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Mr. Tony Akoak
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Dear Mr. Akoak;

We are writing to you to bring forward a high priority concern for assistance from the Government of Nunavut in 2018/2019 to build a new eight (8) bay drive through parking garage and a three (3) bay mechanics garage in Gjoa Haven.

The need for these infrastructure improvements have been identified in our 2017-2018 ICSP submission to the Department of Community and Government Services (CGS) and remains our number one priority in the community. As you can appreciate, the maintenance and protection of vital infrastructure and equipment is critical to the Hamlet being able to provide essential services in the community on a year-round basis and often in severe weather conditions. Shaw Alam at CGS Cambridge Bay estimates the building of a four bay garage would cost approximately \$2.4 million (April 2017) so we are assuming that replacement of both facilities may be in the \$6-\$7 million range.

Our three 3-bay garages need immediate replacement and are in critical condition with a sand and gravel foundation making them environmentally unsafe. The current smell of oil, gas and sewage is prevalent. All four (4) of our existing buildings are over thirty (30) years of age and heating cost and maintenance costs are substantial. The school bus that is parked in one of the garages had to be parked outside over the winter and unfortunately it will be destroyed along with any of our new equipment received on the sealift in 2017. Over \$1.2 million was spent in 2017 on new equipment to replace an aging fleet in the mechanics garage but unfortunately we don't have adequate space resulting in one water truck and a tractor being parked outside and a sewage truck being kept in the mechanics garage. The ongoing smell from the sewage truck is unbearable and staff are complaining and rightfully so. Vandalism in Gjoa Haven is a serious and ongoing problem.

As for our mechanics garage, it is also in critical condition and over thirty (30) years old and in need of immediate replacement. The space availability within the garage is well below the required between vehicles being serviced, which poses a safety issue for employees. We have identified the need to replace these outdated and unsafe conditions with the construction of a new eight (8) bay parking garage and three (3) bay mechanics garage and the Hamlet has identified these projects as the highest priority in our 2017/18 ICSP planning submission.

Any help you might provide to reinforce the importance of this request and the obvious impact it would have in Gjoa Haven is greatly appreciated. As you know construction of any new garages will require the ordering of all materials in advance of a sealift delivery, so timing is critical in order to meet shipping deadlines.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Senior Administrative Officer