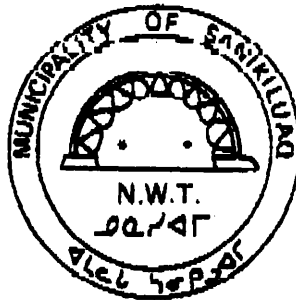


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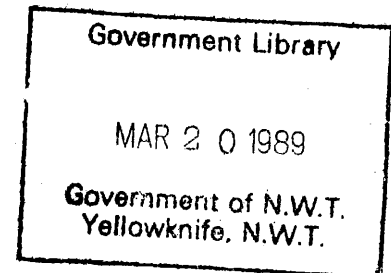
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March 7, 1989

Re: Lack of Cooperation

It has come to my attention, this morning, that the Dept. of Public Works and Hwy. don't usually show their cooperation. Because of that reason, it is now causing problems to the community.

As you know, we lost our Co-op Store last November of 1988; and, the community reached the decision to build the replacement store this winter.

The building pad and the additional power pole were put in place as quickly as possible after that decision was made. Just after the new year all the materials for the new store were flown into our community. At that time, the Co-op Manager asked the D.P.W. Operator for temporary power. But, according to the Co-op Manager, no cooperation was received. So, the construction crew started using a portable generator of their own and the Hamlet's portable generator. Now, both portable generators are out of order from cold temperatures. This little generator was the Hamlet's stand-by in case of emergency. Now, we don't have one.

This morning we just learnt from our community Radio and Television technician that the reason the community didn't have the radio station for about a week was due to the transmitter burning out from power shortage. The construction crew has been using the power from our little T.V. and Radio Station for powerful electric tools which have burned out the transmitter. Again, for emergency reasons, it is not a good idea for the community to be without public radio.

The G.L.O and Co-op Manager have told us the Regional Executive is aware of this problem. This morning, myself, I got hold of the Regional Superintendent of Public Works but received little cooperation from there. He instructed me to get hold of Bill Reed, who is the Power Plant Operator, and ask him what he needs in order for the Co-op to obtain temporary power. Instead of himself communicating to his own employee he had me do it. After talking with Bill Reed, I learnt all he needs is a permit and certified electrician to put the panel up. There is no electrician in the community but there is one somewhere down south. It would cost about \$5,000 to get this person. According to the G.L.O., Bill Reed, himself, has a electrical licence and there is more than enough materials in the community. So, this is lack of cooperation from the Dept. of Public Works. And, this is not the only or first time. This lack of cooperation has existed for about a

year and a half now. In a small community, this situation should not exist.

If you talk to anyone in the community you will get the very same story: Co-op Managers, School Teachers, Hamlet Maintenance Crew. I have ordered the Co-op Manager not to use anymore power from our T.V. Station which means there won't be any more power for the Co-op construction crew. This isn't good either because the community is demanding to get the new store built as soon as possible. At this time, the Co-op has only a temporary store from one of the Old School portable buildings.

This problem was strictly between the Co-op and the GNWT Dept. of Public Works. The reason we have put this complaint together, however, is because it is already causing the whole community (i.e. no radio station) problems; and, the Executive is already aware of it according to the G.L.O.

Also, we will be claiming damage for the portable generators which seems to be a responsibility of the GNWT from lack of Government Services in our community. We would appreciate it, if you could pass this urgent message through the appropriate channels in D.P.W.&Hwy.

Thank you,



P. Kattuk, Mayor



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