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**URGENT!**

**Correction of *Nunatsiaq News* story**

***Reporter erred, not Deputy Premier Goo Arlooktoo or NTI's Tagak Curley***

IQALUIT—*Nunatsiaq News* wishes to immediately correct inaccurate statements published in an article on page 14 of the May 3 issue.

We also wish first to publicly apologize to Deputy Premier Goo Arlooktoo, Tagak Curley, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. members of the legislative assembly, and our readers for the confusion the inaccurate article has created.

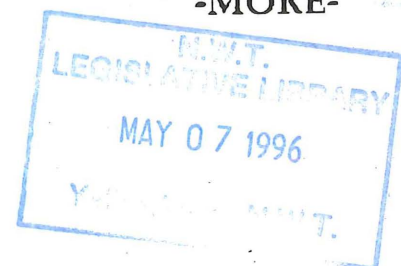
The article "GNWT circumventing land claim, Kusugak says" was discussed in the legislative assembly on Friday March 3, and was also later reported on CBC Radio.

After reading the Hansard transcript of Mr. Arlooktoo's reaction to the story, the reporter reviewed his files, re-interviewed Tagak Curley, and discovered errors in the story.

The story incorrectly reported that Deputy Premier Goo Arlooktoo had discussed the territorial cabinet's position on implementing Article 24 of the Nunavut Land Clams Agreement with Tagak Curley, the director of business development with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

In an interview Sunday March 5, Mr. Curley confirms that Mr. Arlooktoo did not talk to him about that.

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## **Reporter erred, not Deputy Premier Goo Arlooktoo or NTI's Tagak Curley (cont.)**

During the original interview, Curley discussed his frustration that the GNWT cabinet hadn't yet formally responded to a proposal on how to implement Article 24 .

In responding to a reporter's question about whether he was surprised that Arlooktoo, a cabinet minister and a beneficiary of the land claim, hadn't addressed the delay, Curley replied that, "I think he's under a lot of pressure."

Then Mr. Curley offered his own opinions of why the GNWT cabinet hasn't yet officially responded. The reporter mistakenly understood and interpreted Curley's comments to be information he'd learned from conversations with Mr. Arlooktoo—not his own personal opinions.

This is what Curley said, according to a tape recording of the interview:

"He respects the claims no doubt, the agreement, he would like to honor it, but he has different constituencies that are privately very strongly opposed to implementing Article 24, in the cabinet. Publicly they won't say that, but if they were to make their position public it would certainly be helpful," Curley said.

A paraphrase of Mr. Curley's comments also appeared in direct quotations, which created further confusion.

But even if the comments had been correctly attributed, the facts were still wrong, and once again we apologize for any confusion and embarrassment the article has caused, particularly to Mr. Arlooktoo and Mr. Curley.

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