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For the Minister.

From: Simeon Tshakapesh [<mailto:stshakapesh@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 2:32 AM  
To: Russell, Keith; <Yvonne.Jones.P9@parl.gc.ca>; Edmunds, Randy; Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout; Inquiries, Justice General  
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Date: Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 1:55 AM  
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To: Debra Keays-White <[HYPERLINK "mailto:Debra.Keays-White@hc-sc.gc.ca"Debra.Keays-White@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Debra.Keays-White@hc-sc.gc.ca)>  
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It's 12:51am I cannot get hold one social worker in Natuashish as you stated there are seven social workers here in Natuashish. Under 16 young people are still sniffing gasoline and they broke in into my truck tonight and sniffed gas inside in my own truck and I call RCMP in Natuashish they advised me they cannot do much. I told RCMP member that's is Mischief. What in the world is going on here in Natuashish.

I just got back from border beacon and been driving 21 hrs on my hunting trip. I am very tired someone woke me up with noise outside my place and I manage to check the noise sure I found young people under age youth sniffing inside emu truck.

I tried to call the number that social worker who gave me the number for emergency purpose an that social won't answer the calls. Why give the number and if no one will answered the calls. I don't understand this myself..

Well I think we we need some kind security system in place maybe I will get outside help since band Council cannot do anything about this serious issue.

I will get outside help now from other First Nations since we cannot depend from Provincial Government and Federal Government at this issue for child protection and security from RCMP in Natuashish.

"I am calling assistance from First Nation assistance Mr. Ghislain Picard is there anyway you can contact National Chief for me and have him contact me at this this email and address HYPERLINK "<mailto:stshakapesh@gmail.com>"stshakapesh@gmail.com or he can contact me at my home or at Innu Nation office. My home number here in Natuashish HYPERLINK "tel:709-478-2846"709-478-2846 or at HYPERLINK "tel:709-478-8836"709-478-8836 at Innu Nation office",

Some of us cannot depend on our Chief and Council and Government departments all they do is always lie and deny the problems. They don't want this issue Gas Sniffing and other social problems we face here on Reserve on Natuashish. I THOUGHT the BIG SLOGAN STATED REBUILDING NATUASHISH for current Chief. All I see destruction and corruption.

I was told one of band councillor and his son got paid 3000.00 each for delivering stuff from Goose Bay on ski-doo and Chief friend got same amount for 3000.00 dollars that's 9000.00 I am sure they could use this money towards youth and pay someone from outside to talk to youth in Natuashish.

Nin,

Deputy Grand Chief,

Innu Nation

Simeon Tshakapesh

On Sat, Apr 11, 2015 at 6:52 AM, Debra Keays-White <[HYPERLINK "mailto:Debra.Keays-White@hc-sc.gc.ca"](mailto:Debra.Keays-White@hc-sc.gc.ca)>Debra.Keays-White@hc-sc.gc.ca> wrote:

I see that the email I sent (below) went to the wrong address. That is the address I had in my address book. ...Health Canada...

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----- Original Message -----

From: Debra Keays-White

Sent: 2015-04-10 07:05 AM EDT

To: "Simeon Tshakapesh" <[HYPERLINK "mailto:hockeynigh@hotmail.com"](mailto:hockeynigh@hotmail.com)>hockeynigh@hotmail.com>

Subject: Your emails

Simeon,

I was away and just came back to work yesterday. I am seeing your emails, and yesterday afternoon managed to contact Chief Rich and have spoken with provincial colleagues to determine if there is anything we can do to further support the community. Patrick and his staff have been in touch with Christine to offer support as well.

Their responses were consistent with what Lyla stated yesterday. I have been assured that the province has a minimum of seven social work staff in the community full time, and that they are actively working to address the current situation. I understand that parents/guardians of all thirteen of the children have actively sought support from social services, and that this is the first time that this level of parental interest and support has occurred. It was also encouraging to hear that the safehouse is being utilized appropriately.

As you know, we have witnessed these spikes of solvent abuse in the past, and this is the first time that so many parents have expressed interest in actively getting involved in the support/treatment planning. While the spike in solvent abuse is concerning, the community response seems like an encouraging sign.

I was also told that while many families are choosing to work with the social work professionals that are currently based in the community, both the province and Health Canada are prepared to support appropriate referrals for treatment in a variety of settings either in Newfoundland/Labrador or elsewhere in Canada. I have been told that there are some referrals in process at this time.

I understand your concerns, however after talking with Chief Rich, ADM Donna O'Brien, and Patrick Small Legs Nagge, I am have been reassured that all three levels of government have a collaborative plan, and the necessary resources in place to respond to the families' current needs.

I know that you are actively trying to work with the professionals that are in the community, and can appreciate how frustrating it must have been to not be able to reach help when you tried. I know you care, and are working very hard. It sounds like you are not getting much rest. I'm concerned about your health as well. It is important to take care of yourself too during these stressful times.

Sincerely,

Debra

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