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Nunavut Caucus Members
 Legislative Assembly
 Government of the NWT
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Dear Caucus Members,

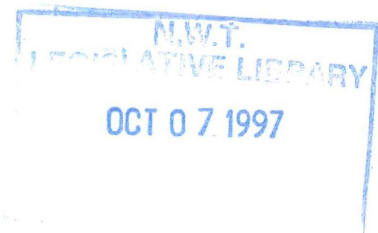
Re: Electoral Boundaries

The Hamlet Council of Arviat has instructed our MLA to support Option C of the Electoral Boundaries Commission's report which would see the community of Arviat get its own seat in the Nunavut Legislature.

This is consistent with the views of our citizens and was emphasised to the Electoral Boundaries Commission during their hearings in Arviat earlier this year. Arviat is one of the fastest growing communities in Nunavut and the people of this community feel that because of this growth, coupled with the fact that we are the third largest community in Nunavut, we need the representation that our own seat in the Nunavut Legislature would bring.

It has been brought to our attention that there is an amendment being proposed that would see Whale Cove and Arviat made into one riding and have Sanikiluaq given its own riding.

While we can understand the aspirations of the people of Sanikiluaq, we feel such an amendment would result in inequitable representation for the people of Arviat and we are completely opposed to any such amendments to Option C of the Electoral Boundary Commission's report.



We urge you, in the name of equitable and proportional representation, to accept Option C as recommended by the Electoral Boundaries Commission report in its original form without any amendments.

Anything else would not be acceptable to the community of Arviat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. King".

Ralph King
Acting Mayor

cc: Legislative Assembly Members...