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To: Mayor Gjoa Haven <mayor@qiniq.com>
Subject: Re: Statement for Legislative Assembly

Thank you, Megan, for the information .

On Feb 26, 2021, at 3:11 PM, Mayor Gjoa Haven <mayor@qiniq.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Tony,

Here is an issue, and statement, that you may wish to table in the legislative assembly if time permits.

As you may be aware, officials from Community and Government Services, Lands Division, have been working with the community on updating the Community Zoning Plan and amending the Land Zoning Bylaw. This process involves multiple community consultations by way of public hearings as well as meetings with Council and key stakeholders to best assess what the community needs and growth expectations are. The current planning will take into consideration this assessment and these needs through 2041, a period of 20 years and potential population increase of approximately 900 people. Key observations and conversations that have been made over the past couple of years related to development needs include:

1. Mental Health/Addictions Treatment Facility
2. Additional Housing
3. New school
4. Tourism infrastructure to support the Franklin Expedition finds
5. New retail outlets with improved parking
6. Expansion of Natillik Heritage Center
7. Expansion of airstrip to accommodate larger aircraft
8. Additional infrastructure associated with the Nunavut Water Board
9. New Hamlet infrastructure to support growing municipal service needs
10. New multi-purpose complex (fitness center, arena, youth center
11. New power plant
12. New hotel

This list is not exhaustive of our wants or needs, but does highlight some of the more pressing needs of our community. The one thing that all of these projects would require in order to become reality, would be a good foundation....literally, a good source of granular material.

Gjoa Haven has all but exhausted the resources at its current quarry locations and has no reliable secondary source to draw from at this time. This means no development. Little to no road maintenance. No new housing. Nothing. The Hamlet has included a new quarry as their priority item on the CGS Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and are hoping that it is viewed favourably by CGS as a priority item in the upcoming fiscal year.

The community has been operating under a deficit recovery plan since approximately 2014, and still has a way to go before operating in a surplus. Funding at the community level is definitely a concern.

Using local traditional knowledge and land reconnaissance surveys, a substantially sized quality resource has been located approximately 12 km outside of the community. It is a site that can provide many years of needed granular material, for a variety of purposes, for many years to come. This is important to our community because it restricts the activity to one primary location instead of leaving a destructive footprint on the land in multiple smaller areas. This source also happens to be in close proximity to a travel corridor used to access traditional hunting and fishing grounds of the community. Developing this site will not only provide the community with its necessary granular needs for years to come, but it will also provide enhanced access to local hunters and traditional land users.

Any assistance that this government can offer my community would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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