

New Village of Minto Faces Hard Winter Says Chief John

Minto faces a hard winter, according to Minto village chief Peter John. As of this past week, many of the newly built homes had no electricity, the village has no water supply and finishing the inside of the houses was hampered by lack of power and lights.

Since last summer, the village of Minto's project to move its community into new homes on higher ground than its former flood harassed location has been plagued by many problems.

As winter sets in, 14 of the last group of 16 BIA funded houses are roofed in and the entire population is out of tents.

Alaska Village Electrical Cooperative (AVEC), which has the right of way to provide power to new Minto, cannot move in till next summer. The villagers claim AVEC was supposed to build electrical facilities this summer, but company spokesmen deny this.

Village residents have wired the completed houses and employed contractors to put in a temporary power system for this year. Reimbursement for the heavy costs will be a probable disputed issue when AVEC.

Without a power supply, there will be no running water supply to the village till next summer. A tank for the village school and one for the village to haul water will be still in transit. Without water, the school has not yet opened for the year.

Alaska Department of Highway plows no longer keep open the highway to Minto. They say plow the road till November 14 each year. Unless the highway is plowed, at least once, it will be almost impossible to bring the new water tanks to the village.

As an added difficulty, there is no village store this winter. If there is no open highway, village residents will have to airlift in supplies this winter. Most

of the men in the village have not worked, except on the village construction itself, for the last two summers.

Ready cash and food are in severe short supply, making air freight rates a heavy, perhaps insurmountable burden to the residents of this problem plagued community.

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