



Mayor, Roy Avis and Council,

Town of Fort Frances

320 Portage Ave.

Fort Frances, Ontario

June 3, 2013

Dear Mr. Avis and Council:

My name is Angela Fiset, I am the Driver /Maintenance worker for the United Native Friendship Centre's Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Head Start Program in Fort Frances.

The Zaagi-idiwin Aboriginal Head Start is a unique licensed school readiness program that services families within the Fort Frances and surrounding area. The Head Start is geared for children 2.5 to 5 years of age, who are from Aboriginal descent and who are entering school in the fall. Our program teaches school readiness skills to the children and their families. We have been in operation since September 2004.

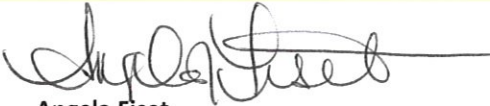
A service that we do offer our children and families is transportation to and from our program, which leads me to the problem. We experience a large number of vehicles that park in front of our building when our bus is trying to unload/load children. Due to safety concerns, we are asking the Town of Fort Frances to designate the front of our building, located at 308 Butler Ave. as a loading/unloading zone for our bus.

Our program owns a 29 passenger bus, and as the driver of this vehicle, my first and main concern is the safety of the children at all times.

I am asking that this be brought before Council for review once again. We have had this approved once before, but because we are a Non-profit Organization, it just wasn't in the budget to go forward. Due to the fact that we have had some issues arise in the last few weeks, we are requesting that this can be re-approved, so we can move forward, and have the sign erected as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself, Angela Fiset or my Supervisor, Angela Mihichuk at (807)274-7244.

Thanks again for your time,



Angela Fiset