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**Concerned Citizen's Group**

c/o Kelly Kaylo  
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Dear Concerned Citizen's Group:

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

Thank you for your letter dated January 20, 2020 regarding your 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 recognize the importance of a project such as the one proposed. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has worked diligently with the federal government to ensure that the YWS' application received a complete review and appropriate consideration.

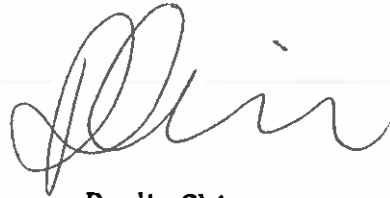
The review has been lengthy with the federal government acknowledging that the average processing time nationally for applications under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund (NHCIF) is just under one year. Our government is working to suggest ways that the federal government can shorten the application process, specifically for northern proponents. The federal government has designed a system that is thorough and that requires details on several different project components. As such, the process is not amenable to quick transactions and expedited decisions.

Regrettably, through its review process, the federal government has determined that the application failed to meet their program requirements. As a partner with the federal government in these investments, the GNWT depends on the federal government to conduct due diligence in assessing the viability of any project. The GNWT accepts the decision of the federal government, noting that any aspect of a project's scope can be amended and the project re-submitted.

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If there is a way to make this project sustainable in the long-term, the GNWT supports a resubmission of the application.

Sincerely,

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

**Paulie Chinna**  
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