

**TSIIGEHTCHIC CHARTER COMMUNITY  
(ARCTIC RED RIVER)**

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The Honourable Floyd Roland  
Minister of Housing  
Government of the NWT  
Yellowknife, NWT

Dear Sir,

**RE: Housing Shortage**

The Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic is deeply concerned about the severe public housing shortage within our community.

We have situations where there are families living with families as accommodations are not available. We have a family of six living in an old 5-12 with only an old wood stove for heat. Their baby is allergic to smoke, so they can not provide a proper home for him. This summer being cold and wet has added to the problem. We have another case where people are living in an old shack with a young child; Social Services have put him in a foster home until his parents can provide an acceptable home for him. This child also has medical problems.

We have a large Elder population that is now getting to the age where they need assistance to manage their daily needs. One being 88 years old and having health problems. We do not have a Lodge or seniors residence for them. We have been told in the past to send them to Aklavik or Inuvik for care. These Elders have lived their whole life in the Tsiigehtchic area; their families are here, why must they move to another community in order to receive the care they deserve?

Sir, these are just a few of the housing problems our community is facing. If you would please have your staff assess the situation and work with us to help alleviate the situation we would be very appreciative.

Sincerely,

Grace Blake  
Chief/Mayor

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