

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
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**RECOMMENDATION TO  
COUNCIL NO. 1-33**

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(Second Session, 1966)

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NAMING OF SMALLER SCHOOLS IN THE  
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DISPOSITION

Tabled	To Committee	Accepted as Read	Accepted as Amended	Deferred (to Session)	Rejected	Noted not Considered

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There has been a request from persons in one N.W.T. community to have the school there given a name other than the name of the community. To date we have identified schools in small places with the name of the settlement in which it is located.

To date, the larger schools have been named after explorers of northern Canada, e.g. Sir Alexander Mackenzie School, Inuvik, or others who have been involved in the development of the north, e.g. J.B. Tyrell School, Fort Smith. The church-operated pupil residences have been named after northern missionary figures, e.g. Stringer Hall and Grollier Hall at Inuvik. Akaitcho Hall, operated by the government, was named after a famous Indian resident of the Mackenzie District.

The practice in the smaller communities is for the school to take on the name of the settlement, e.g. Cape Dorset Federal Day School.

Recommendations

The policy of naming existing large schools after famous explorers was done with reason and these names should stand. Existing church-operated pupil residences named after well-known missionary figures should remain unchanged. Akaitcho Hall is well named and should have no change. The Commissioner has at present a proposal from the Administrator to name the large residence at Churchill Matonabee Hall, and the large vocational school there The Samuel Hearne School. I propose to approve both names. The Commissioner considers the naming of schools generally a proper subject for local initiative, and recommends the following policy:

1. If the people in any community desire to have their school or pupil residences bear some name other than the name of the community, the Commissioner will consider having that school or residence given the suggested name.
2. Proposals for naming large school or pupil residences will normally come from the Administration, but may come from any source. All such will receive consideration from the Commissioner.
3. A suggested name should be forwarded to the District Office by the Regional School Superintendent with his observations and recommendation. He should comment on how general is local support for the suggested name.
4. The suggested name should then be forwarded for the consideration of the Commissioner.
5. For administrative purposes, the name of the community often will probably be used as well when referring to any school.
6. School should not be named after living persons except when they are no longer active in the region.