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My name is Carol McCauley, my husband is Herb McCauley. Herb was born in Fort Smith, NT, raised in Aklavik and Inuvik. My mother-in-law was the late Honorary Chief for Life, Cece McCauley. I first visited Inuvik in 1971. I witnessed Cece McCauley tirelessly travel between Inuvik and Ottawa to get a road built from Wrigley to Inuvik. Over thirty plus years, we discussed how a road would open the north and help relieve the cost of living for families along the Mackenzie River. Food costs being the key point. I was shocked the first time I bought one apple for \$5.00. Now, my brother-in-law, Todd McCauley, Sahtu Secretariat Inc., is working to achieve her goal.

Since then, I spend time in Norman Wells. I often travel with Muriel Hodgson Foers. Together we are a team supporting our family. Muriel was born and raised in Norman Wells area and lived in Inuvik while her husband, Bob Foers was stationed at the naval base which closed in 1986.

When Herb purchased the duplex in Norman Wells, Muriel helped us with renovations after John Hodgson passed. I have a long history with Norman Wells. My brother Don worked in Inuvik, living with Cece. He loved Cece and wished he could have visited Cece if there had been a road.

The food and goods supplied to the northern communities is extremely expensive. I relied on the summer barges for renovation supplies. Over time, the scheduled barges were reduced due to the river water level. The majority of supplies for the second renovation arrived by air freight including a larger impact to the environment. The north is beautiful. It is awe inspiring.

I see the need for an all-weather, year round highway to reduce freight costs for goods, food, and for families and friends with easier and frequent access to families in other communities. As Muriel said, the passenger flights are reduced. She wishes she could travel by road to support Mitzi Hodgson.

Our family is very aware of the lack of northern defense in the Arctic. Canada must retain Arctic Sovereignty and protection. Russia and China has plans for Arctic sovereignty. The north is unprotected.

Muriel Hodgson Foers and her family support the MacKenzie Valley Highway.
Herb and I, our sons and families support building the MacKenzie Valley Highway.

Regards,


Carol McCauley