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Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO  
THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT**

**SECTION 18. (2) (c) change to: for municipal council in a municipality with a population of less than five hundred (500) FULL TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEE shall mean (or apply only to) Administrative staff and that the position of MAYOR and DEPUTY MAYOR of municipal council shall not be fill by FULL TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEE.**

We request this change to allow regular councillors to be allowed to be nominated or to stand as a candidate so that council minded FULL TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEE could run for council seat.

With our population of just over 130 we had not had election for couple of years, present council members are usually acclaimed or appointed to their positions.

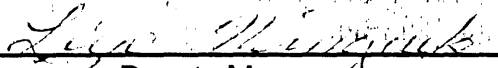
Compared to larger community this situation may result in hindering the decision making process of council when it is members are not politically minded or are not seriously interested in municipal affairs.

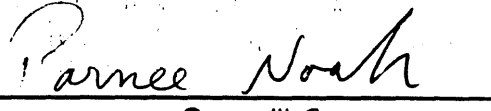
Whereas other community organizations in our municipality do not lack candidates at election time with the exception of candidates for municipal council. Most people would rather work for the Hamlet than participate in running it.

When the Act is changed as requested, in the event FULL TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEE's performance or remuneration is to be discussed the regular councillor could always declare CONFLICT OF INTEREST.


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This letter is signed by 4 council members who are attending the regular meeting, since the Mayor is on travel. I have also signed for the Mayor's participation.

  
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