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Re: Weekend Staff at Continuing Care Centre (CCC)

I am expressing that the facility in Igloodik for the mentally/physically disabled persons called the CCC needs to hire staff that can drive clients during the weekend. Staff with the ability to drive clients are available during regular hours on weekdays, but there are no staff available on the weekends to allow clients an outing or a visit with relatives.


There is no taxi available in our community. I have relatives with snowmobiles, but no relatives with a vehicle that would allow for a safe and comfortable transport to take my sister out of the CCC for an afternoon visit with me or our oldest brother who is experiencing health challenges at this moment. As our oldest brother is in his last stage of life (battling cancer) it would be appreciative for her to visit with our brother, but currently there are no staff at the CCC that work during the weekend to allow for this.

I have had to scramble to get a ride to visit with our oldest brother, and on two separate occasions I have taken the afternoon off from work so that she could visit me as there are no drivers during the weekend. Knowing that my sister has no driver on the weekends has caused hardship both workwise as well as the inability to spend time with our oldest brother – family time.

As my MLA, I urge you to encourage the health minister to hire staff that can drive on the weekends, or to change policies for the Igloodik facility so that clients with relatives can freely visit with family without any restrictions due to drivers not being available.

I trust that you'll express this matter as an issue at your next legislative session. We all strive to make life easier for our neighbors; let us do this together to make clients of the CCC life a little bit easier to go and spend time with relatives.

Thank you,



Sara Arnatsiaq
Sister of Pelagie Arnatsiaq (client of CCC)