

Motion

Changes to Seniors' Public Housing Rent Scales

WHEREAS the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation proposes to begin charging rent to all seniors living in public housing as of July 1, 2012;

AND WHEREAS rising prices for groceries and other necessities have a greater impact on seniors living on fixed incomes, many of whom live in poverty;

AND WHEREAS rent increases to seniors in public housing will create additional hardship;

AND WHEREAS the NWT Seniors' Society has requested a delay in implementing the new rent scale for seniors until a full cost / benefit analysis and broad consultation have taken place;

AND WHEREAS the recent Elders' Parliament passed a motion supporting the position of the NWT Seniors Society;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Weledeh, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommends that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation delay implementation of the proposed changes to seniors' public housing rent scales until the Corporation conducts a thorough and transparent consultation process with seniors across the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHER, that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation develop and bring forward to the Standing Committee on Social Programs a new proposal for seniors' public housing rent scales that reflects the input and concerns of seniors but still recognizes seniors' responsibility to contribute when appropriate;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 90 days.



Date of Notice: June 5, 2012

Moved by: Mr. Yakeleya

Date of Introduction:

Seconded By: Mr. Bromley

Disposition:

Carried:

Ruled Out of Order: