



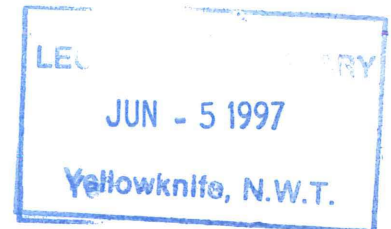
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Dear Mr. Steen:

**Re: WATER DELIVERY CUTBACKS**

I am writing on behalf of the Tuk Housing residents who are currently encountering many hygienic and financial problems because of the water delivery cutbacks.

I have been in Tuk almost three months and have heard and personally gone through the problems the Tuk Housing residents are unfortunately are going through.

I would like to point out a few of the problems the water delivery cutbacks are causing:

- Elders are going without water for at least one or two days as their children/grandchildren are using their water to do laundry, shower and baths.
- People are bringing in pipeless honeybuckets as the flush toilets are useless when they run out of water.
- Limited water use is naturally hygienically unhealthy as people have to cutback on their shower/baths, laundry, flushing toilets and housecleaning.
- People are going to their neighbours, friends and relatives with a pail to borrow water, shower/bath and to do laundry. Not only it is embarrassing, it is cutting in on peoples' privacy.
- In the long run it is so unhealthy it is beyond our imagination as to what health problems this water cutback will cause and have already caused.
- Most families are allowed 500 litres/wk; if they run out of water and want water delivered they have to pay \$50.00 for a 250 litre tank. Even for people who can afford to pay it, it is another hardship as the cost of living here is so high. I know of some people even those who are working who have to go without water for at least two days as they just cannot afford to

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pay the \$50.00.

- The ones suffering most are the unemployed, elders and single mothers as they are on a very limited income and this "unbelievable" cutback is just another hardship to set them back.

- I am sure there are many other problems I haven't mentioned.

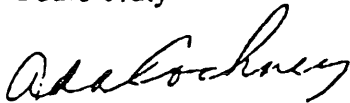
I would also like to point out that we are definitely going back into time when we used honeybuckets (at least we had pipes for honeybuckets then) and running around with a pail to get water. Unfortunately those who cannot afford very much have to suffer more because of this water issue.

Whoever made this water delivery cutback should know that water is the main source of living especially in this modern day and age.

On behalf of the Tuk Housing residents we are hoping that you as our elected MLA can overcome this problem A.S.A.P.

Thank you.

Yours Truly



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cc: Health Board  
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Tuktoyaktuk Housing Association  
Tuk Health Committee