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OUT OF THE FEBRUARY, 1965
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DISPOSITION

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Accepted as read.....
Amended..... See Text.
Rejected..... See Text.
Deferred..... See Text.
Not considered.

ITEMS FOR ACTION ARISING OUT OF FEBRUARY, 1965 SESSION,
COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

1. That arrangements be made for the assignment of a liaison person from each government department directly involved with residents of the Territories to work with the Commissioner's Office so that effective co-ordination in matters effecting Education, Health and Welfare, Labour and Working conditions, Public Works, etc., could be more complete and comprehensive.

The Commissioner examined this proposal and concluded that the existing flexible liaison arrangements serve our needs best. An attempt to formalize these relationships would introduce undesirable rigidity.

2. That it be recommended to the Minister of Northern Affairs that the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories be appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Northern Development and that he, in his discretion, present informative reports to that committee, particularly following each session of Council, and that the Council, through the Commissioner, may from time to time seek the advice of the A.C.N.D. on major matters which involve the co-operation of federal agencies and which affect the residents of the N.W.T.

Done. Resulting arrangement informed to members in May.

3. That a sub-committee of Council be appointed to meet representatives of the Air Transport Board to look into the possibility of that Board holding public hearings in the Territories.

Done.

4. That the Commissioner continue negotiations with Postal authorities with a view to obtaining a general reduction of postal rates in the Northwest Territories.

Continuing.

5. That more specific details be provided to Council regarding the desire of residents of Fort Good Hope and Tuktoyaktuk to have the post offices in those communities operated by private individuals rather than by the Hudson's Bay Company as is now done, and that consideration be given to increasing the frequency of mail service out of Tuktoyaktuk.

No information yet received.

6. That the administration give immediate attention to the preparation of a town plan for Tuktoyaktuk and that the advice of the residents of the community be taken into consideration when this plan is prepared.

Completion of town plan for Tuktoyaktuk is scheduled for 1965-66. The Department of Public Works has been requested by the Administration to ensure that local consultation is a feature of all town planning.

7. That a study be made of the river bank erosion problem at Aklavik, of possible methods to preserve and if possible rebuild these banks and that an appropriate degree of urgency be associated with this request.

A paper on this subject, to be presented to Council in June, was sent to the members on March 30.

8. That encouragement should be given to the establishment of a Home and School Association at Fort McPherson, if this is the wish of the people of that community. To this end, Mr. Trimble will speak to his constituents about this matter and the Commissioner agreed to convey this matter to the School officials asking that they support it.

Administrator of the MacKenzie informed and asked to determine if staff of Peter Warren Dease school can support formation of such an association.

9. That the administration study the request of the Mackenzie Delta Trappers' Association to set back the opening date of the mink trapping season to November 10 and, if advisable, amend the Game Regulations accordingly.

Regulations will be amended to incorporate this request.

10. That certain authorities now possessed by the Commissioner, particularly regarding the revision of boundaries of Game Zones, be transferred to local Game Wardens.

This will not be done because local Game Wardens would, as a result, be subjected to excessive local pressures.

11. That the administration look into the possible use by Game Management Officers of aircraft to locate caribou herds.

The Administrator of the Mackenzie has been instructed to conduct a pilot project in the Richardson Mountains area. A paper reporting on the pilot project will be presented at the June Session.

12. That the administration investigate the possibility of constructing a landing strip at Arctic Red River during the coming summer.
13. That the administration look into the possibility of establishing a sawmill and planer at Arctic Red River and discuss this proposal with representatives of the Indian Affairs Branch.

The Forestry Consultants' preliminary report prepared for the Northern Administration Branch recommends that the existing sawmill remain near Aklavik where availability of labour, drying conditions and site transportation facilities, housing, supervision and proximity of markets best fulfil the criteria for a successful operation. Officers of the Indian Affairs Branch do not believe that it is economically feasible to establish another sawmill at Arctic Red River.

14. That the administration determine why permission had been refused a few years ago for the Yellowknife Transportation Company to leave a freezer barge at Arctic Red River on the north bound journey to be loaded with white fish and picked up again on the south bound journey.

This matter was related to the prohibition against commercial fishing in the Mackenzie Delta. The Department of Fisheries was considering granting permission to private companies to enter a commercial operation up to a limit of 750,000 lbs. The details of this proposal to be referred to the Council before permission is granted.

15. That the administration investigate the possibility of setting up radio communication between trappers on the Peel and Anderson Rivers and the nearest communities to these areas. In doing so the system used some years ago in northern Saskatchewan for communication between trappers should be studied.

A paper on this subject will be presented to Council in June.

16. That the Commissioner continue negotiations with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and with the Indian-Eskimo Association to implement a three year community action program, patterned after the CBC's Farm Radio Forum and Citizens Forum Broadcasts.

Representatives of the CBC, the Centennial Commission and the Departments of National Health and Welfare, Citizenship and Immigration and Northern Affairs and National Resources met earlier this month to discuss this proposed program. The consensus favoured a pilot project to determine the value of a radio forum aimed at developing among Canada's Indians and Eskimos in the North an interest in community and public affairs. A feasibility study is required before a pilot project can be carried out.

17. That the administration assess the co-operative development project underway at Fort Resolution and study the possibility of implementing similar projects in other areas.

A paper on this subject will be presented to Council in June.

18. That a program similar to the Eskimo Loan Fund Program be developed for the granting of loans for the establishment of expansion of small businesses in the Territories.

The following program might have some useful application in this field in the N.W.T.

the Industrial Development Bank
the Small Business Loans Act
the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act
the Farm Improvement Loans Act
the Eskimo Loan Fund
existing Territorial Government Programs

Loans to small businesses in the N.W.T. are of interest to the Department of Northern Affairs because of its responsibility, under the Northern Affairs and National Resources Act, for economic development in the North and to the Minister who has clearly demonstrated his interest in Northern development.

Mr. W.A. Lewis, an Industrial Analyst is now undertaking, for the Northern Administration Branch, a broad study on the question of assistance of industry in the N.W.T.

Collaboration between the Territorial Government and the Department of Northern Affairs is essential in any such program of assistance. I recommend therefore that further consideration of this question be deferred until Mr. Lewis' study is complete and available for study.

19. That a tour of countries lying north of the Arctic Circle and Iceland be arranged, if possible, to be led by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. The Deputy Minister, the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Northern Development, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, a representative of the Information Services Division of the Department of Northern Affairs and representatives of press and radio should accompany this tour.

Recommendation passed to the Minister.

20. That consideration be given to the preparation of legislation suited to the establishment of a large scale forest industry, especially pulp mill operations, in the Northwest Territories.

The position of Senior Forestry Officer with the Department will be filled in mid-June. When this officer reports for duty he will look into this matter.

21. That the administration again approach the unemployment insurance commission regarding the establishment of an unemployment insurance office in Yellowknife. Mr. Baker agreed to seek the support of the Mayor and town Council of Yellowknife in this regard.

Officials of the National Employment Service and the unemployment insurance commission state firmly that there is insufficient volume of business in Yellowknife to warrant reopening an office and are therefore not prepared to do so.

22. That the administration carry out a review of the Dog Ordinance and introduce the necessary amendments at a future session of Council.

The Administration has reported to me that before it can undertake such a review it will require more specific details of the sections of the Ordinance requiring amendment.

23. That a sub-committee of Council review the rules and procedure of Council with a view to improving them and particularly that the Order of Business for the beginning of a Session be revised so that the points raised in the replies to the Commissioner's opening address may be listed and grouped by subject before being considered by Council.
24. That a paper be prepared for presentation at the June Session of Council setting out the lines of authority and areas of jurisdiction in respect of education in the Northwest Territories.

This paper will be presented to Council in June.

25. That the Department of Northern Affairs prepare an annual report on education in the Northwest Territories for presentation to Council.

A report for the academic year 1963-64 will be presented to Council in June.

26. That the administration look into the possibility of obtaining the assistance of persons able to check the work of and to give encouragement to students taking correspondence courses.
27. That greater emphasis be placed on Adult Education in the Territories and that a paper outlining an expanded Adult Education Program be presented at the June Session of Council.

This paper will be presented to Council in June.

28. That Recommendation to Council #5 - School for Retarded Children - Yellowknife - be accepted as read, that consideration be given to the need for specialized facilities for Retarded Children throughout the Territories and that a Recommendation to Council on this subject be presented to a later Session of Council.

This paper will be presented to Council at a 1966 Session after the survey Council asked for has been made.

29. That the administration when developing policy in respect of small school hostels be guided by Council's opinion regarding the desirability of erecting hostels in small communities wherever possible.

Eight to twelve pupil hostels are planned for Fort Norman, Fort Franklin, Pond Inlet and Inloolik. A 50 to 60 bed seasonal hostel will be built at Fort Good Hope.

30. That the administration make every effort to recruit a teacher for the school at Arctic Red River and that, provide six

students are available, the school be reopened in September, 1965.

Initiative in the question of whether or not this school re-opens in September rests first with the Regional Superintendent of Schools at Inuvik and second with the Chief Superintendent of Schools at Fort Smith. It has been Council's practice to leave the matter of opening schools or closing them to the Administrator. This is the practice in the provinces also. The Regional Superintendent of Schools at Inuvik reports that on most days during last term of operation only 2 or 3 students in attendance that this situation is unchanged and therefore through unforeseen developments this school will not be re-opened.

31. That the administration, when establishing priorities for future school construction take into consideration the urgent need for re-construction of the school at Aklavik.
32. That the administration prepare a report showing those places where additional classrooms or schools are required and the order in which these will be constructed up to and including the year 1978. A program has been submitted to cabinet for approval. A paper giving a broad outline of the program will be prepared for Council when cabinet approval has been granted.
33. That the administration carry out a careful study of the comparative costs of using wood and oil fuel at the Aklavik School with a view to reconvertng to wood fuel if this is economically sound. A letter reporting the findings of this study is to be sent to Mr. Trimble.

A paper on this subject will be presented to Council in June. The letter has gone to Mr. Trimble.

34. That the Yellowknife Museum Society be thanked for their brief on Territorial Archives and informed why it is not prudent at present to erect a Territorial Archives Building, that the Society be encouraged in their activities, particularly in the collection of privately owned documents, and that financial assistance be given to them to obtain secure, fireproof storage for their acquisitions.

Done.

35. That the Yellowknife Museum Society be encouraged in their collection of privately-owned documents and to increase their efforts to obtain traders' and missionaries' diaries.

Done.

36. That the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars available under the Centennial Memorial Program be used for the establishment of a Regional Library System, and that the \$72,000 available under the Centennial Grants Program be used to construct a Tourist Reception Centre on the Mackenzie Highway.

A library consultant has been engaged and recruiting of the Regional Librarian now underway. I expect to be able to give Council a brief Progress Report on this matter in June. The Commissioner intends to ask reconsideration of Centennial Grants Program.

37. That the Regional Library System be expanded to consist of a headquarters building and additional library buildings at various centres in the Territories, and that ways and means be found of raising the additional funds required.

Centennial Memorial Funds may be used only for the construction of the Regional Library Building at Hay River as these funds are for capital expenditure only and must be spent on a single major project. Means being explored to finance library buildings in outlying places.

38. That an amendment to the Liquor Ordinance embodying the proposals contained in Recommendation to Council No. 8 - Proposed Amendments to the Liquor Ordinance - be prepared for presentation to Council at the June Session.

Being done.

39. That the Liquor Regulations be amended to permit the sale of Liquor by a Branch of the Canadian Legion or at any club between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m. in those communities in which hotels are permitted to do this.

Done.

40. That the Administration study provincial practice in respect of local option legislation regarding the purchases and sale of liquor and present a Recommendation to Council on this subject at the June session.

A paper will be presented to Council in June.

41. That the Administration prepare legislation to allow games in licensed premises for presentation at the June session of Council.

Liquor Regulations have been amended. No changes required in the Ordinance.

42. That a paper be prepared by the Medical Authorities for presentation to Council in June setting out in detail any research done on the adverse effects of overproof liquor and the conclusions based on this research.

A paper which will be presented was sent to Council members on May 7.

43. That the Canadian Wildlife Service study the request of the Fort Smith Fish and Game Association for the opening of a hunting area in the vicinity of Fort Smith and present their findings in a Recommendation to Council at the June Session.

A paper will be presented to Council in June.

44. That the federal government give consideration to amending the Old Age Assistance, Blind Persons and Disabled Persons Acts, to remove the requirement that the earnings of the spouse of an applicant be taken into consideration when total earnings are calculated for a means test.

Canada Pension Plan and Canada Assistance Plan bring about changes in categorical allowances. Chief of Welfare Division will outline probable working out of new arrangements which are not yet final.

45. That the Air Transport Board be requested to conduct hearings on all aspects of Air Transportation in the Mackenzie Valley region of the Northwest Territories, and that the Mayors of Yellowknife and Hay River, the Chairman of the Village Council of Fort Smith and the Presidents of Community Associations be informed of this request and asked to support it.

Done.

46. That in future the pages of the explanatory notes to the Appropriations Ordinance be numbered.

Will be done.

47. That the residents of Aklavik are not interested in having their community established as a development area and that this should be brought to the attention of the Administration.

Done.

48. That a progress report be made at the June Session regarding negotiations between the Department of Northern Affairs and the Department of Transport regarding an increase in the amount of power available at Fort Good Hope, particularly for the operation of street lights.

Report made to Mr. Trimble by letter.

49. That in future all government-owned electric power generating equipment should fall within the control of the Northern Canada Power Commission and that this matter should be referred to the Advisory Committee on Northern Development to the end that a better policy may be developed in this respect.

Referred to A.C.M.D.

50. That fire alarm systems at Aklavik, Fort Good Hope and Fort McPherson, be installed as soon as possible.

Under way.

51. That any arrangements possible be made to improve the present fire protection facilities at Arctic Red River.

Under way.

52. That the installation of culverts at Fort Providence should be carried out on a two-year basis using local hand labour. Additional funds if necessary will be provided in supplementary appropriations.

Will be started this year.

53. That an Annual Report on Finance of the Northwest Territories showing opposite the number and title of each allotment the amount voted, the amounts spent and including remarks indicating the progress or completion of each project should be presented within three months of the end of the fiscal year.

The year-end statement produced by the Chief Treasury Officer will not be available in time to have this report ready by June. Therefore, I will distribute it to members as soon after the June Session as it can be made ready.

54. That a Recommendation to Council on the Territorial Corrections Program, which would be an up-dated version of the paper presented to Council at the June, 1964 session be presented at the June 1965 Session.

This paper will be presented to Council in June.

55. That consideration be given to the use of local labour and local equipment in carrying out road construction planned for this year at Arctic Red River.

56. That the Commissioner inform the Mayor of Yellowknife that the need for a road to Latham Island had been brought to the attention of Council.

Done.

57. That the Council express its unhappiness and regret to the Minister for the delays in school construction programs which have been experienced at Cambridge Bay, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Whale Cove.

Done.

58. That regulations be drafted as soon as possible to allow the implementation of the \$40 Wolf Bounty approved by Council.

Done.

59. That the regulations of the Trappers' Assistance Program be altered to provide a loan of up to \$700 to be used by a trapper as required instead of the present situation whereby up to \$400 may be borrowed by a trapper to purchase equipment and supplies and up to \$300 may be borrowed for aircraft charters.

Done.

60. That negotiations be entered into with the Department of Northern Affairs and the Indian Affairs Branch to the end that the Trappers' Assistance Programs now operated by these agencies may be amalgamated with the program operated by the Territorial Government to form one program to be administered by that government.

This proposal is now under study by the Canadian Wildlife Service who are preparing a paper for presentation in June.

61. That \$2,000 be granted to a group from Hay River to prepare and operate a Tourist Information and Northern Handicraft display at the Klondike Fair in Edmonton.

Being done.

62. That a Youth Club Program be developed and instituted in the Northwest Territories and that funds for this purpose be provided in Territorial Appropriations.

A paper on this subject will be presented to Council in January 1966.

63. That the National Centennial Commission be advised of Council's opinion favouring the proposed Mackenzie River Centennial Barge.

Done.

64. That arrangements be made for the convening of an annual meeting between the Commissioner and senior officers of the R.C.M. Police.

Done.

65. That the Administration determine if there is need for the Territorial Government to operate a Home Improvement Loan Scheme and, if such a need exists, present a paper outlining a suitable scheme at the next session of Council.

A massive survey on Eskimo housing by the Northern Administration is, therefore, nearing completion and will have a definite bearing on this study. A paper on this subject cannot be prepared in time for the June session but will be ready for the January 1966 Session.

66. That copies of the quarterly report submitted by the Administrator of the Arctic to the Director of the Northern Administration Branch be made available to members of Council.

Arrangements have been made instead for the Administrators of the Mackenzie and Arctic to supply current information of interest to members of Council.

67. That the Administration study the need for facilities for aged persons in the Territories and propose the most suitable method of meeting; this need in a Recommendation to Council to be presented at the June Session.

There is insufficient time for a paper to be prepared on this subject for the June Session but Mr. Neville or one of his officers will present an oral progress report.

68. That the power line to the west end of Aklavik which was washed out during a flood a few years ago be replaced.

Work to restore power is to begin.

69. That the Administration take the necessary steps to obtain Bowhead Whale licences for Indian and Eskimo residents of the Mackenzie Delta area who wish to hunt these animals.

Done.

70. That a Recommendation to Council regarding the establishment of smaller Game Zones be presented at the June Session.

This paper which will be presented to Council in June was sent to members on May 5.

71. That consideration be given to the installation of summer water tanks at Arctic Red River, Fort Good Hope and Tuktoyaktuk (two tanks).

72. That the regulations issued under the Travel and Outdoor Recreation Ordinance will not require the licencing or control of a person who lends gratuitously or lets out for hire or reward but not by business or trade or as a regular occupation equipment to be used in connection with an outdoor recreational activity or who acts as a guide gratuitously or for hire or reward but not by way of business trade or as a regular occupation in connection with an outdoor recreational activity.

Done.