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Paulosie Panilook  
MLA  
Yellowknife , N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Panilook,

The Board of Director's of the Pangnirtung Housing Association would like you to speak on their behalf the concerns they have regarding the different Housing Problems they are faced with in their community, when the Legislative Assembly meets on the first session.

One of the biggest problems is the rental scale. A lot of times the tenants think that we can change the rent scale, as much as we want, we can't, we can only recommend changes on behalf of the tenant. We would like to recommend few changes to the existing rent scale.

We feel that the fairest way to determine rent would be to calculate rent from the net pay. We have found that tenants who are working for a short period of time have the hardest time trying to pay rent, for instance a tenant who isn't working is assessed \$32.00, when he starts working his rent could go up to \$507.00 if he is living in a public house, if the rent was calculated from the net pay, it wouldn't go up so much.

The other thing we want to see changed on the rent scale is the basic living allowance deductions from the rent. The existing Rent scale has not been updated for 2 1/2 years and the cost of living has gone up since 2 1/2 years ago. We would like to see the basic living allowance increase as the cost of living goes up.

Another thing we lack in our community is home for single person's Accommodations. As of today there are 40 single or couples with a child living with parents or relative, who are waiting for a house. In the past few months we have been receiving complaints from tenants and several calls from Social Services that some of these people living with parents or relative don't get along, and the only way to solve this conflict between the people involved would be to give the other person a house. Right now there is a lot of pressure on the Board of Directors because of these problems.

The last item we like to ask the Legislative Assembly is why the public Houses can't be furnished or be supplied with Dryer / Washer, table / Chairs, or Carpet. It seems to us that Frobisher Bay is the only Housing Association that gets furnished Public Houses.

We would appreciate it, if you could inform us by letter, what was said regarding this letter.

Yours Truly



Peter Akpalialuk  
Chairman for  
Pangnirtung Housing  
Association



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