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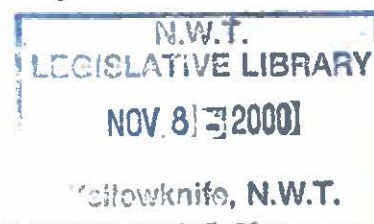
Subject: Water System Costs

Dear Mr. Krutko:

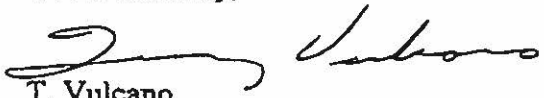
Thank you for helping with the water system costs for Fort McPherson. Here is additional information:

- No forewarning or cost explanations/itemizations have been provided
- Detailed cost breakdowns (by month) have been requested (yesterday) but as you are aware had not been provided previously. They were provided to MACA but MACA did not share information with us.
- Budgets for projected costs have not been provided
- Meetings have not been held on possible costs, plans or improvements
- High costs have been attributed to extra (excess?) use of chlorine which in turn has raised the Tri Halo Methylene (THM's) levels which as you know created concern and confusion in the community and lead to other extra costs (including providing Brita water Filters)
- Testing for THM's has been expensive done on a weekly basis of a number of sites and then sent to Yellowknife (at air shipping rates) for analysis – it may be this was a Health requirement but there was no forewarning to us that the cost would be passed along the community
- Freeze ups really put the costs up – there were three last year. Part of the high expense is that they (DPW) bring in service vehicles/contractors from Inuvik when local contractors (e.g. Tetlit Zeh Trucking) could do the work.
- One freeze up occurred when there was one pump/engine down then the next one also went down – it seemed irresponsible to me on part of the “contractor” to have left us in that vulnerable position thus a rationale for not having to pay the March billing.
- Spencer Philippo of MACA advises that when he looked through the billings he noted what he thought were outrageous charges such having to pay \$60-65/hour for DPW staff to paint the floor of the Water Treatment plant.

When I have the detailed cost breakdowns (I have requested they be faxed to this office) I will forward the same to you.



Yours sincerely,



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Senior Administrative Officer

cc Mayor Koe