

March 11, 2014

Dear Mr. Premier,

I am very upset with the way recent things and decisions have been and are being made in the NWT.

1. The decision to bypass an environmental review regarding the fracking in the Sahtu!
This decision in my view is not just plain wrong but stupid in the light that the NWT will be held responsible for any clean up after Devolution.

2. The appointment of Minister David Ramsay as the Regulator for onshore oil and gas development after Devolution!

In addition to smelling like a blunt conflict of interest, this appointment is like letting the cat guard the cream!!

3. The shutting down of the regional land and water board!

This shut down is telling me that the gap between the local groups and your administration is widening.

4. The postponement of election day!

The lack of public consultation regarding this matter reminds me of some banana republics run by dictators!

I wish to remind you that you were elected by the public for a 4 year period not 5 years.

I am so pissed off and disillusioned by the lack of open discussion and the way important decisions are made that I am in the process of moving out of the Northwest Territories to southern pastures.

The Northwest Territories can be the most spectacular place one can wish to live in, however for this to materialize, things have to be done with a lot of careful planning, open-mindedness, imagination and understanding of the deep issues that face small northern communities.

I would like to remind the Premier and his senior government advisors that he does not run his own private enterprise but a publically elected democratic government!

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Frederick 'Sonny'Blake, MLA - Mackenzie Delta.