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Dear Minister Pottle:

Thank you for your letters of November 3, 2009, and April 20, 2010, regarding the Labrador Innu land claim, and also requesting that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada officials meet with yours regarding the Enhanced Prevention-Focused Approach for Child and Family Services.

Settlement of the Innu land claim would be an important step and I have encouraged the negotiators to work expeditiously to address outstanding issues in the Agreement-in-Principle.

I would also like to assure you that I remain committed to working with you and the Innu on a tripartite preventive model for child welfare. I would note, however, that the process for making changes in other jurisdictions has unfolded over many months, and is dependent upon the readiness of all the partners. One of the key criteria that guides the Department in the transition to an Enhanced Prevention-Focused Approach to child and family services delivery is that the reference province has applied a prevention model that has demonstrated results and positive outcomes.

I also understand that Child and Family Services is one of the items for ongoing discussions regarding programs and services in which the Government of Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Innu already participate. Departmental officials will contact your officials to talk about next steps in launching discussions. You may be aware that Budget 2010 announced \$53 million over two years to continue progress in implementing the Enhanced Prevention-Focused Approach for Child and Family Services. While this funding is committed, departmental officials and the Innu could begin discussions with a view to having the necessary work completed for a future budget cycle.

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Again, thank you for writing regarding these matters and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

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April 20, 2010

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The Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians
10 Wellington Street
Gatineau, QC K1A 0A4

Dear Minister Strahl:

Further to my November 2009 letter, I am writing to again express Newfoundland and Labrador's interest in incorporating the federal government's enhanced prevention model to child, youth and family services into our funding agreement. Although I have received a response from one of your officials, I have yet to hear from you directly on this matter.

It is my understanding that the intergovernmental agreement via which the federal government funds the Province's delivery of child, youth and family services in Natuashish and Sheshatshiu has not yet been renewed for the 2010-11 fiscal year, though negotiations are underway. This may be an opportunity to pursue incorporation of your Government's enhanced prevention model.

However, INAC officials advised that they are not yet ready to proceed with the enhanced prevention model in this Province. Given our interest in pursuing this initiative, and given the \$53 million announced in the federal Budget 2010 to further implement a prevention-focused approach to child and family services for First Nations, I wonder whether you could please advise why your Government is not yet ready to proceed in Newfoundland and Labrador, and further, the quantum and timing of the Province's allocation from the announced \$53 million.

Sincerely,

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PATTY POTTLE, M.H.A.
District of Torngat Mountains
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

cc: The Honourable Peter MacKay
The Honourable Joan Burke
The Honourable Dave Denine
The Honourable John Hickey



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
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The Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians
10 Wellington Street
Gatineau, QC K1A 0A4

Dear Minister Strahl:

It was a pleasure to speak with you at the meeting of Aboriginal Affairs Ministers and Leaders of the National Organizations in Toronto on October 28-29, 2009. I welcomed the opportunity to discuss the Labrador Innu land claim with you, and appreciate our mutual interest in bringing the Agreement-in-Principle to a successful conclusion. It was particularly encouraging to hear you were considering the Innu request for a meeting with you.

During the meeting you mentioned your Department's recent experience in signing new Child, Youth and Family Services Agreements with other provinces, and your desire to sign another with a willing partner in the near future. Newfoundland and Labrador is that willing partner. My officials have recently corresponded with yours to express interest in incorporating the preventive model in our agreement for the provision of this program in the Innu communities. I would encourage you to direct your officials to engage quickly with ours so as to conclude the necessary arrangements, and to thereby meet your stated goal.

Sincerely,

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