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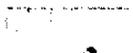
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FYI - Janet, please share any additional insights and assistance you may have. tx

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I'm going to begin sending you a daily short report on the situation in Labrador. If at any time you want further detail, please let me know.

- I spoke with Peter Penashue, President of the Innu Nation, yesterday about the Sheshatshiu situation - he had three issues:
 - He wanted us to contribute \$330K towards the purchase of a facility (Lobstick Lodge) that Sheshatshiu could use as a "family and cultural renewal centre" - I told him that, given that we had just put over \$1 million into the construction of their solvent treatment centre, it would not be likely that I could round up support for a second facility for the same community - he didn't press the issue but reserved the right to pursue political action
 - He wanted us to consider additional program funds in both the short and long-term - I told him to prepare a proposal that we could use to discuss and/or negotiate but that funds are not unlimited; he certainly understands but does not necessarily accept and further action will depend on what we can negotiate
 - He wanted us to provide someone (Brian Dorey) for Sheshatshiu until the end of Dec to serve as coordinator for the community with the many federal stakeholders with whom they are now negotiating proposals - I agreed to do this on a cost-shared basis with DIAND with whom I already have agreement. (For your info, we also want to send Brian to Davis Inlet for a year beginning in January primarily to do capacity-building with Chief and Council - Brian is willing and the new Chief appears to be willing too)

- Had a telecon with Nfld officials (Mike Samson of Aboriginal Affairs, Pamela Rogers of Health, Delia Connell of Addictions, Boyd Rowe of Health Labrador Corp.) and DIAND where we updated each other on progress:
 - 19 children have been apprehended and are being held at the air force base in Goose Bay
 - they have to be moved within the next few days - Nfld is exploring options for short-term placements; we agreed to help by following-up possibilities with the Inuit and to determine potential openings in our network of treatment centres
 - medical staff are assessing the children for the extent of detox/treatment they may need
 - Nfld needs EAP-type services because their staff are burning out; the Atlantic RD, OHSA was brought into the issue yesterday by David Dodge and will assist as possible, but will be looking for a source for cost-recovery
 - Nfld is keeping track of its expenditures on this issue and is eager to begin discussions on money
 - Mike Samson noted that, because of the election, Nfld has deliberately not yet played hardball with the feds but, if Davis Inlet becomes a major issue too and we don't commit to help them, it's likely that provincial Ministers will make much noise
- Had a telecon with DIAND for update
 - They're worried about their recent agreement to not put the two communities into 3rd party co-management yet but to let them develop remedial financial plans
 - They heard a rumour that Davis Inlet may ask all provincial employees working in the community, eg. teachers, social workers, to leave as early as this coming Mon.
 - We agreed to organize a Labrador fed/prov caucus meeting for Dec 5 to coordinate and strategize among all the fed/prov stakeholders in preparation for this group to meet with the two Innu communities in the near future

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- Asked Keith Conn to liaise with the HQ DGs to try to identify a Branch position on the issue of funding responsibility for children in care - an issue that has been outstanding for four to five years
- Had one interview with CBC radio today and arranged (via Joanne Meyer) for an interview tomorrow morning with CBC TV.
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