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GRISE FIORD SETTLEMENT COUNCIL

GRISE FIORD, N.W.T.

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Ludi Pudluk, MLA
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Dear Ludi:

In response to your letter regarding concerns on the postal services in Grise Fiord.

The following are concerns and possible solutions discussed at a Regular Settlement Council meeting.

Concerns:

1. Mail is late getting to Grise Fiord. Important issues have to be cancelled due to deadlines missed because of late arrival of mail.
2. The mail is easily accessible to the public. They are placed on open shelves in an open area of the store where people do their shopping. They are not supervised or attended by anyone. There was one incident where someone's phone bill was opened and placed on a shelf between the groceries in another part of the store. It was discovered sometime later. Who knows how many times this has happened?
3. Parcels are placed on the floor of the Coop. You have to look all over and inspect each box or parcel to find out if it is yours.
4. COD orders are held up in Resolute until it is paid in Grise Fiord. Then you have to wait for the money to get to Resolute and wait again for the next scheduled flight for your COD, a total of 2 weeks from the time you paid for it. Weather permitting.
5. We cannot get money orders in Grise Fiord.

Solutions:

1. Have Ken Borek Air and Bradley Air Services alternate flying services to have two scheduled flights into Grise Fiord or get Bradley to come in on scheduled flights instead maybe it is time we had a change. It is especially inconvenient in the intervals we get only one scheduled flight every two weeks.

2. Have the post office situated in a separate building or designate a space in the Coop for a post office.

3. Get a private individual to work in the post office. Someone who is not employed by the Coop and would not be expected to perform duties for them, therefore, providing better services to the public. This would create a good employment opportunity for an Inuit person. We need the jobs.

4. If it is impossible to acquire Number 3 above, we would like to have our own mail boxes with locks, and our parcels kept in one place with someone to dispense them. This would relieve us of the need to go searching for our mail.

We find it very inconvenient not being able to get money orders in Grise Fiord, especially in rush situations when you have to wait for a cheque to be made by the Coop when there are no members around with signing authority. As for COD's we leave it up to you.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,


for Liza Ningiuk
CHAIRPERSON

