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Mr. Steve Mapsalak
Naujaat N.U.
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MLA for Aivilik

May 26, 2016

Re: Naujaat seniors four plex

Dear Sir,

There has been a need for many years to have a dedicated elders public housing facility in Naujaat, this community is one of very few in the region that is not served by this type of housing. Seniors are often on a different schedule from younger residents, they are earlier to bed and earlier to rise, the noise and general activity in a multifamily housing unit can create cause for tenant conflict. Elders in public housing, who have lived in Naujaat for a long time, are often over housed in three and four bedroom detached homes, these houses are greatly sought after by young growing families. Elders are frequently reluctant to give up these houses if they know they will be moving to a multiplex and subject to the noise and commotion of living next to active and busy families.

Providing a housing system that allows for elders to maintain their independence, while at the same time affords them the companionship of other elders as close neighbours would improve the quality of life for them. With the additional benefit of freeing up much needed multi bedroom houses for growing families. One of the major issues faced by seniors is mobility, going up and down stairs, is often more challenging, having a home designed with accessible features would reduce risk of injury from falling and improve general quality of life. Additional benefits would include potential for shared meals with close neighbours, the ability to check in with each other for health and safety reasons, possibly reducing the travel times for nursing staff that make home visits to patients on a regular basis. This will also exemplify the spirit of INUUQATIGITSIARNIQ enhancing the quality of the lives of seniors.

We ask that you consider our request to initiate plans for construction of a seniors 4 plex residence with dedicated accommodation for elders allowing them to live in dignity and independence in the community of Naujaat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica Tinashlu".

Jessica Tinashlu

Chairperson

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