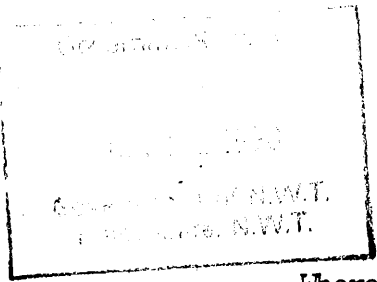


Rankin Inlet Interagency Group

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RESOLUTION

October 2, 1990



Whereas there is a general consensus among all agencies that the Aqsaraq Addictions Centre is proving to be very effective in reaching people in the community of Rankin Inlet with regard to Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programs, Counselling and Projects.

Whereas this Centre faces an uncertain future due to an economic shortfall with regard to salaries, benefits and housing under present funding arrangements,

Whereas there continues to be growing public concern over the sharp rise in Drug and Alcohol problems within the community,

Therefore be it resolved that the Interagency Group lend it's support and encourage the Minister of Social Services to review the budget and address this shortfall in order to keep such a valuable service operating. The M.L.A.s for both constituencies should also be made aware and be asked to address this matter as well.

As an Interagency Group committed to co-operation and action we hereby support this Resolution and affix our signature below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency/Organization/Group</u>
1. <i>Nicky Caird</i>	<i>Dept. of Soc. Services</i>
2. <i>Brian Swann</i>	<i>High School Principal</i>
3. <i>C. Pasak</i>	<i>Suppuffijit Friendship Centre</i>
4. <i>nauidalijak</i>	<i>alcoholic Anonymous</i>
5. <i>Stank Terstegg</i>	<i>Adult Education</i>
6. <i>Margaret Leadley</i>	<i>Library Board / High School Tech.</i>
7. <i>Kevin Sanguin</i>	<i>Rankin Inlet Katakujag Society</i>
8. <i>Dr. Edith Linnier</i>	<i>R.C. Church</i>
9. <i>Dina Sweetman</i>	<i>Kivassijag Council</i>
10. <i>Linda Kraushuk</i>	<i>Rankin Inlet Group Home</i>
11. <i>John Karpis</i>	<i>Evay / KCC</i>
12. <i>Chad King</i>	<i>Katakujag Society / Kevatin Crisis Line</i>
13. <i>Hany Niatosh</i>	<i>Personnel / Concerned Citizen</i>

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Agency/Organization/Group

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14. *Wagner*

High School Teacher

15. *[Signature]*

16. *[Signature]*

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Leo Ussak School Principal

17. *Jim Ford*

18. *Om Adams*

Agency Addictions

19. *Ken Kessel*

North West Company

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Rankin Inlet, N.W.T.
October 6, 1990

Hon. Peter Ernerk,
Member for Alvilig,
Rankin Inlet, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Ernerk,

Attached please find a copy of the Inter Agency Action Group's motion on the matter of funding for the Aqsaraq Addictions Project. I have attached also for your information the minutes of the latest meeting.

Would you please take this matter to the attention of the Minister responsible and to the Legislative Assembly.

We thank you for your attention to this matter of extreme importance.

Sincerely,

Harry Nialush

for the Inter Agency Action Group

INTER-AGENCY ACTION GROUP TUESDAY, OCT 2, 1990

Departments/Organizations/Representatives:

Elsie Gresi, Kivalliq Hall, Divisional Board
Cecelia Papak, Sappujjijit,
Kevin Sanguin, Kataujaq Society
Doris Sweetgrass, Group Home, Kivalliq Consulting
Linda Krauchuk, Group Home, Kivalliq Consulting
Caroline Anawak, Kivalliq Consulting
Bette Palfrey, Concerned Citizen
Marius Tungilik, Executive, GNWT
Harry Niakrok, Personnel
Brian Swan, Maani Uluyuk
Lou Budgeall, Maani Uluyuk
Frank LeMouel, Advanced Education
Norm McCallum, Alcohol & Drugs, Social Services
John Todd, Keewatin Chamber of Commerce
Simon Ford, Leo Ussak
Donna Adams, Aqsaraq Addictions
Hilton Smea, RCMP
Mariah Aliyak, A.A. and Concerned Citizen
Frank Verstepe, Adult Education
Margaret Leadley, Keewatin Regional Library Board
Sr. Edith Grenier, Roman Catholic Mission
Marie Ernerk, Social Services, & Hamlet
Mickey Cain, Social Services

Meeting was chaired by Marie Ernerk, Call to order 7:15 pm.

1. Agenda was accepted. Introductions as there were new members.

2. Review of activities and action taken by various members.

Radio Show- Brian reported that correspondence has been sent to the Radio Society to request both the authorization for the weekly half-hour open line show and for 15 minutes time for community announcements in english. No response has been received as yet from the Society.

Spot Announcements- Margaret indicated that two students have volunteered to help make the spots and the group has a request in to CBC for use of the facilities to produce the spots. The students appear shy about the thought of going on the radio.

Drop In Center- Kevin reported that his group has approached Hilda for the use of Kivalliq Hall for the drop in center, she in turn will approach the Board when it next meets for approval. The target group is 13 years and up, the activities to date are Dart Board, Ping-Pong, Crafts, all activities would be

sponsored by adults. They would be looking for volunteers to start the project.

Library Drop In- Margaret indicated that the library is looking for volunteers to assist persons using the library at the times that it is open. The new hours will facilitate the use of this facility. For those who do not use this facility on a regular basis they should be aware that many people, in particular young people use the Library and that this must contribute to the overall objectives of the Interagency group.

3. Discussion of further activities.

Funding of Aqsaraq Addictions- Caroline pointed out that there is a problem with the funding of the Aqsaraq project and that it is in danger of being discontinued. This group should show its support of the project in a motion that can be presented to the appropriate sources in Yellowknife. Caroline has presented to and the Keewatin Regional Health Board has approved a motion of support for the Aqsaraq Project to ensure that funding is maintained at the level necessary to continue the project.

The motion was drafted and signed by the participants for presentation to the two MLA's for the Keewatin and to the Minister of Social Services.

Interagency Structure- John presented to the group that a structure is needed to ensure that the aims of the group are in fact acted on and to ensure that there is a focus to the group. There is obviously a lot of concern about the topic as there is a great powerful group assembled here. He hoped that we would identify a mission statement, to identify the goals and what is in fact realistic to accomplish. Setting priorities will help to get some of our objectives accomplished. It was pointed out that the fall session of the Assembly is upon us and that we need to bring our concerns before this group. John mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce has passed a motion to be given to the Inspector of the RCMP that due to the increased level of activity in the Keewatin and specifically in Rankin Inlet, that the Force needs more manpower to adequately do the job.

Participants and Objectives- Harry indicated his interest in the youth drop in center, Caroline identified the need to target the youth group that are not participants in the other existing groups. Hilton mentioned that there is danger in becoming too organized, that some of the assembled group do not have the skills or maybe the interest to proceed at the political level. Kevin was supportive of using the MLA's to advance our cause, and that this group should give the MLA's work to do on our behalf. John mentioned that the old RIBS building might serve as a good drop in center for the group, he was prepared to approach the board of the Rankin Inlet Yacht Club to make use of their building, if the Hamlet would consider staying the order to vacate the lot for at least 18 months. It is John's opinion that the youth group could share the facility with the Elders and other target groups of the Yacht Club.

Coffee Break

Participants Commitment and Possible Contribution.

Brian- A feeling of concern has brought him to these meetings, He intends to take the training at the Crisis line this winter, he chaperons dances and this takes up his time.

Mickey- The issue of Availability and Use of Illegal Drugs is only one of many issues that this group could and should address over a period of time. The mandate of this group is broad. This should be an action committee on other issues as well down the road.

Donna- Her interest is specifically in Drugs and Alcohol, she could not be on the executive, willing to be on a committee addressing drugs, will contribute to the committee on Radio Show and Spots.

Simon- Interested in continuing the Square Dance at the small gym. The first one was a success and hopes others will be as well.

John- will serve on an executive in a small capacity. Need committees to handle issues, drugs, alcohol,

economy, housing, etc. To make this work we have to accomplish things, and therefore feel satisfied in our accomplishments. There are tough times ahead, we had better get ready.

Norman- Would work on a committee or the executive, churches have an important role to play with the young people. We need to help parents to wake up and realize the problems out there.

Lou- Is new in town, interested and will help as he can but too new to take direct involvement as yet.

Harry- Would work on the executive, can make time and is interested in the drop in center.

Marius- Is presently involved in the Kataujaq and setting up the Crisis Line.

Bette- This is her first meeting, has been involved in many social issues in the past at the community level. We should pursue funding for an Executive Director to work towards the aims of the organization.

As parents we have to be involved, would work on an executive.

Linda- Would volunteer to assist with projects at the Library or at Red Top.

Doris- Would help if asked and she had time.

Sister Edith- Is willing to participate and help out as much as she can.

Kevin- His involvement is with the Kataujaq and the Crisis line, will also participate on the drop in center.

Margaret- Her involvement is with the Library Board and the Crisis Line.

Hank- New to the community, he is interested in education of all types, would participate in the committee on the Radio show as this concerns information and thereby education.

Mariah- will participate and help.

Cecelia- Would help out with the Drop in center, her building might be a place to start the group until more permanent space can be found. It has already been used as a drop in center and is very central. Would also work as Interpreter for the Radio Show.

Elsie- Will be working on the Crisis line, student council might be approached to assist with the drop in center.

Caroline- Has done workshops, both for profit and volunteer on the topics of Child Sexual Abuse, Suicide, Counselling, Grief and Bereavement, Crisis Line Training, etc. Will continue to do these and is available to type and write things up when she is in town.

4. Discussions.

Points were brought out,

-the birth rate in the Keewatin is so high that we will be faced with looking for jobs for countless numbers of young people in the near future.

-we must look at ourselves and consider our investment in the matter of excessive use of intoxicants of all kinds,

-not despair when the problem seems too great,

-look at the leadership at the political level and the examples they are setting.

-we as a group will be known by what we do, so lets do it.

-we should consider the function of this committee with the upcoming elections in

Municipal in December, Territorial, probably in fall 91 and the Federal election probably in 92-93.

5. Executive.

The following persons volunteered to be on the executive, hopefully more persons will indicate an interest in being on the executive at the next meeting, or before.

Bette Palfrey, Norman McCallum, Harry Niekrok, Marie Ernerk, John Todd.

6. Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for October 16, Tuesday, at 7:00 pm Same time same place.

Minutes prepared by:

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for the Interagency Action Committee.