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YELLOWKNIFE – Western Arctic Member of Parliament Dennis Bevington is disappointed that the federal government has yet again ignored the wishes of Northerners in designating the Yellowknife Post Office building as a heritage site.

Bevington first called on the Conservatives to save the building in an August 2006 letter to Michael Fortier, former minister of Public Works and Government Services. The MP received no response.

"This is yet another example that the Conservatives are ignoring the issues important to Northerners".

"It's clear that Stephen Harper's government are only interested in collecting billions of dollars in revenues from our resources and making impromptu visits to the riding to stage pathetic photo ops for political gain. Investing in the people of the North is not on their agenda," said Bevington.

In addition to Yellowknife City Council, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation have also protested the sale of the historic downtown federal building. Bevington's constituency office has also received numerous letters from Western Arctic constituents, who have expressed the importance of the building to the capital city's cultural heritage.

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