

Hay River Seniors Society
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Jane Groenewegen MLA
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Dear Ms. Groenewegen:

Re: Increased Price of Wood for Seniors

It has been brought to our attention that the price of wood has been raised from \$55.00 in the fall of '96 to \$95.00 presently. That is an increase of \$40.00 per cord. More than 70%.

I realize the private sector, namely Marc LeBlanc complained to Renewable Resources that correctional services in Hay River were undercutting his price, and Steve Kakfwi MLA, Minister Renewable Resources directed that corrections increase their price to five dollars higher than the private businesses.

The private businesses have been unable to keep up with the demand for wood, and due to heavy snow fall, they find it difficult to collect wood. Seniors therefore are penalized because the private businesses do not have enough wood for seniors at \$90.00. They are now forced to buy at corrections at \$95.00. Corrections have better wood, so it doesn't leave the senior much choice anyway.

The service correction provides by supplying wood to seniors, was a work project to allow the inmates to get out of the building, and give them something construction to do. It is one of many services the community appreciates.

Seniors have been affected severely by the cuts backs in health, and social services, housing, and now renewable resources while their income remains fixed.

We ask now, that Steve Kakfwi MLA direct Hay River Correctional Services to again sell wood to seniors only for \$55.00 per cord.

We would appreciate any intervention you are able to give in support of this concern for our seniors. Thank you Jane.

Sincerely,

Doreen Kelly
Doreen Kelly, secretary

