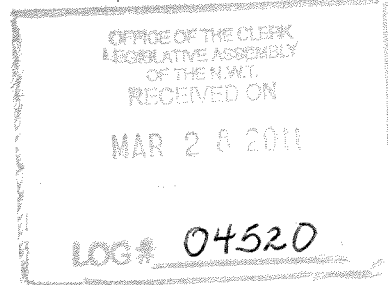




Northwest Territories Minister of Health and Social Services

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Response to Petition 11-16(5): Save the Joe Greenland Centre

Attached is a Response to Petition 11-16(5): "Save the Joe Greenland Centre" tabled by Mr. David Krutko on February 22, 2011.

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- c. Mr. Kevin O'Keefe
Legislative Coordinator

① Noted April 6/11
May 11
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Response by the Honorable Sandy Lee
Minister of Health and Social Services

Save the Joe Greenland Seniors Centre

The Department of Health and Social Services is committed to providing as many services at the community level as is possible and practical to allow elders to remain participants in their communities. The Joe Greenland Seniors Centre was originally designated to provide programming for Level 1-2 care clients; this population is able to receive care within their own home with home support workers providing services as required. The Joe Greenland Seniors Centre will be transitioned back to what it was originally intended for.

A communication plan has been developed to provide timely and sensitive communication with all stakeholders about the withdrawal of programming. Clear and consistent communication will reduce the inevitable stress to staff, residents, and families; and assure residents, guardians and their families that the residents will be cared for.

The focus of Joe Greenland Seniors Centre will be on independent living and day programming for seniors. The Government of the Northwest Territories will continue to provide Elder's Day Programs and Home care out of the Joe Greenland Seniors Centre. Options proposed include use of the common area and kitchen at the Joe Greenland Seniors Centre for an Elder's Day Program and lunch program to support seniors and elders to live independently at home.

Residents in the East Wing will continue to receive homecare and weekly nurse visits provided through the Beaufort-Delta Health and Social Services Authority. There is currently one full-time Home Support Worker position in Aklavik.. Two additional HSW positions will be added increasing the staffing to three HSWs for Aklavik and the employees with affected status have first priority for employment.