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The Honourable Alan Lagimodiere
Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations
Room 301 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Re: Request for funding to support youth wellness in Northlands

Dear Mr. Lagimodiere,

Thank you for your recent phone call. I am writing to you regarding youth wellness in Northlands. As you know, youth mental wellness has been a concern across the province as we continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic.

To that end, our community has worked to construct a youth centre to help provide a safe space in which our young people can gather, have fun, and access a variety of cultural and recreation programs that will support their wellness.

While we have been able to find some resources to construct the youth centre, we are now in need of additional funds to enable us to make the youth centre operational. We are seeking resources to help us furnish the centre, develop a kitchen, improve the washrooms, hire a youth program coordinator, and to purchase materials for both indoor and outdoor program activities. We estimate the start-up costs to support our youth centre is \$200,000.

As the Province of Manitoba works towards reconciliation, it is my hope that your government will prioritize the wellness of young people in Northlands, one of the most Northern First Nations in Manitoba. I look forward to a favourable response.

In the meantime, if your office has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me by phone at 204-970-0250 or by email at: simon_denechezhe@live.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Denechezhe'.

Chief Simon Denechezhe
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