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Mr. Craig Simailak
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Constituency Office
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Dear Mr. Simailak:

Re: Addition RCMP Staffing for Baker Lake

The Municipality of Baker Lake is a growing community and we continue to experience difficulty related to the lack of RCMP infrastructure and staffing levels. The municipality was informed we were in line for a new detachment including cells etc. but unfortunately, we received news that Rankin Inlet as the hub for the region required improves to their infrastructure as well and we were moved down the list.

The members we have in our community do their best to provide a high-quality service, but they can only perform at that level for so long and work stress starts to take a toll. This is not a negative reflection on the dedicated members serving our community; they are GREAT.

Currently Baker Lake is listed as a 5-member detachment but many time due to the nature of policing, there are not 5 members in the community. Given the size of Baker Lake and the number of calls our officers field annually Baker Lake should be at a minimum a 6- member detachment. The workload placed on the Baker Lake officers is not good for them personally nor for our community residents and it is for this reason that during the October 15th 2020 Council Session the following motion was put forth and duly approved:

"That Council write MLA Craig Simailak to lobby the Minister of Justice to allocate and maintain additional RCMP staff for Baker Lake".

I have attached for your reference, 6 monthly RCMP reports which Council receives. If you have questions or require more detailed information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me. I thank you in advance for your immediate attention in this regard and Council looks forward to your response.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Aksawnee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Aksawnee
Mayor
Municipality of Baker Lake