

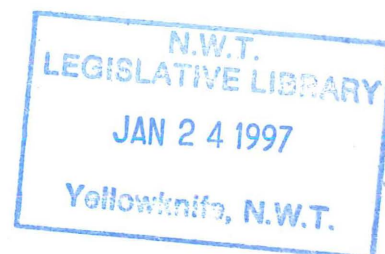


## TABLING STATEMENT

**MEMBER: MR. FLOYD ROLAND, MLA - INUVIK**  
**TOPIC: CLOSURE OF DELTA HOUSE ALCOHOL AND DRUG REHABILITATION CENTRE IN INUVIK**

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a package of two letters that I received opposing the closure of the Delta House Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Centre in Inuvik.

The letters are from: Eddie Kolausok, Director of Student Services of the Aurora Campus of Aurora College and Reverend Larry Robertson, Minister of the Anglican and Lutheran Congregation of Inuvik.







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January 21, 1997

Honourable, Floyd Roland  
Inuvik MLA, Inuvik, NT

**Re: Delta House Closure.**

**Dear Mr. Roland,**

As the former Student Counsellor and in my current position as Director of Student Services at Aurora Campus in Inuvik, I have had the opportunity to work on the front lines of community wellness, and healthy lifestyle behaviour development with help from the staff of Delta House. The recent announcement to close Delta House will be a great loss to our department and to this community. Delta House staff have helped our campus in several ways.

Some of the help we have received and still receive from Delta House includes but is not limited to:

- Delta House is a referral agency that we use to provide alcohol and drug counselling to students who request it.
- Delta House helps us promote healthy lifestyle choice behaviours by participating in our continuing campaigns to encourage our students to live alcohol and drug free lifestyles. Last year our campus won a national award for its participation in National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week with the help of organizations like Delta House.
- Delta House provides guest speakers to various functions that motivate our students and increase their awareness of problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse.
- Delta House provides our staff - especially Counsellors - with other professionals to help support care for the care givers initiatives. This is a much needed service that has naturally developed because of our close working relationship with Delta House staff. As you are aware, staff dealing with social dislocation within northern communities face a tremendous amount of stress and continuous

attrition because of the stress.

-Delta House also offers programs in the evenings that staff and students participate in to help them deal with their problems.

Losing a community institution like Delta House, which has gained the respect and confidence of the community of Inuvik, will definitely increase our work load. Losing Delta House will also impact on our ability to effectively refer people who have D& A problems to an outside agency that has the properly trained staff and programs.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it is a sad day in the Delta when an organization like Delta House, which works at the front lines of community wellness development, closes. At this campus we recognize the need for Alcohol and Drug rehabilitation as we face this difficult social disease on a rather continuous basis because of several factors. Alcohol and drug abuse affects the very heart of our community and greatly limits the ability for the North to become self-reliant as it affects our youth and generations to come.

Is community wellness a priority with our elected officials?

Is the North's future and its people important to our leaders?

If the answer is yes to the above then Delta House is a leader in education, healing, and awareness in the continual challenge of forging towards community wellness as it relates to one of our most serious problems - alcohol and drug abuse. For our children and communities wellness, please find a way to keep Delta House serving our community and making our Northern society a better place to live.

Respectfully,

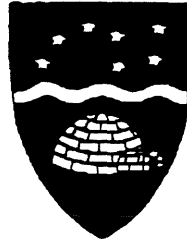
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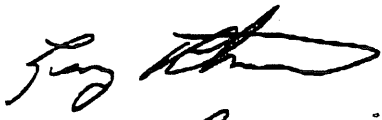


21, January, 97

To Whom it May Concern:

I wish to express my regret at the news that Delta House will soon lose their funding. As the minister of both the Anglican and Lutheran congregation of Inuvik, I have had to refer several on my congregation to Delta house. Here they could get treatment within the realm of their culture and living area. I have heard many positive comments and regret the losing of funds.

Most of all I wonder what will now happen to those in need of in-house treatment. Especially I am concerned with where to local Inuvialuit and non-native residents will go for treatment. Delta house seeks to treat all people respecting their cultures. The area will be at a lose because of Delta House losing their funding.

  
LARRY ROBERTSON,

