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Hi Jackie. Approved.

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>>> David Hughes 07/01/19 12:34 PM >>>
Innu Nation:

Activities this week:

Senior provincial officials met with their federal counterparts to discuss Innu issues:

- President Daniel Ashini has written the Minister of Health and Community Services expressing concerns about the removal of Innu children from the Innu communities under the CYFS Act. He is asking the Minister to consider interim devolution of CYFS services and better consultation with the Innu. L&AA and HCS are preparing a response that stresses the efforts that both the province and federal governments have made over the past 4 years to devolve services to an interim joint Innu/ Provincial Board and the fact that LGIHB hired a resident of Sheshatshiu as the Director of child and family services for the two Innu Communities. Mr. Ashini does not appear to be well briefed on the work that has been done at the Innu Maintable on social issues;
- the housing authority in Natuashish has asked provincial and federal employees to vacate properties to allow it to house Band members. This is causing difficulties for the RCMP, LGIHB, and the federal Health Canada Secretariat. Federal officials are seeking a solution;
- there was considerable discussion on the lack of progress on Innu self-government negotiations. It is apparent the Innu Nation does not know what form their government or governments will take. This situation has been exacerbated by their inability to communicate with the Natuashish Band. It is not functional. It was decided to continue to negotiate self-government on a sector by sector basis but to insist that such discussions must involve a discussion of structure.

Provincial negotiators prepared an initial draft of a Cabinet paper seeking direction on the Innu claim.

Activities for next week

There will be a teleconference between federal and provincial officials on the housing issues in Natuashish.

A draft Cabinet paper will be provided to the Minister and Premier's office for their consideration.

Tripartite negotiations on the land claim continue in St. John's.

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