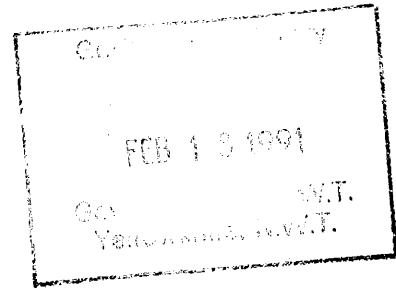


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January 7, 1991



Mr. Peter Ernerk, M.L.A
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Dear Mr. Ernerk:

I would like to inform you in regards to elders in Repulse Bay that are not getting adequate health services in the community when they really need it.

This letter is especially in regards to two elderly people that almost lost their lives because of inadequate health services in this community.

Firstly, ^{Achivob} ~~Misli~~ Kringayark age 71 has been going south for treatment from Repulse Bay on an off for years, had to be medivac on an emergency because they couldn't do anything to help him anymore in the community. The nurses in Repulse Bay did not do a thorough investigation the first time he went to the nursing station, that is why he is now in a hospital in Winnipeg. There were a number of people, including myself unhappy with his treatment by the nurses from Repulse Bay. I'm sure whenever he goes to the nursing station for treatment, the nurses in Repulse Bay do not notify the doctors about his condition. Several people in Repulse Bay have repeatedly expressed how unhappy they are about the performances of the nurse named Sandra Hichter, stationed in Repulse Bay.

Secondly, my mother, ^{Elizabeth} ~~Elisapee~~ Tinashlu, age 63 has been taking medication since June, without them she's very sickly. The nurse has been told, if she should get sick at any time, the doctors in Churchill or Winnipeg have to be notified right away.

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She has been sick for a long time and she is very weak physically and has been losing a lot of weight. She goes for regular check-up with a regular appointment and she has a hard time walking to the nursing station. My mother ~~Elipee~~ has asked the nurse Sandra Hichter a number of times to telephone a doctor, but the nurse does not call the doctor. She was very sick recently and on January 6, 1991, yesterday evening, she vomited a large volume of blood, maybe she almost died. She had to subsequently be medivaced to Yellowknife because the nurses in Manitoba were on strike.

Mr. Ernerk, I am telling you that the nurse Sandra Hichter has to be replaced. When the nurse is replaced, the people of Repulse Bay who have to be watched very closely because of their poor health will finally be getting better treatment. For example, Peter Katorka's wife, Anirniq and number of elders and ordinary residents are not cared for by the nurse Sandra Hichter. This nurse in question has to be replaced as soon as possible.

I have heard from number of people in Repulse Bay complaining about this nurse so that is why I am writing you this letter. This is a very serious matter and I am sorry I had to bypass the Community Health Committee and the Keewatin Regional Health Board in reporting the unsatisfactory treatment of Repulse Bay residents. The complaints are not being dealt with by the Repulse Bay Community Health Committee and I feel very much for our elders not being looked after by the medical professionals and that I should report it.

I know you will do everything possible to assist me to resolve this very serious matter.

Thank you.

John Tinashlu

