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**Subject:** Arnica Inn Project

Good morning Minister Chinna,

I've just learned that the Federal Government, through CMHC, has declined the funding application of the Yellowknife Women's Society's (YKWS) Arnica Inn project. When the YKWS requested feedback on why it was declined, they were told that the decision was partly based on the project not having the support of the NT Housing Corporation (NTHC). They've been in discussions with the GNWT about this project since April 2019, but this was the first that the YKWS had heard that NTHC wasn't supportive of their project. Why didn't NTHC reach out to YKWS to discuss their concerns and try to work through them? Why isn't NTHC supportive of the project?

I'm shocked and dismayed by the news. During the City's last point-in-time count (2018), 338 people were experiencing homelessness in Yellowknife. With the shortage of affordable private or public bachelor or one-bedroom units in the city, the conversion of the Arnica Inn into transitional housing was going to provide 42 much needed bachelor units to people in need of housing and in a quick time frame. It was a local not-for-profit who was taking the lead to get these 42 transitional housing units on the market quickly, and the GNWT wasn't supportive. I can't wrap my head around it, so I'm hoping that you can provide some clarity on the situation.

As you said in December, we're in the midst of a housing crisis and we just missed the opportunity to house people with Federal funding. How can we lobby the Federal government and ask for more money for housing, when our Territorial government isn't helping local organizations get a well-researched and thought out plan off the ground?

I look forward to hearing from you, and would be happy to meet and discuss.

Thank you.

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