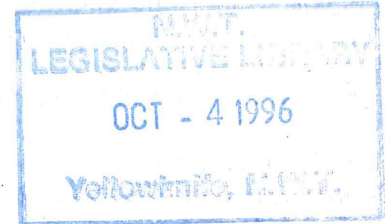




September 27, 1996



The Right Honorable Jean Chretien, M.P., P.C.
Prime minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister:

Core Funding for the TI'oondih Healing Society

The TI'oondih Healing Society has been in operation since June of 1995 and to date we have had about 250 clients participate in our family program which is unique to Canada and certainly the north.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has allocated \$300,000 from non insured benefits to TI'oondih based on the following rates this fiscal year:

Adult	\$100.00 per day
Youth	\$75.00 per day
Children (6year+)	\$50.00 per day

Our costs to run the TI'oondih healing camp and offices are in excess of what we are receiving and we shall be running into a huge deficit this year if we do not take action now.

The TI'oondih Healing Society will be re-invoicing the department of Health and Social Services at the rate of \$175.00 per adult, \$137.50 per youth and \$100.00 per child retroactive to June 10, 1996.

This will almost exhaust the \$300,000.

The new rates equate to the following:

Adult	\$175.00 per day	= \$6125.00
Youth	\$137.50 per day	= \$4814.50
Children (6year+)	\$100.00 per day	= \$3500.00

Because of fiscal restraints, we shall be closing the camp until January 1997. We shall be completing an organizational review to study our options and whether we are welcome in this field.

Thirteen people shall be given their lay off notices effective immediately. Some of them will be eligible for Unemployment Insurance, but I dare say, most will go looking for similar work or go

on Social Assistance.

The Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) took the initiative to construct a first class facility and to develop a program that is new, unique and one that "works".

The Gwich'in Nation's "Investment in People"

This is the first time in Canada that an aboriginal organization has taken on an independent approach to the healing process and established a program to respond to the generations of abuse of alcohol, and other substances, that have lead to the breakdown in the traditional native family unit and communities.

The TI'oondih Healing Camp is a first class facility that is wholly owned by the Gwich'in Tribal Council and was built for a total of **\$2.1 million** dollard and operates with aboriginal staff fully trained for all aspects of its operations. The GNWT has not contributed any money or manpower in the design, delivery or construction on the camp or programs which have boosted the economy and pride in the Mackenzie Delta region.

With unemployment in the Mackenzie Delta at over **twice** the average of the rest of Canada, the TI'oondih Healing Camp has been a valuable source of income and hope for many families.

Programs are designed to accommodate family-based healing which is a balance of holistic, traditional and modern therapeutic healing methodologies accredited worldwide. Interest in the programs have generated so much international interest that the **Chief of the Seminole Tribe of Florida** flew in with half a dozen of his members just to observe and negotiate future program delivery with the Gwich'in people.

Programs offered by the society have been heavily under-funded. The fees collected from Health and Social Services amount to **less than 25%** of the cost of delivery. Until only very recently, no fees were collected for Aftercare services.

Losses of 1.7 million have been covered by the GTC for delivery of 10 healing programs that proudly boast 240 graduates. The GTC can no longer carry these debt loads. Thus, can only further contribute **\$500,000** dollars to the losses on operations.

The Mackenzie Delta has Suffered too Much

Funding for treatment centers in the NWT is provided by the Department of Health and Social Services. In the last fiscal year, all treatment centers have received core funding except the TI'oondih Healing Society

Natsejee'ke is a 30 bed facility, like TI'oondih, located on the Hay River Dene Reserve. It received core funding of **\$1,024,540 dollars** in 1995. It is only an 11 hour drive from Edmonton.

Inuusiqsiurvik is an 18 bed facility in Apex, a suburb of Iqaluit, which received a **\$1,241,042 dollars** for its core funding in 1995. TI'oondih has received **no** core funding to date from the GNWT.

10 Years of Cuts to The Mackenzie Delta

We (the Mackenzie Delta) have the lowest government capital spending of **\$1200.00** per person for the Mackenzie Delta compared to the second lowest of government capital spending is at \$2300.00 per person. They receive almost twice our budget! And that equates to lost jobs for my constituency, and with high unemployment sadly comes social problems.

The Mackenzie Delta has suffered one of the largest government layoffs with an approximate **5%** reduction in public servants.

The Mackenzie Delta operates on a **10.47%** budget of what the Keewatin Central operates on. Comparing the Mackenzie Delta with Natilikmiot, which has the second lowest in capital spending, my constituency operates on a **29.23%** budget of that they receive.

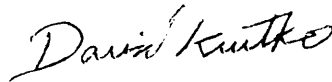
It is obvious that the Mackenzie Delta needs more attention when it comes to dealing with the Government of the Northwest Territories and it should start with fair core funding for the TI'oondih Healing Society.

A motion was passed on the 23rd of May, 1996, that the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Executive enter into immediate negotiations with the TI'oondih Healing Society in an effort to provide core funding to the society at the same level as provided to other institutions providing the similar services so as to ensure the long term viability of the TI'oondih Healing Program.

To date I have not met with the Minister of Health and Social Services or the Executive on this urgent issue. The sooner these talks get under way, and resolved, the sooner my constituency can continue on their road to recovery.

I humbly request a letter of support from you, Mr. Prime Minister, in supporting our efforts in receiving core funding for the TI'oondih Healing Society so that we may work towards a better future for the Northwest Territories.

Sincerely.



David Krutko
MLA, Mackenzie Delta

cc: Premier of the Northwest Territories
Minister of Health and Social Services
Minister of Finance
Executive
All MLA's

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95	1993/94	1992/93	5 Year Community Total
Aklavik	\$128,000	\$379,000	\$173,000	\$864,000	\$469,000	\$2,013,000
Ft. MacPherson	\$691,000	\$334,000	\$534,000	\$248,000	\$440,000	\$2,247,000
Tsiigehtechic	\$160,000	\$178,000	\$401,000	\$202,000	\$201,000	\$1,142,000
Annual Inuvik Regional Budget (Capital)*	\$27,886,000	\$21,481,000	\$21,516,000	\$22,283,000	\$43,718,000	
% of Regional Budget Spent in Mackenzie Delta	3.51%	4.15%	5.15%	5.90%	2.54%	
* - Please Note:						
This amount includes "various regional capital projects". These are not specifically identifiable and are often of benefit to the entire region.						

Constituency	Community	Population (1991 census)	Proposed Capital Spending (\$000's)						Average Spending 96/7 to 01/02	Capital Spending (\$000's)								Average Spending 88/9 to 95/6	Avg Spending Per Person (000's) 88/9 to 95/6	Total PY/FTE Reductions	PY/FTE Reductions (% of Pop)	PY/FTE Reductions (% of Employees)
			2001/02	2000/01	1999/00	1998/99	1997/98	1996/97		1995/96	1994/95	1993/94	1992/93	1991/92	1990/91	1989/90	1988/89					
<i>Baffin South</i>	Cape Dorset	961	0	0	0	0	0	434	N/A	2,962	2,934	1,509	1,760	1,945	2,453	4,168	245	2,046	2.13	1.00	0.10%	1.92%
	Lake Harbour	365	0	0	0	0	0	2,225	N/A	3,213	1,509	895	3,349	185	320	1,111	1,422	1,581	4.33	1.25	0.34%	5.21%
	Sonikluuaq	526	0	0	0	0	0	1,640	N/A	197	3,190	1,080	662	198	968	401	410	972	1.85	1.00	0.19%	3.70%
	Total		1,852	0	0	0	0	4,299	N/A	6,372	7,633	3,484	5,771	2,328	3,741	5,680	2,077	4,636	2.50	3.25	0.18%	3.16%
<i>Keewatin Central</i>	Rankin Inlet	1,706	0	0	0	0	0	8,221	N/A	7,786	8,683	5,132	3,928	2,456	1,881	2,550	1,363	4,667	2.74	-37.30	-2.19%	-12.77%
	Whale Cove	235	0	0	0	0	0	287	N/A	480	2,272	349	1,052	3,660	408	200	305	1,001	4.26	-0.75	0.00%	0.00%
	Total	1,941	0	0	0	0	0	8,508	N/A	8,266	10,955	5,481	4,980	6,116	2,289	2,750	1,668	5,313	2.74	-38.05	-1.96%	-13.03%
<i>Mackenzie Delta</i>	Aklavik	801	442	999	1,602	2,371	604	128	1,024	379	173	864	469	210	168	11	310	374	0.47	2.50	0.31%	-6.41%
	Tsilghehtlic	144	108	33	80	130	115	160	104	178	401	202	440	245	325	761	1,146	393	2.75	0.97	0.67%	16.17%
	Fort MacPherson	759	1,252	869	508	450	585	691	726	334	534	248	201	1,572	2,960	3,250	1,015	1,153	1.52	-1.89	-0.25%	-2.95%
	Total	1,704	1,802	1,901	2,190	2,951	1,304	979	1,855	891	1,108	1,314	1,110	2,027	3,453	4,022	2,471	2,050	1.20	-5.36	-0.31%	-4.92%
<i>Nahendeh</i>	Fort Liard	485	0	0	0	0	0	1,185	N/A	288	722	90	720	270	1,455	647	582	662	1.37	-0.50	-0.10%	-1.06%
	Fort Simpson	1,142	0	0	0	0	0	2,364	N/A	3,419	5,130	679	670	1,504	843	2,210	300	1,902	1.67	-10.50	-0.92%	5.47%
	Jean Marie River	49	0	0	0	0	0	782	N/A	1,602	546	770	407	145	292	355	131	559	11.41	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
	Nahanni Butte	85	0	0	0	0	0	272	N/A	805	984	266	397	356	214	35	185	390	4.59	0.50	0.59%	10.00%
	Trout Lake	66	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	N/A	750	116	525	850	595	385	95	20	482	7.30	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
	Wrigley	174	0	0	0	0	0	288	N/A	546	670	5,547	57	1,175	380	70	1,110	1,094	6.29	-1.50	-0.86%	-7.14%
	Total	2,001	0	0	0	0	0	5,891	N/A	7,410	8,168	7,877	3,101	4,045	3,569	3,412	2,328	4,989	2.49	-12.00	-0.60%	-4.29%
<i>Natiliqmiot</i>	Gjoa Haven	783	0	0	0	0	0	1,926	N/A	521	810	3,339	3,875	1,585	640	885	700	1,587	2.03	2.55	0.33%	5.80%
	Pelly Bay	409	0	0	0	0	0	1,771	N/A	1,699	2,160	3,940	240	532	280	424	250	1,255	3.07	0.05	0.01%	0.24%
	Taloyoak	580	0	0	0	0	0	3,025	N/A	828	947	260	2,885	3,560	2,485	1,215	1,590	1,866	3.22	2.80	0.48%	8.00%
Total	1,772	0	0	0	0	0	6,722	N/A	3,048	3,917	7,539	7,000	5,677	3,405	2,524	2,540	4,456	2.51	5.40	0.30%	5.40%	
<i>Nunakput</i>	Holman	361	0	0	0	0	0	484	N/A	716	283	674	335	227	1,567	550	697	615	1.70	3.55	0.98%	14.79%
	Paolabuk	255	0	0	0	0	0	1,719	N/A	948	868	1,940	2,833	210	2,255	193	140	1,234	4.84	1.03	0.40%	6.87%
	Sachs Harbour	125	0	0	0	0	0	376	N/A	634	352	988	1,214	2,232	390	158	250	733	5.86	-0.80	-0.64%	10.00%
	Tuktoyaktuk	918	0	0	0	0	0	574	N/A	1,305	457	465	360	1,182	711	5,035	350	1,160	1.26	-3.65	-0.40%	8.11%
Total	1,659	0	0	0	0	0	3,153	N/A	3,603	1,960	4,067	4,742	3,851	4,923	5,936	1,437	3,815	2.30	0.13	0.01%	0.14%	