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Subject: FW: Correspondence re Innu Round Table
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Please note the attached. I presume there are no objections to resuming the CYFS and Income Support Tables?

Lea, please print and log for response.

Betty & Judy, please share letter with Ministers.

Sean

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From: Donna Paddon [mailto:dpaddon@innu.ca]
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Subject: Correspondence re Innu Round Table

Steve and Sean,

Attached is a letter from Chiefs Tshakapesh and Benuen regarding next steps for the proposed Innu Round Table and sub-committees / working groups.

The original correspondence will be mailed to you.

Donna

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Dear Steve and Sean,

RE: Innu Round Table and Working Committees

The decision to revamp the Innu Main Table was clearly one to which all parties and the special federal representative agreed was timely. We appreciated the progress that was made through the Innu Main Table on registration and reserve creation, devolution of the education program and the healing initiatives. However, it is now time to focus our joint efforts on the very necessary tripartite work on devolution and capacity building for our communities today and for our self-government tomorrow.

The concept we have for the Innu Round Table is simple – we must be in control of the programs and services for our communities. In order to achieve this, we must be in the leadership role with respect to required services, pace of devolution and capacity building. We will be tabling draft terms of reference for your review in the very near future. Your comments and input will be welcomed.

In the interim, we would like the work of the Income Support and the Child & Family Services Committees to resume immediately. Progress was being made and given that their work is consistent with vision we have for the Innu Round Table, we would like your agreement to continue this important work. We will also continue to work toward the completion the Community Health Needs Assessments.

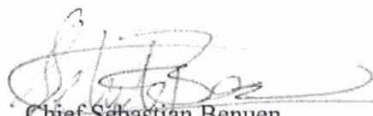
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With a new fiscal year approaching, we understand that you will now be making funding and personnel allocations for 2011-2012. In that regard we would appreciate funding being set aside for the Innu Round Table and the Committees in amounts at least equivalent to the current fiscal year budgets for these activities by Indian Affairs.

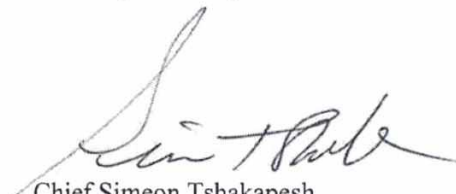
Once we have had jointly had an opportunity to review and approve the Innu Round Table terms of reference and the 2011-2012 workplan these budgets, funding agreements and administration details can be finalized. In the interim, a preliminary budget for the committees should be established such that funds can be released on April 1, 2011 to enable the committees to continue their work while we finalize the Innu Round Table parameters. To facilitate this in the short term, we suggest that Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation administer the interim budget.

If you have any questions on the with respect to this correspondence please contact us.

Sincerely,



Chief Sébastien Benuen
Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation



Chief Simeon Tshakapesh
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