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Concerns over severe community housing shortages

The Taloyoak Housing Authority Board of Directors is very concerned over the community's growing public housing shortages. Approximately 80% of Taloyoakmiut rely on public housing and this ongoing crisis is heavily compounded by the absence of a developed private rental market, private homeownership, and transitional housing options. There are literally no housing options available between homelessness and public housing. Several individuals live all-year round in tents and cabins on the outskirts of town.

Based on our latest Wait List numbers we are currently short of 136 Public Housing units - for a total of 340 people affected (136 applicants, their spouses, and children). This represents 33% of the 1,029 Taloyoak population (2016 census) waiting to get a Public Housing unit. 18 of the 136 Public Housing applicants have been waiting for over 10 years. The last time new housing was built in our community was over 4 years ago. Our community was expecting 20 new units to be built this year but so far, no work has been done.

Our community is desperate for new housing, and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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