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KANE TOLOGANAK, MLA KITIKMEOT REGION C/O CHARLIE EVALIK, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

26 FEBRUARY 1982

HONOURABLE KANE TOLOGANAK
MLA KITIKMEOT REGION
N.W.T. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

DEAR KANE:

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MINUTES OF A JOINT PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 1982 BY THE CAMBRIDGE BAY SETTLEMENT COUNCIL AND THE CAMBRIDGE BAY HOUSING ASSCULATION.

THIS MEETING WAS HELD AS A RESULT OF VALIB CONCERNS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN CAMBRIDGE BAY. THESE CONCERNS WERE DIRECTED AT THE RENTAL INCREASES TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON APRIL 1, 1982 BY THE CAMBRIDGE BAY HOUSING ASSOCIATION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE N.W.T. HOUSINE COFPORATION.

AS THERE WILL BE NO MORE MAXIMUM CEILINGS ON RENT, THE NEW RENTAL STRUCTURE WILL BE BASED ON 30 0/0 OF A PERSON'S GROSS INCOME LESS A BASIC LIVING ALLOWANCE WHICH HAVE MANY OF THE TENANTS FACING A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

MANY OF THE TENANTS FEEL THAT THEY WILL AND CANNOT AFFORD THIS NEW RENTAL STRUCTURE WHICH WILL OBVIOUSLY PLACE THEM IN A SIGNION OF EITHER SUPPLEMENTING THEIR INCOME WITH WELFARE OR TO DEPEND SOLELY ON WELFARE.

ANOTHER IMPLICATION THAT THE PUBLIC FEELS HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IS THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

THE PUBLIC FEELS THAT THE CHILDREN, ONCE THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EDUCATION WILL BE PLACED IN A DILFMA OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DECIDE TO WORK OR NOT WORK.

THE FUTURE OF THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN CAN BE JEOPARDIZED BECAUSE THE CHILDREN WILL FEEL THAT THE GOOD MONEY THAT THEY WILL BE EARNING WILL, FOR MOST PART, GO TOWARDS PAYING RENT, SO WHY SHOULD THEY BOTHER TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION?

THE PUPLIC WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS COMMUNITY'S CONCERN BY HAVING THE CONCERNS BROUGHT FORWARD AND DISCUSSED BEFORE THE N.W.T. LEBISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND TO TRY AND COME UP WITH AN AGREEABLE SOLUTION TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

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MLA KITIKMEOT REGION
PUBLIC MEETING BY CAM BAY SETTLEMENT COUNCIL + HOUSING ASSOC.

FURTHER MORE THE PUBLIC BY MOTION, WISHES TO HAVE A MORATORIUM ON THE PRINTS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE N.2.T. IS PLACING ON IT'S STAFF KMX RENTS, IF NOT THE PUBLIC FEELS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE N.W.T.'S LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WILL BE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE PUBLIC ALSO WISHFS THAT THE N.W.T. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAVE A STUDY DONE ON THE IMPACT OF HIGHER RENTS ON THE COMMUNITYS AS A WHOLE. THIS WAS ALSO BROUGHT FORWARD BY MOTION FROM THE PUBLIC.

WE AWAIT YOUR REPLY AND REQUEST ACTION BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO THIS SERIOUS CONCERN.

YOURS TRULY,

JOE OHOKANNOAK CHAIRMAN SETTLEMENT COUNCIL CAMBRIDGE BAY, N.W.T.

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