

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
5TH COUNCIL, 28TH SESSION**

**REFERENCE FOR ADVICE
NO. 10-28**



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SECOND SESSION, 1964

ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS AT
GRANDIN COLLEGE STUDENT RESIDENCES
FORT SMITH

The Commissioner requests the advice of Council on the matter of reimbursing Roman Catholic Church authorities for the accommodation of students at Grandin College at Fort Smith.

ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS AT GRANDIN COLLEGE
STUDENT RESIDENCES - FORT SMITH

The Commissioner asks the advice of Council on what response should be made to the request set forth in the attached letter from Bishop Paul Piché that the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Mackenzie be reimbursed the cost of board and lodging for children accommodated in Grandin College Student Residences at Fort Smith for the purpose of attending school.

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VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF MACKENZIE
Bishop's Residence
Fort Smith, N.W.T.

September 7, 1964

Mr. B.G. Sivertz, Commissioner,
Office of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories,
Kent-Albert Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Sivertz,

I am told by the Director of Grandin College at Fort Smith, that on the occasion of your much appreciated visit of the College building last April, you mentioned your willingness to present to the next Territorial Council, our request for financial assistance for board and room, for territorial college students attending the J.B. Tyrrell Federal School.

I wish to express my feelings of appreciation for this kindness on your part, and hereby beg to submit an official demand for this suggested aid:

- 1) Whereas the said Grandin College in its present stage is only a Hall where are housed students attending J.B. Tyrrell Federal School, thus relieving the Territorial Government from the expenses of providing accommodation for these students;
- 2) Whereas the aim of Grandin College is to work in close co-operation with the Territorial Government to provide higher education and training for our Northern youth, and help them to attain senior matriculation;
- 3) Whereas Breynat Hall in Fort Smith does not provide the needed facilities for senior students;
- 4) Whereas Akaitcho Hall in Yellowknife is filled to capacity, and does not provide for the academic students, facilities separate from the vocational training students;
- 5) Whereas the Grandin College students will bring a higher enrolment to J.B. Tyrrell Federal School, and thus give greater opportunity for a broader program in the high school department;
- 6) Whereas it is the policy of the Federal Government to pay room and board for all the Indian students admitted to town or city high schools;
- 7) Whereas the Territorial Government would enjoy a considerable saving on per pupil cost which amounts to an average over one thousand dollars in the present Federal Hostels; -

We respectfully beg to submit to the Territorial Government our request for financial assistance amounting to sixty-five dollars per month per student for board and room for 46 territorial boys and girls presently residing in Grandin Boys' Residence and Girls' Residence, all of them attending J.B. Tyrrell Federal School.

Trusting that the members of the Territorial Council will give our demand their kind consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
(sgd.) Paul Piche', O.M.I.
Bishop Paul Piche O.M.I.
Vicar Apostolic of Mackenzie.