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Honourable Calvin Pokiak
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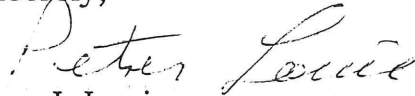
Dear Mr. Pokiak:

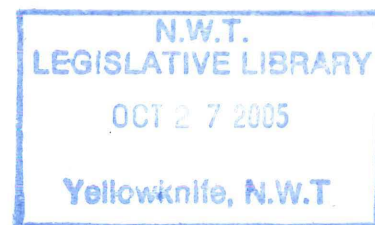
As a small business owner in Tuktoyaktuk I have serious concerns regarding the shortage of gravel in the community. On October 20, 2005 I attended the community meeting that discussed the possibility of constructing a road to gravel source #177, located approximately 22 km south of Tuktoyaktuk.

Without an affordable source of gravel, construction projects will simply not be economical for either government or private sector businesses. This will significantly reduce the number of contract opportunities for local contractors. It is absolutely essential that our community have access to a gravel source to ensure we have the infrastructure to move forward in community development initiatives.

I am aware of the efforts you have made to secure government funding to access the gravel at source #177. I am in full support of your efforts and encourage you to continue to find a solution to this very serious problem.

Sincerely,


Peter J. Louie





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October 25, 2005

Mr. Calvin Pokiak
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Dear Mr. Pokiak:

Tuktoyaktuk Gravel Source

Limited access to an adequate gravel source is an ongoing concern to the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk. The Hamlet is aware of your efforts to secure government funding to construct a road to source #177, located 22 kilometres south of the community.

As Economic Development Officer I have serious concerns regarding the future development of the community. In terms of developing a sustainable economy it is absolutely essential that both private and public sector organizations and individuals have access to an affordable and available source of quality gravel. An adequate supply of gravel would promote economic development in the following ways:

Required Infrastructure for Business Development - Many businesses require an adequate supply of gravel to develop a suitable location to market their product, handle administrative duties or to perform other logistical business functions. Increasing gravel costs inhibit the creation of new business ventures and impede existing local businesses from maintaining operations or expanding to other markets. Businesses will be affected in industry sectors that include but are not limited to:

- Oil & Gas
- Tourism
- Retail Sales
- Heavy Equipment Contracting
- Water and Sewage Contracting
- Construction
- Other Product or Service based industries

Required Infrastructure for Community Development - It is more probable for the community to further develop the economy and recruit quality human resources if adequate infrastructure is in place. This not only includes the aforementioned business infrastructure but also public sector and non-profit needs including schools, roads, waste disposal facilities, airports, recreation facilities, churches, expanded health care facilities and other resources that improve the overall quality of living. Given the current cost of gravel, most organizations cannot afford to construct, maintain or expand facilities.

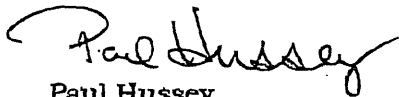
Employment Sustainable community employment can best be achieved in a diversified economy. In order to development more businesses in a variety of industry sectors gravel is required to develop community infrastructure that will help create employment in future years.

Opportunities directly related to constructing a road to gravel source #177 will have an immediate impact on employment in the community. The benefits of a more sustainable economy will evolve over time.

Position the Community for Oil & Gas Development - In order to fully capitalize on future oil and gas projects including the Mackenzie Gas Project, the community has to have access to gravel. A gravel source will help local businesses and community organizations in competing with other municipalities for oil and gas related projects. Gravel will also help mitigate some of the adverse affects on community infrastructure (i.e. damage to roads due to increased industry traffic).

The need for gravel is a concern that simply cannot be overlooked. As Economic Development Officer I support your efforts to date and encourage you to continue to work together with the community to gain access to this essential resource.

Sincerely,



Paul Hussey
Economic Development Officer
Tuktoyaktuk

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Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk Councilors

