

We Need Your Opinions

In our May 16 edition, we addressed our policy on reporting as follows: "Our policy, simply put, is that we do not publish reports of a negative nature involving the personal lives of Alaska Natives or others, whether they are considered public figures or not because our readers have not asked us to do so. We have many subscribers, some scattered throughout foreign countries, many in the Lower 48 states, but our principal readers continue to be Alaska Natives living in the rural areas of our State. If the day comes when our readers demand the coverage of this type of news in the Tundra Times, we will undoubtedly change our position."

In the past, we have not solicited comments through this column from our readers. We are doing that now. We would like your comments, hand written, type written or even telephoned to us. Sometime in the future we may go to the extent of taking some sort of survey so that we can understand just how our readers feel about our editorial policies, particularly one as sensitive as this.

Our May 16 editorial was prompted by several incidents over a period of several months. Researching the past issues of the Tundra Times, we learned that at no time during its 23 year history did Howard Rock and his successors either report negative news about individuals nor did he or they address their policies on the matter.

Please let us know your opinions, whatever they are.

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