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Good Evening Mayor and Council-

I am forwarding the following information from our police Chief.

Earlier today, approx. 1100 hrs., a group of approximately 20 protesters gained entry to Federal Offices for Aboriginal Affairs at 1138 Melville Street. They took over a common area room and informed the staff that this was a protest and that they were not leaving.

The group is made up of 11 adults (mostly women) and 9 children (ages 2-9). They are protesting in support of the Attawapiskat reserve in Northern Ontario that has recently been in the news. The group informed the building manager that they are planning to stay for an undetermined length of time. There are similar protests still occurring in Toronto and Winnipeg that began last Thursday and Friday, respectively. The only request the group has made so far is to speak with the Prime Minister.

The Federal Government is not taking steps to remove the protesters, so at this point our role is limited.

We will keep you posted if the situation changes.

Best

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