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Members Legislative Assembly P.O. Box 1320 Yellowknife, N.W.T. XlA 2L9

Dear Member Legislative Assembly:

We have heard on the news that the capital plan for 1992/93 is now being discussed in the Legislative Assembly. We are also aware that the Capital Plan for Social Services includes \$15,000. for the planning of a Senior Citizen's Facility for our community.

This letter is to tell you how pleased we are that this long sought after project is finally in the Capital Plan for 1992/93. However, we know that the Legislature has been voting to delay and cancel projects in some departments. Our fear is that you may do the same for our project. Please do not cancel or postpone our much needed seniors facility.

We have worked for over ten years for a Senior Citizen's Home. An Elders Committee has been formed and many meetings have been held. Our Elders Committee has travelled to Yellowknife and Rae to view facilities and our community has identified the land where it should be built.

We have had letters from the Government confirming that this project would go ahead (see letter attached from Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell). Also our MLA has sent us copies of letters he received in 1990 and 1991 from Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell confirming the project again (attached).

We feel a strong commitment has been made by government to our elders and to our community. Please do not break your word to us. We have worked hard and followed all the rules in order to help our elders get this place for them to live.

David Etchinelle, Danny Lennie, Chief.

President, Metis Local.

Jonas Neyelle, Mayor.

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Northwest Reritories Minister of Social Services

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THE HONOURABLE STEPHEN KAKFWI, M.L.A., SAHTU.

Senior Citizens' Home - Fort Norman

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 1990 with respect to the proposal of the Fort Norman Band Council for a Senior Citizens' Housing Complex.

Staff from the Department of Social Services, in conjunction with Northwest Territories Housing Corporation staff, met with elders and Hamlet and Band representatives in September 1990. At that time, the Tulita Elders' Council was formed to assist in making the proposal a reality for the elders of fort Norman.

Further meetings with the newly formed Tulita Elders' Council will be held the week of November 5, 1990.

The Capital Plan for this project is currently:

1991/92	- Planning	15
	- Planning	61
	- Construction	797
	- Finalization	72

Changes in the current Capital Plan would have to occur in order to bring this project to earlier completion.

Your interest in and support of the proposal are appreciated.

Jeannie Marie-Jeweil Minister. Northwest Territories Minister of Social Services

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HONOURABLE STEPHEN KAKFWI, M.L.A., SAHTU.

Senior Citizens Complex - Fort Norman

Thank you for your memorandum of September 27, 1991 concerning the funding for the Fort Norman Senior Citizen Complex.

I wish to indicate to you that this project has my support. The Department does have \$15,000 allocated to this project for this fiscal year. However, the definition applied to multi-year projects by the Financial Management Board resulted in this project not being eligible for inclusion in the 1992/1993 Capital Plan target figure given to Social Services.

The Department has kept the project in the Five Year Capital Plan and will be seeking approval at the appropriate time for proceeding with the project in 1993/1994.

You have requested that we meet to discuss this matter but I regret I will not be in Yellowknife until after the election. However, I would be pleased to discuss this issue with you by telephone.

Jeannie Marie-Jewell

Minister.

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HONOURABLE JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL, MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

Senior Citizens Complex - Fort Norman

The issue of capital planning for the Fort Norman Senior Citizens Complex has become a source of concern among community residents. They have heard rumors that as a result of financial restraint, this project may be delayed.

Completed feasibility studies have indicated an urgent need for this type of facility, and confirmation was given to the Chief of Fort Norman by yourself in March of 1991 that planning money would be made available in 1991/92 and 1992/93, and that major construction funding would be available in 1993/94.

I request your continued support of this program and would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kakfwi, MLA, Sahtu.

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His Worship Mayor Jones Nevelle, Incorporated Hamlet of Fort Horman. Fort Norman, N.W.T., XOE SKO

Dear Mayor Neyelle:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 28, 1990 expressing concern that funding for your proposed senior citizen facility has been postponed to 1992-1993.

I wish to advise you that the Department of Social Services has planning money in both the 1991-1992 and 1992-1993 fiscal years with the major construction funding in 1993-1994. Based on the length of time other projects have taken to develop, it is anticipated you should be able to commence construction in 1992. The funding presently noted reflects a realistic time frame for completion of the planning, design and construction of the facility.

It is anticipated that the design phase for projects such as the one you are planning takes about a year from the time the project is approved until it can be tendered for construction. This allows for the local steering committee to have adequate input into the design and for the site preparation work to commence. Consideration must also be given to the time frame required to get building supplies into the community.

I wish to assure you that the Department will continue to work with you in the development of this project and the meetings presently planned for the new year should continue as scheduled.

Sincerely.

cc. Honourable Stephen Kakiwi .. N.L

Sahtu.