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President  
N.W.T. Housing Corporation  
P.O. Box 2100  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

October 12, 1988

Re: Local Radio Talkshow on Rent Scale Discussion Paper II

Dear Sir:

On October 4, 1988, we had a radio talk-show on the subject above hosted by our Tenant Relations Officer and our District Program Officer from Iqaluit N.W.T.H.C.

Following are the outcome of the show:

- Housing Shortage
- Lots of units are in poor conditions ie- no running water, no appliances
- 79 Weber units in very poor conditions, still not have been retrofitted 11 thus far.
- Many unemployed people are sharing houses with employed people due to housing shortage. This would result in paying very high rent and could lead to a lot of people being kicked out.
- Cost of living is very high, majority of the population have to purchase equipment in order to survive ie- (outboard motors, snowmobile & canoes) Do not need to increase on the rent.
- If we have welfare recipient living with wage earner, how would they get assessed if the unit was under the welfare recipient's name?
- Old age pension and family allowances are not assessable according to the present law. How would have to be a change in this area.
- Not enough information was given beforehand prior to the radio show on the topic.
- There is no balance in public housing and Nap housing (158 PH & 3 HH). Non-tenant caller wanted the discussion paper to go ahead as it was inevitable in the future. Result was 94% voted against the proposal, 3% for and 3% abstained.

Hoping that you will take into serious consideration of the majority,

I remain,

*Naudia Oshoweetuk*

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c.o. JOE BRINGTON, MIA

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