North.
4. That the Government of Canada, in consultation with communities, create and fund an awareness program that helps educate consumers, particularly elders, about the program.
5. That the Nutrition North Canada program include capacity funding and support for smaller retailers.
6. That the Government of Canada work with air carriers to set competitive and transparent inter-community rates to facilitate the shipment of food via current hubs such as Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit in Nunavut.

#### *A New Approach:*

1. That the Government of Canada formally acknowledge the traditional and preferred diet of Inuit and the Indigenous peoples of the North in order to guide program funding prioritization and policy creation in the areas of health and nutrition for the North.
2. That the Government of Canada support the Nunavut Harvesters Support Program as outlined in correspondence to Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.
3. That the Government of Canada work with NTI, Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Regional Inuit Associations, and any other interested stakeholders to support community-led initiatives that ensure access to country food and support local harvesters, while respecting conservation practices. Special consideration should also be given to incentivizing the full use of underutilized quotas for country foods such as Arctic Char.
4. That the Government of Canada assess the feasibility of set pricing on a basic food basket identified in cooperation and consultation with northerners.