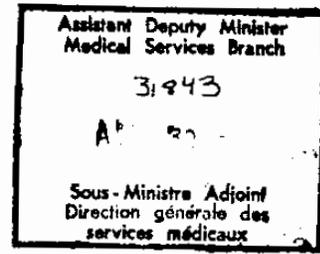


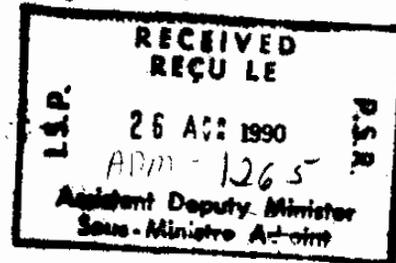
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April 12, 1990

Mr. Richard Dowdall
Regional Consultant
Medical Services Branch
Halifax, Nova Scotia



Dear Mr. Dowdall:

We, as a new elected Board of Directors, have looked at a new Contribution Agreement, and we have decided to make a few changes. In a new agreement, it says four trainees - one year only at \$16,000.00, and it didn't say who is going to be a full-time trainer for one year. Another thing that really concerns us is that four people will be hired on as trainees and by the end of the year. Only two councillors and one part-time bookkeeper will be hired, and what about the fourth person. Will he just be trained and laid off at the end of the year.

The new budget was not made by this new elected Board, nor the previous Board. It was made by your Department without consulting the new Board of Directors. We think it is a mistake to make a proposal for Davis Inlet Alcohol Program without approval from a new elected Board of Directors. You may have contacted a previous Board Chairman, but to talk to one Board member, it surely is not fair.

Mr. Richard, you, yourself have never been in Davis Inlet, and yet you seem to know what Davis Inlet is like. Davis Inlet is a very isolated community. It's about 200 air miles North from Goose Bay. If the employees need to go out for training, they will have to pay for travel. board, meals, and taxi fares. Since there are no funds for staff travel in the new agreement, how can the employees travel outside the community to be trained?

We were told that there is going to be a meeting on Solvent Abuse in North West River on April 20, 1990, but none of the employees will be able to attend that meeting because there is no money for travel. Did you think that Innu employees will get a free ride on Labrador Airways

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each time they go out for meetings.

This coming summer, Sheshatshit Alcohol Program and Davis Inlet were planning to have an A.A. Workshop outside the community of Sheshatshit, but now that won't be possible because Medical Services cut the workshop funds. The Youth Programs were also cut. It was a very important program for the young people in Davis Inlet. That money was needed to buy things for the young people for recreation activities, but now that money is not there anymore. We, as a new elected Board of Directors should have made decisions on what we would like to see in our new proposal, but you were the one who made the proposal for us.

Why did you make a proposal for a IBM Computer, Model XT? You know very well that Walters, Hoffe and Company is taking over our books now. We don't need a computer in the Alcohol Program. A computer will not solve the drinking problems in our community. The computer was suppose to be paid for by the Innu Health Council, not from the Alcohol Program. You seem like you are one of the Board members of Davis Inlet Alcohol Program. You are the one who made the decision for us. The newly elected Board of Directors were suppose to be responsible for running the Alcohol Program, but you are always in front and try to block the road. Last years approved budget was a little over \$74,000.00, and this year it is \$76,453.00. The difference this year is \$1,578.00 more than last year, because the computer was on proposal, and salaries are \$64,000.00 for four trainees at \$16,000.00 a year.

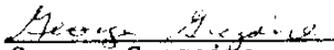
A few years ago, before Labrador Rehabilitation Centre was built in North West River, a former priest was working in the health commission in Goose Bay, and had made a proposal for the Mobile Treatment Centre. It was a small amount of money. It wasn't approved. Now Medical Services has started talking about a mobile treatment again. The former priest used to speak the Innu language. He would have been a good person to run a mobile treatment centre. We heard that David McTimoney is coming to Davis Inlet some time this month. Can David McTimoney speak the Innu Language? I don't think so. He might have a problem finding his own translators. The trainees cannot be used as translators, because they will not be trained as translators.

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As a Regional Consultant, yourself, you should come to Davis Inlet, and sit down with us a new Board of Directors. The new Chairman of the Board is Simon Pokue, Vice-Chairman; Edward Piwas, and Secretary/Treasurer is Joseph M. Rich.

We hope you will reply to our letter soon.

Thanking you in advance.


George Gregoire
Director


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