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HONORABLE TOM BUTTERS
MINISTER
MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Dear Mr. Butters:

The Hamlet Council of Rankin Inlet would like to express their full support of a highway system connecting the communities of Arviat, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Baker Lake to Churchill, Manitoba.

We believe that the highway would minimize the high cost of living in the eastern arctic and encourage further development in our area. We are concerned about the high level of unemployment and our increasing population and view the transportation system as a positive method of counteracting this as we are certain that it will encourage further developments in the area.

We, the Council, support the quest of the Honorable Gordon Wray, Minister of Transportation and Peter Ernerk, M.L.A. for Aivilik to achieve this goal for our community and region. We are encouraging the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Federal and Provincial Governments to negotiate and put in place a program for the construction of a highway system within the Keewatin Region.

Paul Kaludjak
Mayor

c.c. M.L.A. Peter Ernerk