

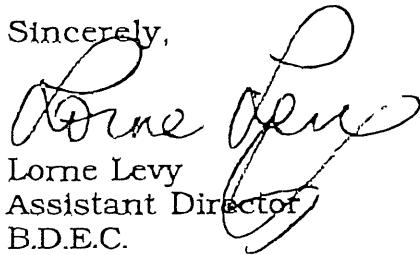


It is also difficult for some of our staff to consider being home owners, given current salaries, debts associated with student loans, community 'health', and a variety of other factors that contribute to the debate of whether home ownership equals commitment to community. Our Board/Council would argue that these are not necessarily linked.

Our staff is also very concerned about the impact housing changes have had on our ability to retain and when necessary rehire or hire additional staff for various Baffin communities. This is one of the issues we see as critical in the current cost-cutting environment, and while we appreciate that the G.N.W.T. must be efficient managers and make tough decisions given the 'bigger picture', we are concerned that current housing policy may make staffing a virtual impossibility in some situations.

I realize this is rather general, but would be pleased to provide additional detail, if required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorne Levy".

Lorne Levy  
Assistant Director  
B.D.E.C.