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Hon. Joe Arlooktoo
M.L.A.
Legislative Assembly
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Arlooktoo:

After having an opportunity to look more closely at the new water and sewage cost accounting program introduced recently by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, the Council of the Hamlet of Lake Harbour feels that there is no way it could afford to provide adequate municipal services to its community if the program is allowed to go ahead.

With only one person-year allowed per water or sewage vehicle, where would the money come from to pay for helpers' salaries whose services are indispensable and vital to the community? The only alternative is to substantially raise the water/sewage economic rate charged to the residents of the community. If this is the way the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs wishes all the hamlets to follow, then, the Council of the Hamlet of Lake Harbour hopes that it will not be blamed for whatever consequences that might arise from the discontent of local residents. One distinct possibility is the increase in accounts receivable bad debts.

The Council of the Hamlet of Lake Harbour, therefore, wishes to recommend a one-year postponement of the new program for better evaluation of its impacts on the communities.

Would you please convey this message to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and his government. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Pudloo Mingeriak
Mayor

cc. Mr. Mike Ferris
M.A.C.A. Superintendent



