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**Bevington says Conservative Northern Vision Remains Blurry**

**Fort Smith, NT**– Western Arctic MP and Northern Affairs Critic Dennis Bevington responded to the recent comments made by Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl, and Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon.

“At first I was happy to see that the North is on the Government’s radar, until I looked to see what the Conservatives were actually saying. Northern Canadians deserve more clarity when it comes to our role in the country’s future.”

Such items as the modernization of the Canadian Rangers, is a bone of contention amongst Northerners and the Rangers, who are the Military’s eyes and ears in Arctic. “I have heard complaints from Rangers, and their families who do not want to become reserve units,” Bevington added.

The government has also not released any concrete deadlines for the Arctic Patrol Ships, or the construction of the Tories beloved “Diefenbraker,” the nickname given to proposed Polar Icebreaker the CCGS John G. Diefenbaker.

Bevington acknowledges what is certain about the current governments vision is that it offers no clear way to help the average Northerner. “While Canada needs a Northern Strategy, Canadians deserve a Northern Vision which is clear and delivers the goods for all Northerners, not just Ottawa. That is why I am consulting with my constituents this summer,” Bevington said.

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