



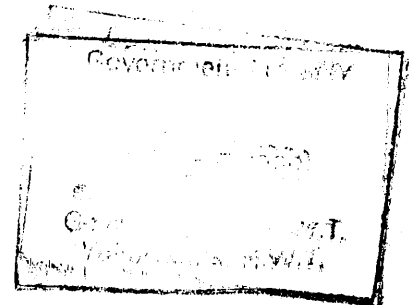
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the Honorable Mr. Tom Butters  
 Legislative Assembly of the NWT  
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Dear Mr. Butters:



Thank you for a very prompt response to my concerns about the Victor Sammurtok "old" School, in Chesterfield Inlet. Poking around in that old school at midnight made me feel like a kid who had found the key to the store room.

Recently, I had a conversation with our Mayor, Simeonie Sammurtok. Simeonie is also a member of the Community Education Committee (CEC). He indicated to me that (wearing both hats), he is anxious to take a greater part in the educational programs of the adults in Chesterfield. I interpret that to mean he will be working closely with the Community Training Advisory Committee (CTAC) & CEC to develop educational programs which will parallel the needs of the "stakeholders" in the Community. It was the CTAC which first addressed the matter of saving the "old" school and I believe it is the correct next step, for CTAC, CEC, and other concerned groups in Chesterfield Inlet to pursue that goal to its fruition. So I, Nora Brown, bow out. The Arctic College, "portable" used for Adult Education is currently adequate for our needs.

It is my hope that community groups; such as CEC and CTAC, will take up my cause to save the Victor Sammurtok "old" school, as it is a sound building. It was reported in the Human Resources Study, ( by E.J. Jackson & Associates) for the Keewatin Region, as a viable alternative to "new" building.

For many, like Peter Ernerk and Marie Uvieluq, the school, built and run by the Oblate fathers stands as a land mark, or should I say Inukshuk, to the Inuit of the Keewatin. Not just a memorial to Victor Sammurtok, the building stands as a testimonial to the diligence and endurance of Father Turquetil O.M.I.(the Oblates), who founded the Keewatin Mission to the Inuit, here in Chesterfield Inlet.

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Perhaps, the route to follow, to save the "old" school, is to have it declared an historical site.

Yours sincerely,

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