

Written Submission

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Submission/Message

As a constituent member of the Mackenzie Delta I believe it is long over due for the people of Aklavik to have our own MLA we have been suppressed with no adequate representation nor have we had the right to equal, fair, and effective representation. When the government decided to create electoral districts such as the Mackenzie Delta riding they did us a huge injustice we are a proud community of Metis, Gwichin, Inuvialuit and Non indigenous people who deserve proper representation. The decision to lump us in the mackenzie riding with a majority Gwichin population with Fort McPherson and Tsiigetchic was a flawed decision from its inception beginning with the first MLA in 1979.

Many of our families relocated in the 1960's to Inuvik due to all the flooding in our community. It would make better sense to have us in an Inuvik Riding if we cannot have our own MLA here in Aklavik. Our motto is Never Say Die and it is our time to finally have equal representation having an MLA for Aklavik!!!

For forty six (46) years we have fought for what we have in Aklavik with no Mackenzie Delta MLA to assist us, it has been senseless writing letters, making phone calls, making presentations at public meetings, making submissions we have done majority of things on our own by our local leadership and our community organizations. Losing our Elders facility along with our 16 positions of trained home care workers, manager, having to send our elders away from home, losing positions such as two social workers, lacking road infrastructure, housing, a struggles we continue to deal with and with that being said we definitely need our own MLA to improve our community.