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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – JOE GREENLAND CENTRE

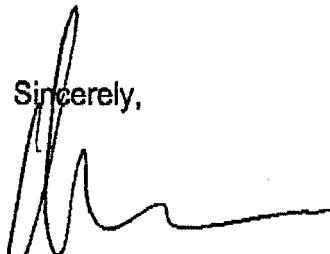
The Incorporated Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk has decided at their January 5, 2011 Regular Council Meeting to send your community leaders a Letter of Support regarding your efforts to keep the Joe Greenland Centre open and operating for the benefit of residents of your community.

Long term care of community residents is an issue in all the communities. No one wishes to see their family members, friends, elders, infirmed, or disabled moved to other communities, or "warehoused" in larger centres, where they may not have access to family, friends, and local resources and where they may become forgotten. The Hamlet Council and community residents strongly support keeping those we love and respect in the communities in which they have spent their lives, raised their families, and contributed to the growth and well being of our communities.

The Government of the Northwest Territories, through the Beaufort Delta Health and Social Services, must be made aware that mismanaging regional resources should not be recovered on the backs of community resources, especially where those community resources are valuable and service those in need. Efficiencies with BDHSS should be made at the top and with properly allocating resources associated with administering the budgets.

In your efforts to keep the Joe Greenland Centre open, you have the full support of the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk and its residents.

Sincerely,



Mervyn Gruben
Mayor

cc. **Chair BDHSS**

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- David Krutko Mackenzie Delta
- Floyd Roland Inuvik Boot Lake
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