

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
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The attached is a brief submitted by the Aklavik Advisory Council. The Advisory Council supports Mr. Trimble, against whom a complaint has been laid by the Inuvik Regional Administrator, and is addressed to the Commissioner and the Council of the Northwest Territories.

Aklavik, Northwest Territories,

November 6th, 1965.

The Minister,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The Aklavik Advisory Council, consisting of seven members elected by secret ballot, held its monthly meeting on November 3rd, 1965 in Aklavik, N.W.T.

One of the matters considered by the Council was an Information which has been laid by the Inuvik Regional Administrator of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources on October 8th, 1965 against Mr. Lyle Ross Trimble of Aklavik for having allegedly "without legal justification or excuse and without colour of right, unlawfully and wilfully damage 10 live spruce trees to an amount not exceeding \$50.00, the property of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, contrary to Sec. 373 (1) of the Criminal Code". It is understood that the case is to appear before the court on November 17, 1965.

I wish to advise that the Advisory Council, in considering this matter, came to the conclusion that the spruce trees in question had been planted immediately before freeze-up of the previous year, that they had been planted without roots and that they were dead prior to removal by Mr. Trimble. The advisory Council further feels that, because these trees were situated along the edge of the road allowance bordering a piece of land recently obtained by Mr. Trimble onto which he had moved a large building being renovated into a hotel, restaurant and retail store, and because a board walk had been placed adjacent to these trees by the Department of Northern Affairs & National Resources, that Mr. Trimble was reasonable and justified in removing the trees, particularly since the trees had been located there while the adjacent land lay unused and fenced off in the name of the Department of Transport and did not line up with, or appear suited to, the business establishment set up by Mr. Trimble after he obtained the land.

I have therefore been instructed by the Aklavik Advisory Council to write and inform you that we feel the removal of these trees by Mr. Trimble was justified and proper and that the Information laid by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources is not in the interest or wishes of this community and is considered to be improper and unjustified and should be withdrawn.

Yours very truly,

(signed Frederick Greenland)

Frederick Greenland, Chairman
Aklavik Advisory Council.

Copies to
Director, Department of N.A.&N.R.
Commissioner of the N.W.T.
Regional Administrator, Inuvik.