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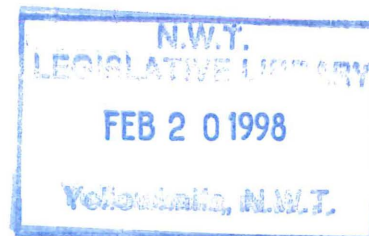


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January 21, 1998

Mr. Vince Steen, M.L.A.
 Nunakput
 Legislative Assembly of the
 Northwest Territories
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Dear Mr. Steen:

Sachs Harbour is our community situated on Banks Island, NT 300 miles from the nearest large center which is Inuvik. Inuvik currently provides policing services for Sachs Harbour on a request and emergency basis only, taking anywhere from 2 to 6 hours for the R.C.M.P. to arrive in Sachs Harbour. We have been forced to live with this situation of *no* police presence in the community for more than two years now.

Residents have brought to the council's attention the concern with the lack of police presence in the community. Council has acted on this concern and recently had a local individual trained in Regina who is currently employed within the community as a Community Constable/Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Residents still question the safety of our community.

The Hamlet Council feels with the Community Constables limited authority as a Law Enforcement Officer that his services alone are not a justifiable solution to the ever increasing criminal activity, most of which is of a violent nature involving firearms.

Therefore, the Sachs Harbour Hamlet Council is making a formal request for you as our M.L.A. to intercede on our behalf, in raising our community concern, in the next session of the Legislative Assembly. We feel that it is important for us as well as the G.N.W.T. to give some much needed answers to the people of Sachs Harbour.

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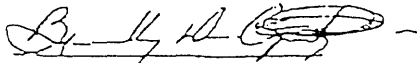
Hamlet of Sachs Harbour

We must know why the money once committed to policing services in Sachs Harbour has been diverted, was this justifiable and can the new function of this money take precedence over the safety and lives of people in our community?

The Community of Sachs Harbour, further more, request the staffing of an R.C.M.P. Officer on a year round basis in the community.

A timely response to our enquiries would be greatly appreciated and we hope you will be as responsive to our needs in this instance as you have been in the past.

Yours truly,



Mayor Bradley Carpenter
on behalf of the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour