

SO WHAT CAN WE DO AS A COLLECTIVE IDEAS FOR THE JOE GREENLAND CENTRE

Joe Greenland Elders Day Care Improving the Quality of Life for Seniors

Specialize program that allows more independent services to meet the needs of our elderly and aging population. This would include personal care, using handicapped-accessible bathrooms, shower, sentry tub and support services for caregivers.

For Seniors who can no longer be left alone due to physical or mental disabilities, Elders Day Stay offers a safe, nurturing environment that respects their dignity and encourages independence. For caregivers utilizing a program such as this provides respite services for them as well.

Intellectual, stimulation and orientation activities using current events, music, reminiscing games and cooking.

Meals on Wheels that provides nutritious meals and snacks

Exercise, seated stretching, movement balance and weight bearing exercises.

Medication management

In Home Services

We need to ask our Elders "What do you need to make your life better to help you be more independent safer and healthier?"

- Light housekeeping, changing beds, doing laundry, folding clothes, washing floors, sweeping, and vacuuming.
- Personal care services provided by trained staff to help disabled, functionally impaired seniors with bathing, dressing and grooming.

JOE GREENLAND CLOSURE

The Joe Greenland Centre was established in 1978 and was named after a well respected Elder Joe Greenland who was also the founder of Aklavik along with his father-in-law Kenneth Stewart. Mr Greenland worked for the Anglican Church and the Anglican Hospital. He helped many of the Inuvialuit families who came to Aklavik. He also welcomed the Métis into the Delta.

Today we have an aging population who want to remain in Aklavik for the remainder of their lives. Many of these elders attended residential school they were taken away from their families as children and here we are Aboriginal Leaders in a position to open another chapter of residential school and send our Elders away once again. Today our Elders still cry and breakdown remembering residential school and being taken away from their family and friends. We have lost many of our elders to cancer and many of our young people left Aklavik due to no jobs, no training. Are we going to allow ourselves to decrease our population, get less money and send our elders away with all the history Our motto is never say die the elders home, has survived three floods and is very capable of surviving another 30 years with adequate support and funding.

We have Gwichin, Inuvialuit and Métis Elders in our community and we have been elected to represent them. The old saying the squeaky wheel gets the grease definitely

makes sense here, if we sit back and say nothing we lose a viable building for our community and most importantly for our elders.

As a collective we need to put our heads together and come up with ideas on how to keep this building operational.

We have an elders day program coordinator along with young trained casuals who can provide homecare to sustain our elders in their homes. The Joe Greenland can be used to do the laundry, provide meals on wheels, utilize the sentry tub for care of the elders and all the equipment to better serve our elders needs. For the elders in their own homes if they had someone to clean and provide meals they can do well. They can pay \$350.00 a month for their meals the \$350.00 would go towards purchasing the food.

Have you ever heard of Elders litterly dying and giving up on life after being taken away from their homes, family and friends, being placed in new surroundings? Sadly this does occur. Do you think for one moment that the community would allow the government to take our well respected elder Mary Kendi and sit a say nothing I don't think so.

There is talk that our elders do not want to move into the Joe Greenland Centre but has anyone asked them if they would like to relocate or stay in the home? We are the people who will be here long after the likes of our present government and leadership are gone and forgotten.

I would like to know what the Governments policy is for assisting our elders and is this policy applied equality across the Territories? I will come back to that question and

ask you to respond. Are you prepared to relocate 38 elders out of Aklavik in the next few years? The GNWT talks about sustainability, traditional values and the culture as a priority. These all stem from utilizing a holistic approach to sustainability for the quality of life. If this Government is truly saying it listens to the people that elected it, how can you deny the voices of the people of Aklavik. In 2009 a decision was already in discussions without even talking to the people of Aklavik. In November employees were given notice that terms were up and given notice that their last day was effective April 30, 2011. This week the employees were given severance packages. So is this the governments way to say okay we listened but it is already a done deal. If that is the case you forgot something very important your policy to listen to the people first before making such a drastic decision.

- Home delivered meals through the Meals on Wheels program including a hot meal for breakfast noon and supper throughout the week.
- Transportation is available to medical appointments, pharmacy, post office, grocery store.
- Medical Management assistance from caregivers who can remind seniors when and how much medication to take during the day.
- Telephone Reassurance from volunteers who may themselves be homebound and who make daily phone calls to older persons living alone.

Care Managers also explore other community resources to meet the clients' needs. The goal is keeping the senior as independent as possible while giving them and their families the services they need.

Aklavik Demographic Trends

Aging Population of men and women

Ages 50-59= 66

60-69=38

70-79=29

80-89=6

90-99= 3

Thank you for coming and listening to the people of Aklavik and I pray that you will respect them and respond. Could you address my question on what is the policy and is it

applied equally across the Territories. Also are you willing to put a hold on moving forward with the closer until we can work together to come up with a win win solution that will enhance the life of our elders and community.

Rita Arey

On behalf of the Chief and Council of the Aklavik Indian Band

Aging Population

Barbara Allen 74	Jim Brown 55	Leonard Gordon 54
Renie Arey 69	Jimsey Edwards 53	Bella Greenland 76
Billy Arey 67	Mildred Edwards 64	Danny Greenland 52
Barbara Archie 59	Archie Elanik 54	Eliza Greenland 69
Archie Arey 58	Flora Elanik 62	Fanny Greenland 57
Ellen Arey 60	Frank Elanik 57	Freddie Greenland 74
Foster Arey 52	Margaret Elanik 61	Fredrick Greenland 54
Jerry Arey 59	Arnold Archie 70	Garnet Greenland 83
Joe Arey 69	Jacob Archie 78	Mary Greenland 62
Nellie Arey 68	Rosie Erigaktuk 76	Neil Heron 54
Peter Arey Sr 68	John Firth 70	Alice Huskey 75
Rita Arey 53	Victor Firth 55	Alex Illasiak 76
Verna Arey 52	Florence Furlong 61	Anna Illasiak 77
Florence Avik 52	Charlie Furlong 63	Debbie Illasiak 52
Donald Aviugana 76	Mary Gardlund 67	Irene Illasiak 73
Brenda Beniot 55	Randy Gardlund 55	Ida Inglangasuk 78
Chris Bonnetplume 60	Jack Goose 82	Angus Irish 59
Steven Bonnetplume 74	Andrew Gordon 55	Fred Irish 53
Annie Buckle 57	Annie B Gordon 75	Sarah Irish 56
Bob Buckle 52	Annie C Gordon 73	Henry Jerome 66
Harry Carmichel 52	Colin Gordon 62	Marjorie Jerome 67
John Carmicheal 78	Danny C Gordon 74	Jimmy Joe 66
Leonard Dick 58	Ellen Gordon 77	David John 59
Sarah Dillon 65	Eva Gordon 51	Freddrick John 58

George Edwards 74	Roxanne John 54	Agnes Kailek 59
Louisa Kalenik 68	Pat Kasook 55	Shirley Kaye 55
Moses Kayotuk 72	Rhoda Kayotuk 67	Freddy Kendi 68
Mary Kendi 95	William Kendi 73	Gil Kogiak 60
Persis Kogiak 73	Clarence Kowana 54	Walter Malagana 59
Wilson Malegana 63	Greggory Martin 56	Astrid MacDonald 73
Larry McGee 65	Eddie McLeod 59	Margo McLeod 56
Walter McPherson 67	Irish Meyook 51	Lee John Meyook 54
Rachel Munday 52	Lorraine Murchison 59	Jimmy Omilgoituk 63
Hugh Papik 61	Richard Papik 59	Wilbert Papik 63
Frankie Paul 51	Kathleen Paul 55	Frank Rivet 70
Mary Rogers 55	Danny Rogers 56	Richard Ross 73
Ronald Sayers 62	Alfred Semple 90	Alice Semple 65
George Semple 52	Elizabeth Simpson 66	Peter Smith 57
Audrey Snowshoe 52	Arnuf Steinwand 73	Benny Stewart 58
Bruce Stewart 52	Charlie Stewart 79	Gladys Stewart 51
Renie Stewart 83	Ruth Stewart 65	Thomas Stewart 60
Billy Storr 57	Evelyn Storr 59	Jackie Storr 64
Lorna Storr 57	Marjorie Storr 75	Agnes Tardiff 54
Richard Tardiff 60	Jane Tyrrell 80	Jennie Tyrrell 53
Wally Tyrrell 52	Sadie Whitbread 59	George White 65
Pearl Carmicheal 80	Winnie Elanik 91	Rosie Pascal 83

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