

Motion

Flexible Transition Period for Rent Adjustments

WHEREAS adequate and affordable housing is the most important concern of many northerners;

AND WHEREAS one of our collective goals is to develop home-ownership and financial management skills of tenants without resorting to evictions and other drastic collection actions;

AND WHEREAS housing subsidy programs should be structured so that employment opportunities, even short-term opportunities, remain an attractive option for tenants;

AND WHEREAS the program guidelines currently require an immediate increase in rent for tenants who earn increased income;

AND WHEREAS it is completely unrealistic to expect tenants to pay these very high rent amounts without sufficient notice;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Great Slave, that this Legislative Assembly recommends that the NWT Housing Corporation change its program guidelines in order to provide responsive and meaningful flexibility;

AND FURTHER that the proposed changes to the guidelines should allow for a transition period, such as a gradual increase of the rent, for these tenants;

AND FURTHERMORE that the Government of the Northwest Territories shall provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.



Date of Notice: October 28, 2010
Date of Introduction: October 28, 2010
Disposition: Carried R.V.
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Moved by: Mr. Jacobson
Seconded by: Mr. Abernethy
Ruled Out of Order: