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Honorable Gordon Wray  
Member of Legislative Assembly  
Government of the N.W.T.

Sir:

This is to inform the House of the Government of the N.W.T. to asked for the resignation of the Minister of Local Government, Mr. James Wah-Shee for the following reasons.

The Mayors in good faith have worked for two years approximately to development into a Regional Council. There have been statements and promises given to the Mayors of Keewatin that the Government of the N.W.T. supported the formation of Regional Councils. (Enclosed: Minutes of the meeting Baker Lake, April 26, 1982).

Now we are starting to realize those statements made by the same person are not backed up by or through action. It is only through words, and was not really the intent to have formation of regional Council come into existence. We have attended the Legislative Assembly session in November, again, for unclear purposes our ordinance was delayed. Only that the legal department of the Local Government was looking at the ordinance and would come up with a policy paper on December 1, 1982. We have completed our work in being prepared to formed into a Regional Council, now the same Territorial Government does not have the competency to deal with legislation when they were the ones that first initiated the formation of Regional Council.

During this February session, we also were assured that the Department of Local Government would table the ordinance dealing with Regional Councils. Time again proves that is not the intent. Now, the words are, it will be dealt with in October, 1983. We are no longer certain that

we are now prepared to support the Legislative Assembly with games of words. If the intent to support formation of Regional Councils was in good faith without political manipulation, or institutionalized discriminations of development taking place by the people themselves,

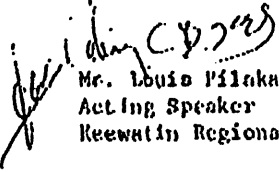
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then we feel elected members acting as Ministers on our behalf should back up their statements through their action or their support.

For the moment, we are not supportive of whether the Minister responsible represents our work or our region. For the future, we do not want any more explanations, we now understand fully the intent is not to support Regional Councils.  
Cordially,

  
Mr. Louis Pilakapal  
Acting Speaker  
Keewatin Regional Council

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April 26, 1982

The meeting opened with a prayer by Thomas Tapetai. Delegates were welcomed by William Noah, Mayor of Baker Lake. Peter Ernerk, Speaker welcomed delegates and introduced all delegates, guests and resource people.

Executive Officer, Caroline Wah'shee-Anawak explained the facilities and services available to the delegates. The Secretary Manager for the Hamlet of Baker Lake, Ralph Butterworth, also gave delegates information on shopping hours, church services and billeting arrangements in Baker Lake.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Mayors held in Repulse Bay were read and it was agreed to wait for the translated copies before making a motion to accept them. The Resolutions were presented in both English and Inuktitut and delegates agreed to study them also.

The question of voting was raised by Louis Pilakapai and there was some discussion on this matter. Delegates asked Alan Kooneloos to tell them how voting was done in the Baffin Regional Council (BRC) and he explained that in their case only the Mayors voted or their Deputy if a Mayor was absent.

Mayor Eva Voisey pointed out that in Repulse Bay only the Mayors voted and Deputies and Secretary Managers could speak through their Mayors. Motion to have Mayors only voting was carried.

It was pointed out by Alan Kooneloosie that in Baffin the Deputy Mayors or Secretary Managers may not vote but they may speak and so can any guest when recognized by the Speaker.

Caroline asked the delegates if there were additional items to be put on the agenda and Eskimo Point suggested two items, Heninga Lake and Funding Formula followed by Local Government to Hamlets. Repulse Bay added an item on Cullaton Lake in addition to mentioning they had more to contribute to the Calmair item. Chesterfield Inlet added the item re getting younger people involved in meetings. Rankin Inlet requested discussion on the Plebiscite and Coral Harbour suggested discussion regarding the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce and Electricians in the Keewatin.

James Wah'shee, Minister of Local Government was escorted into the Chamber. He said that the Government of the N.W.T. supported the formation of Regional Councils and his Department as well as other Departments is prepared to assist in any way they can. He said it is up to the KRC to decide when they wish to approach the Council regarding the KRC Ordinance. Mr. Wah'shee explained that his Department is prepared to support any Regional Council being able to develop the way their own people choose.

Tagak Curley raised the question of a lawyer and suggested it be decided whether to ask for a Government lawyer or to get a private lawyer as the Government one may only be able to advise the delegates from a Government perspective.

Lunch break.







