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Residents
Fort McPherson, NWT X0E 0J0

Subject: Water Rates

Dear Water Customers:

Last fiscal year the Hamlet of Fort McPherson experienced exceedingly high costs for the maintenance of water system from the Public Works Department. These high costs stemmed from several contributing factors: continually testing of water for THM levels, three freeze ups during the winter and extra use of chlorine in treating the water.

The Ministry of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) advises that a fivefold increase would have to be passed along to residential and commercial users to recover these costs as required by the Territorial Government. The Council of the Hamlet of Fort McPherson cannot see passing along a 400% increase to its customers in one year.

Thus they have requested an investigation from the Ministers of MACA and Public Works. Our MLA, David Krutko, is also working with government officials in Yellowknife to bring about a resolution. In the meantime Council has passed a new Municipal Services Rate By-law increasing water rates effective October 2, 2000.

A copy of the By-law is included for your perusal. The rates for customers will be:

- Government users 3.46 cents per litre
- Commercial users 0.93 cents per litre
- Residential users 0.45 cents per litre

Commercial and residential users are subsidized from a fixed amount provided annually by MACA. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 952-2428.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Vulcano, Senior Administrative Officer

cc MLA David Krutko *Faxed to 873-0276*



