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To: Terry Audla
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Re: Age of Units in Chesterfield Inlet

The Chesterfield Inlet Board of Directors would like to bring a concern about some units in Chesterfield Inlet, as we all know the community of Chesterfield Inlet is the oldest community in Nunavut and therefore a majority of the units were built about 70 years ago.

These units are still occupied by tenants, although many renovations have been done to improve the quality of the aged units throughout many years the structural (frame) is so old, the smell of old wood does not go away, also these units are not able to keep warm consistently throughout the winter, we have tenants who occupy these units complain of old smell and we cannot do anything about it.

The wiring in these old units are very poor and have constant electrical issues, also the insulations in these units are falling off in between the walls that cause the unit to be very cold and drafty and when this happens the frame inside the drywall gets moist and that's when the unit gets infested with bugs throughout the whole unit.

These units continually have sewage smell and become health hazard for tenants living in them.

We have 22 original units that were built in the 1950's; these units are the size of shed down south.

We were just informed that Chesterfield Inlet will not be seeing any new units for the next 2 years and that is based on the Needs List we currently have, but we would like to point out that; although it is a small community, the struggles and hardships because of lack of housing are the same as a larger community and we have many young families and single people living with their parents, we see a lot of people come into the local housing office struggling and crying for help but there is nothing we can do other than try and comfort them and assure them that things will change.

About 2 years ago you had visited our local housing and met with the board and one of the concerns brought up was the age of units in Chesterfield Inlet and the process of replacing them and the age factor of units should be considered to bring in new construction of units to Chesterfield Inlet.

On behalf of the board of directors, thank you for taking this time and hope to hear from you with some good news in the near future.

Sincerely,

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