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Ms. Debra Tynes
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Inuvik, NT.
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Re: Social Services Workers - Fort McPherson

Dear Ms. Tynes:

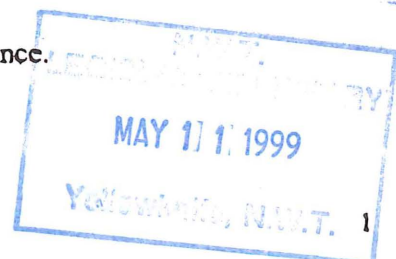
It has been brought to our attention that as of today our community is going to be left with only one community social service worker. This person will also be leaving her position on May 14th, 1999, thus leaving the community with no social workers. Be advised that this situation does not sit easily with the leadership in the community. I'm sure you can understand clearly our concern.

The current workload as you know with two workers is excessive and taxing to say the least, with only one worker it will be simply overwhelming. At present our social workers are seeing increased workloads in administration and client visitation, this is due largely to the closing of the T'loondhi Healing Center and limited counseling resources readily available.

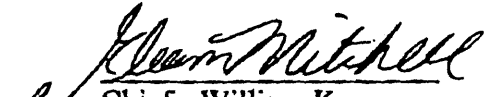
✓ We need qualified social workers, and we need them immediately. *What is being done now to remedy this situation?* Our preference is to staff at least two qualified workers who will be here for the long term and are professionals in the field of social work. The clients are the ones that suffer the most. At present clients are receiving inadequate assistance and provided with only temporary relief.

We would ask that you treat our concerns with a sense of urgency and sincerity. We would expect an immediate response to the above with a solution that is acceptable to the crises we are now faced with.

We the undersigned can be reached at your earliest convenience.



Sincerely,


for Chief - William Koe

Sincerely,


Mayor - Phillip Blake

- C.c. Nellie Corunouyea - Chairperson IRHB - Inuvik
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