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Chief Erwin Redsky
Chief of Shoal Lake #40 First Nation
c/o Frances Green, Band Manager
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Dear Chief Redsky,

On behalf of Winnipeg's municipal workers, we would like to extend our support to the community of Shoal Lake #40 First Nation in your efforts to achieve an all-weather road to your community, as well as your inalienable right to clean, potable water.

Our members, the municipal workers of Winnipeg, deliver and maintain Winnipeg's public water infrastructure, and we understand the value of the inherent right to water. We pride ourselves in our commitment to delivering the best quality water to the citizens of Winnipeg, and we work tirelessly to protect our community's water against the threats of privatization. We feel it is our duty to protect and defend quality public services in Winnipeg, including the right to water.

It is unacceptable that your community should not have equal access to that most basic of human rights.

We are writing a letter to Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt, urging the federal government to join the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba to fund and build the "Freedom Road" to your community.

We also wish to extend a sincere thank you to your community for being strong guardians of Shoal Lake, and of the water that we deliver to the citizens of Winnipeg.

Your community's stewardship over this water since time immemorial is something that we often take for granted, and we thank you for sharing this resource with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Davidson
President of CUPE Local 500

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Kelly Moist
President of CUPE Manitoba

cc: Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba
Brian Bowman, Mayor of Winnipeg