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RE: Public Intoxication and Alcohol Consumption in Iqaluit

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Iqaluit City Council to address a pressing issue that affects our community's safety and well-being: the open consumption of alcohol in public spaces.

The Iqaluit City Council recognizes that this activity poses a significant challenge to maintaining order and safety in our city. As the entity responsible for supplying alcohol and enforcing the provisions of the Nunavut Liquor Act, we believe it is imperative that the Government of Nunavut takes decisive action to address this issue.

We respectfully request that the Departments of Justice and Finance work collaboratively to provide clear directives to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), as Nunavut's contracted police force, to strictly enforce all laws pertaining to the open consumption of alcohol. This includes seizing alcohol in accordance with the provisions of the Nunavut Liquor Act and ensuring that the public is aware that such activities are not tolerated in Iqaluit.

Your support and proactive measures in this matter are crucial for the improvement of community safety and the quality of life for our residents. We look forward to your cooperation and the positive impact it will have on our city.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Solomon Awa
City of Iqaluit