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Hon. Chuck Strahl, P.C., M.P.
House of Commons
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Dear Mr. Strahl:

RE: Lubicon Lake Band - Land Claim

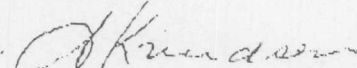
During a recent meeting with Chief Bernard Ominayak of the Lubicon Lake Band, we understand that since the new Federal Conservative Minority Government has taken office, there have been limited discussions on land claim issues with the Lubicon Lake Band.

Northern Sunrise County urges the government to renew efforts to settle this long-standing land claim in Northern Alberta. This land claim has remained unsettled far too long and we hope that some progress can be made to re-open discussions and work toward a settlement. We understand the new Specific Claims Tribunal Act has recently been passed. Hopefully this will assist in these negotiations.

Northern Sunrise County currently has received funding from federal and provincial governments to construct a Regional Water Treatment Project which has the potential to serve residents of Little Buffalo, the Woodland Cree First Nation, the Village of Nampa and Northern Sunrise County. In recent discussions with the Chief, Bernard Ominayak, we realized that extending our water line to Little Buffalo without the land claim being settled or at least being discussed would be extremely difficult.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours truly,


Agnes Knudsen
Reeve

- c.c. Chief Bernard Ominayak, Lubicon Lake Band
- Chris Warkentin, MP
- Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, MLA, Minister of Aboriginal Relations
- Frank Oberle, MLA
- Pearl Calahasen, MLA

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