

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
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I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BRINGING THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONCERNING COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE ASSEMBLY ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF THE INUVIK TOWN COUNCIL OVER THE IMPOSITION OF CONTROLS BY THE NWT GOVERNMENT AT THE INUVIK LIQUOR STORE.

THE COURT ACTION BEING TAKEN BY MOTION OF THE INUVIK COUNCIL DOES NOT RELATE TO LIQUOR CONSUMPTION OR OTHER LIQUOR PROBLEMS IN INUVIK AND WE BELIEVE THAT OUR ACTION IS BEING MISINTERPRETED BY THE NWT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THE INUVIK COUNCIL IS CONCERNED WITH THE IMPROPER PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPOSITION OF CONTROLS WHERE THERE ARE CLEAR PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE PRESENT NWT LIQUOR ORDINANCE.

ALSO THERE HAVE BEEN COMMITMENTS MADE TO THE INUVIK TOWN COUNCIL BY THE COMMISSIONER AND BY MINISTER GEORGE READEN THAT A VISIT WOULD BE MADE TO MEET WITH THE INUVIK COUNCIL PRIOR TO ANY ACTION ON LIQUOR CONTROLS AND THAT PROPER PROCEDURES WOULD BE FOLLOWED BEFORE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN. THE INUVIK TOWN COUNCIL IS TAKING A STRONG STAND ON THIS PROCESS OF LAW AND WOULD BE TAKING THE SAME ACTION IF THE NWT ADMINISTRATION HAD TAKEN UNILATERAL ACTION ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION SUCH AS LOCAL TAXES, DOG CONTROL OR ZONING.

IT IS REGRETTED THAT TERRITORIAL COUNCILLORS ARE ALLOWING INUVIK'S ACTIONS TO BE MISINTERPRETED AS THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW ITS OWN LAWS IS A BASIC ELEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC TRADITION IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WHICH MUST BE THE CONCERN OF EVERY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBER. THE INUVIK COUNCIL'S ATTEMPTS TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION ON OUR LIQUOR PROBLEMS ARE WELL DOCUMENTED AND WE APOLOGIZE TO NO ONE FOR OUR EFFORTS. WE SINCERELY WISH THAT THERE COULD BE MORE UNDERSTANDING AND CREATIVE EFFORTS IMPLEMENTED THAT WOULD MAKE THE NORTH A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL.

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