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July 4, 2025

Commissioner Graham Steele Nunavut Information & Privacy Office Email: admin@atipp-nu.ca

RE: BF-NHC-06-99 Review Report

Dear Commissioner Steele,

Thank you for your thorough review and final report (25-287-RR) dated June 12, 2025, regarding the fee estimate associated with the ATIPP request concerning staff housing work orders. I appreciate the careful consideration you have given to this issue.

In response to your recommendation, NHC has completed a detailed reassessment of the chargeable fee estimate. We include our updated calculations below, to provide full transparency for the Applicant.

Based on NHC's reassessment and following the guidance in your final report (25-287-RR), we believe the revised fee estimate is appropriate and aligns with the ATIPP Regulations and the practical limitations of our current information systems.

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| 1 | NHC's fee estimate of \$10,000 was not reasonable. There is insufficient information in the file for me to determine what fee estimate would be reasonable. | NHC conducted a full reassessment of our methodology using the statutory framework. The revised fee estimate is informed by the time actually taken to collate data in respect of the Iqaluit community: • 3,265 work orders (1 page each), • 3 minutes per page for preparing and handling, • At the regulated rate of \$6.75 per 15 minutes (\$27/hour). • Total cost for NHC: \$4,407.75 for Iqaluit | | | |
| | | Estimated fees for the remaining 24 communities | | | |
| | | 4,700 work orders (1 page each), | | | |
| | | 3 minutes per page for preparing and handling, | | | |

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| | | At the regulated rate of \$6.75 per 15 minutes (\$27/hour). Total cost for NHC: \$6,345.00 Less Waiver \$3,172.50 (50%) Net fee to applicant \$3,172.50 Total estimated work orders across Nunavut for 2023–2024 is 7,965. Based on housing unit distribution, approximately 59% (4,700) of work orders are from communities outside Iqaluit, while 41% (3,265) are from Iqaluit. | | | | |
| 2 | NHC should consider whether the fee should be waived in full or in part. I recommend that NHC waive at least part of the fee, in accordance with the factors in paragraphs 68. NHC may choose to waive the entire fee, but it is not required to do so. | NHC acknowledges the Applicant's position that the request for staff housing work order data is in the public interest. We agree that there is a degree of public value in providing insight into the operations and expenditures associated with government staff housing, particularly in a territory where housing remains a critical issue. In recognition of this, NHC has already provided the Iqaluit work order data representing approximately 41% of the total records at no fee to the Applicant. This represents a fee waiver of \$4,407.75. Additionally, after further review, NHC is willing to waive 50% of the \$6,345 cost associated with providing data in respect of the remaining 24 communities across Nunavut. This decision reflects our commitment to transparency and accountability, while also ensuring that staff time and public resources are managed responsibly in support of our core housing mandate. While we support public access to information, it is important to note that the remaining records represent a significant administrative and financial burden to retrieve, | | | | |



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| | Comment | responsible for estimate, amount of control | ounting to | \$3,172.50. | | Waiver % 100% 50% 70% | Net Cost to Applicant \$0.00 \$3,172.50 \$3,172.50 | | | |
| 3 | I recommend that NHC release the Iqaluit data to the Applicant for no additional fee, and that it do so as soon as possible. | NHC accepts this recommendation. The work order data specific to Iqaluit (3,265 records) was provided to the Applicant on June 16, 2025, with a full fee waiver. As of the date of this response, no acknowledgement or response has been received from the Applicant regarding the records provided. | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | I recommend that NHC consult with the ATIPP Office in the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs with a view to adopting ATIPP payment methods consistent with the rest of the GN. | NHC supports this recommendation and confirms that online fee payments can be made by transfer via: ATIPPNHC@gov.nu.ca. This ensures alignment with GN-wide standards and improves accessibility for applicants. | | | | | | | | |



We hope that this response addresses the concerns raised in your final report. The NHC remains committed to upholding the principles of transparency, accountability, and efficient service delivery while ensuring the responsible use of public resources.

Sincerely,

Hon. Lorne Kusugak

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