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Mrs. Linda Sorensen  
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Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mrs. Sorensen,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated April 28, 1982 commending the work done by our staff at Northern Addiction Services as well as our treatment programs.

As you are probably aware the funding agency in which we receive our monies is the N.W.T. Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council. They have been allotted one million dollars for the past several years and with projects deveoping in many parts of the Territories and the high inflationary costs, this hasn't been a sufficient amount to keep the delivery services up to par. We are now operating at a deficit.

It seems ironic that alcoholism is so prevelant in the Territories and I have heard it discussed numerous times in the Legislative Assembly but to my knowledge no one talks about the dollars required for prevention and treatment. As a life time resident of the N.W.T. I have personally seen a frightening upsurge in the abuse of alcohol in recent years.

Northern Addiction Services has developed from a Yellowknife area based facility to one that is involved in treatment of addicted persons in the N.W.T. Communities as well.

I don't know what is on the slate of the Assembly on May 12 in Inuvik but I urge you to keep this matter in mind.

The Board of Directors of Northern Addiction Services cordially invite you as a guest to attend any Board meeting of N.A.S. For your information the next meeting will be held May 25, 1982 in the basement of Great Slave Medical House (N.A.S. downtown facilities) at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served (prepared by our excellent cook at the detox).

Thank-you again for your kind letter.

Sincerely,

*Thelma Tees*

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