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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
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Mr. Mark Cleveland
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Dear Sir:

The Council of the Town of Hay River supports the Council of the Town of Fort Smith and its residents in their attempts to repatriate the headquarters of Arctic College.

We are keenly aware of the negative impact Fort Smith experienced when various programs and functions of Arctic College were transferred to other locations, and when the Government of the Northwest Territories transferred many positions to other communities in the Fort Smith Region. While the latter can be justified in bringing decision-making closer to the people it serves, the transfer of the Arctic College headquarters to Yellowknife was on a less-sound basis, in our opinion.

In Alberta, for example, there are universities and colleges far removed from Edmonton which are doing well. In fact, academics prefer to be away from centres of political power. Moving the headquarters of Arctic College back to Fort Smith would relieve staff of considerable expense, give back to that community some needed jobs and reduce the cost of living for many people.

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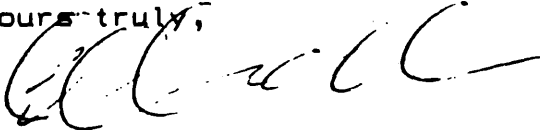
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We encourage the Board of Directors of Arctic College to seriously consider this matter.

Yours truly,



Walter B. Kudelik
Mayor

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SUPPORT FOR RELOCATION OF ARCTIC COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS

YELLOWKNIFE (January 31, 1989) - The Metis Association of the N.W.T. strongly supports efforts of the Town of Fort Smith to persuade the Government of the Northwest Territories to move the Headquarters for Arctic College from Yellowknife to Fort Smith.

The decision to move the campus headquarters was made in 1985 by the Board of Governors for the College and the Executive Council of the GNWT in consultation with the Minister of Education. Among the reasons cited was that the College would have better access to Federal and Provincial agencies and could better serve its students across the NWT if the Head Office was located in Yellowknife.

The proposed relocation is consistent with the GNWT policy on Government Organizations which calls for the "Pooling of specialized support and administrative services at the location closest to where programs are delivered and where they will be fully utilized."

"It makes more sense for College Headquarters to be located on a Campus close to students. Advanced communications technology and improved air service have minimized the distance between Fort Smith and Yellowknife." says Metis Association President Mike Paulette.

The proposed relocation would also provide economic benefits to the Community of Fort Smith and College employees who could enjoy a lower cost of living compared to Yellowknife. It is estimated that up to 10 positions would be affected by a move.

This issue was identified to the Special Committee on the Northern Economy during community consultations. The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of Education has commissioned a feasibility study on relocation in response to this concern.

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Dennis F. Bevington
Mayor
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Fort Smith, N.W.T.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN
OF FORT SMITH

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter concerning town council's desire to relocate the headquarters of Arctic College back to Fort Smith.

After Council gave this matter some consideration a motion was introduced and passed;

quote: "That Council sent a letter of support endorsing the report submitted by the Town of Fort Smith that the headquarters of Arctic College be relocated back to Fort Smith."

unquote.

In closing, we would be interested in hearing the final outcome on this matter.

Thank you,

Joe Allen Evyagotailak
Mayor

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