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Community Council Rankin Inlet N.W.T.

June 13, 1969

The Commissioner for the Northwest Territories Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Sire

As you know from your visits to Rankin Inlet, the Eskimo village has no house-to-house water supply. An attempt was made to remedy the situation by putting in two extension water points which have proved to be a complete failure as they freeze up during the winter. This means that we have a water supply only during the few months of summer and even then we have to carry water as far as six hundred feet — this being the distance from the water points to many of the 74 housing units.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we cannot even hope that the existing Utilidor system can be extended, as this system, which was inherited from the North Rankin Nickel Mine, is already greatly overloaded and inadequate even for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development staff housing that it services.

As we have already stated, the Rankin Inlet Eskimo community does not have a house to house water supply whereas most other settlements do.

We are aware that, at the moment, we cannot expect a fully fledged piped water supply as the cost would be prohibitive. There is, however, another solution to the problem. This is to use a Muskeg Tractor complete with water tank and pump. We understand that the cost of such a piece of equipment would be in the region of \$13,000. To demonstrate our need for this tractor we would be very willing to attempt to raise at least some part of the capital involved if necessary.

We hope, therefore, that our request will meet with your approval and that a Muskeg Tractor can be supplied on this summer's sealift.

Yours sincerely,

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for Willie Adams
Chairman - Community Council of Rankin Inlet

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