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Ms. Bree Denning  
Executive Director  
Yellowknife Women's Society  
P.O. BOX 2303  
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Dear Ms. Denning:

**Funding for the Purchase of a Multi-Use  
Building to House 42 Homeless Individuals**

Thank you for your letter of February 20, 2020 asking for clarification on the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC's) support for the purchase and sale of the Arnica Inn to the Yellowknife Women's Society (YWS) for the intent of offering stable housing to individuals currently experiencing homelessness.

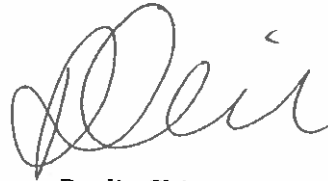
I understand that the federal government may have indicated to you that the NWTHC does not support your project. This is entirely incorrect. I have asked NWTHC officials to have a discussion with federal representatives, so that they are clear on NWTHC's position. The NWTHC is supportive of all and any applications that are submitted to the federal government's National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCIF). It is understood that the participation of another level of government is required for a NCIF project to move forward. The NWTHC, however, will not confirm any amount of participation or contribution into a project until the federal government has done due diligence on all other components that it requires. The NWTHC has made it clear to the federal government that given the scarcity and availability of GNWT funding, that a funding decision will be made after all other requirements are met.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is available to assist the YWS to address any areas that the Federal Government has identified as needing clarification or improvement of in their application (i.e. meeting affordability criteria and demonstrating long term viability). Should those areas be addressed and meet the federal government's approval criteria, the Government of the Northwest Territories will be in a position to provide consideration on an appropriate level of partnership.

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I look forward to meeting with you in the future to plan for actions that will improve housing in Yellowknife.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paulie Chinna', written in a cursive style.

**Paulie Chinna**  
Minister responsible for the  
Northwest Territories  
Housing Corporation

c. **Honourable Caroline Cochrane**  
Premier, Northwest Territories

**Honourable Caroline Wawzonek**  
Minister, Department of Finance

**Mr. Tom R. Williams**  
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