

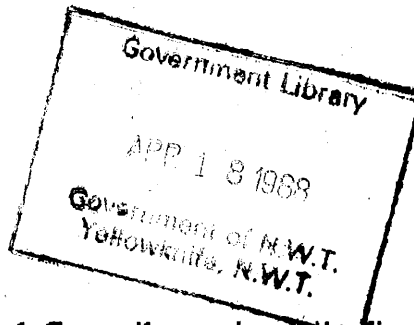
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Baffin Regional Council

April 14, 1988

Honorable Dennis Patterson
Government Leader
Government of the N.W.T.
YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.



Dear Mr. Patterson,

Yesterday, the Baffin Regional Council received its first quarter core funding from the GNWT. Only then were we informed that funding for our Regional Council had been cut by 9.5%, a total of \$26,000.00 per annum.

In November 1987, we submitted a budget to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs requesting a 4% increase in core funding. At that time, we were given no guidelines to indicate that funding cuts were under consideration.

These cuts have been made without any consultation or advance notice. We have been given no opportunity to recast our budget to allow for the obvious dramatic operational impact of such a large decrease in funding. The lack of advance notice is of special concern to us. If we had been given appropriate notice, it would have been possible for us to realize a small surplus at March 31, 1988 which would have provided some financial flexibility for this fiscal year.



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We recognize the need for fiscal restraint. BRC had prepared for a zero growth budget in this fiscal year. The magnitude of our funding decrease, however, is such that radical downsizing or elimination of Regional Council programs will be necessary as may be the elimination of a key staff position in our organization.

We would appreciate an explanation of why these large funding cutbacks were made in this fashion with no prior notice. Further, we urge you to closely examine the impact of these cuts on our operations and request that you reinstate our core funding at 1987/88 levels.

Sincerely,

Mark Evaloarjuk
Speaker

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