

What is the solution? Well we have no answers but we do have a few questions!

- 1) Why don't we have a hostel here in Iqaluit that provides emergency shelter for the night from 10:00pm till 7:00am. This could be very basic: a cot to sleep on in a quiet room, access to a toilet and wash basin and a common room for talking and watching TV?
- 2) Why couldn't such a hostel be equiped by the Canadian Red Cross or surplus from the Military consisting in fold up cots?
- 3) Why couldn't such a hostel be located at:
 - a) Ukiivik Residence, in a wing of presently empty rooms.
 - b) Katavik, Bldg #626
or
 - c) Bldg #624 right beside Katavik and presently unused?
- 4) Why couldn't such a hostel be staffed by students from Arctic College who are presently enrolled in such courses as:
 - a) Public Administration: 1,2,3,4.
 - b) Management: 1.
or
 - c) Human Resources Management?

Surely these students and instructors must be looking to complement their courses with practical experience in the "real" world.

We ask these questions because we do not think that we have to re-invent the wheel here. There are already existing facilities and resources that merely have to be set in motion. We may not have the perfect building, the perfect system, even the budgeted funds but people are walking on the brink of survival each day right here in our own town. We therefore, as religious leaders and concerned citizens, request the Town Council and the GNWT to address these questions and present in a public forum their answers not to us but to those for whom their survival depends.



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