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TO: Mushuau Innu Intergovernmental Healing Committee

BY FACSIMILE ONLY

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RE: Mushuau Innu Healing Strategy

First let me note that I was pleased with the reception that the Healing Strategy received from those in attendance at the January 12, 1999 meeting in Goose Bay. The commitment to work together to refine and implement the strategy was much appreciated.

At that meeting I committed to maintaining Innu leadership over the process. I agreed to provide a letter to outline a schedule and invite participation from interested agencies and organizations in developing workplans and cost estimates. As I noted in my introductory comments that day, the time for substantive action is now. The schedule below is designed to allow for completion of workplan drafts and rough costs in time for review and adoption at the next session of the Healing Committee on February 24th, 1999 in Goose Bay.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the final versions of material tabled at the meeting of January 12th. I would invite any further written comments on it to be forwarded to myself as soon as possible. The strategy is now being discussed with community members and we will have obtained a lot of local input on both the strategy and workplans before the working sessions set out below.

We propose the following methods and timing for completion of the draft workplans.

1. Draft Workplans

- A set of preliminary workplans will be prepared based on community input from January 15th - February 1st.

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2. Workplanning Session

- A room is booked at the Labrador Friendship Center for the days of Feb 2, 3, & 4.
- The days have been divided into time slots (see attachment) where the workplan for each Healing Element will receive specific attention.
- Any government staff person who wishes to participate is welcome at any or all, of the working sessions.
- Participants will be reminded of the context of the Healing Strategy, given the preliminary workplan based on community input, asked to review it; and work together to finalize a workplan for that element.
- Some community members will participate in the planning sessions and we may also ask advisors to attend certain sessions as well.
- One of our advisors will facilitate the sessions, ensure coordination between elements, estimate any additional costs, and produce a final package.

3. Workplan Review and Adoption.

- The package will be reviewed by Council and a final set tabled at the February 24th meeting of the Intergovernmental Healing Committee.
- Implementation will begin upon adoption by the Intergovernmental Healing Committee.

I trust that the enclosed provides sufficient information for you to decide if, when and who might attend one or more of the workplanning sessions. No confirmation is required by participants as an open door policy will apply.

Thanks again for your support in moving this matter forward quickly.

Sincerely,

for Chief Mark Nui
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- Enclosures:
1. Schedule for Working Group Sessions
 2. Mushuau Healing Strategy (graphics)
 3. Reporting Structure
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MUSHUAU INNU HEALING STRATEGY

Healing Elements Workplan Development Schedule for Working Groups

February 2 - 4, 1999
Labrador Friendship Centre,
Goose Bay, Labrador

	Feb 2, 1999	Feb 3, 1999	Feb 4, 1999
8:30 - 9:00	Introduction*	Introduction*	Introduction*
9:00 - 10:30	Health Commission [REDACTED]	Capital	Justice & Policing
10:30 - 12:00	Border Beacon [REDACTED]	Devolution & Capacity	Culture
Lunch	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
1:30 - 3:00	Governance	Education & Labour	Claims & self government [REDACTED]
3:00 - 4:30	Lands, Resources & Environment	Social Services [REDACTED]	Organizational & implementation issues
4:30 - 6:00	Youth & Recreation	Flexibility Time**	Wrap -up

* It is anticipated that this time will be used for a variety of events including: preparation, briefing of new participants; review of completed work and, completion of outstanding items.

** A time slot is reserved for possible new healing elements, completion of program applications that may have been identified, and/or catching up on workplans .

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