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1- We express our thanks to the Commissioner and to the Members of the N.W.T. Council, for their assistance in the training of our manager.

Moved by Mrs. Rosie Sewi (Handicrafts' Supervisor)  
Seconded by Mr. Joe Kenny (Director)  
All agreed.

2- We commend the Commissioner and the Members of the N.W.T. Council, for their statements, during the 32nd. session, regarding employment, Community Development, Adult Education, and co-operatives, and for the help offered by the Council to attain the proposed objectives in those fields.

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Moved by Miss Rose Mary Modeste  
Seconded by Mrs. Madeline Andre  
All agreed.

3- We solicit the N.W.T. Government to ask the various Government agencies concerned, that all Government projects involving employment in Fort Franklin be contracted through our co-operative, whenever possible.

Moved by Mr. Louis Taneton  
Seconded by Mrs. Dora Gully, (Vice-President)  
All agreed.

4- We commend the N.W.T. Government for "asking the Federal Government to turn over to the Territorial Government the administration of services to the Indian people and to the Eskimo people of the N.W.T. The services to which I refer are schooling, health services, social welfare, municipal affairs, in which I include Community Development...housing, loans.." (Debates p. 163)

Moved by Old Andre (Director)  
Seconded by Walter Blondin (Manager)  
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5- We commend Air Marshall Campbell for his advising against "going down the path of welfare whereby we have nothing left for the people to do except stay at home." (Debates p. 234), and Mr. Trimble for expressing his fear that "we could be setting a complete welfare state." (Debates p. 636)

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6- We commend especially the Commissioner and the Council of the N.W.T. for their plans regarding Community Development, as proposed to the Carrothers Commission: "Community Development planning is a field where much should be done. There should be a plan for each community. There should be local and regional councils established and these should be financially supported by grants from the Territorial Government, so that they would have practical experience in the business of municipal government. Those councils should have responsibility for the

use of the funds that are granted to them, so that within a short time even small communities should have a measure of self-government. (Debates p. 631)

Moved by Father Fumoleau (Secretary-Treasurer)  
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7- As our experience of the past three years is an excellent preparation to the realisation of such a plan, we ask the Territorial Government that such a program of Community Development, as presented to the Carrothers Commission and as quoted in the above paragraph, be started now in our community, under the responsibility of our co-operative, as an experiment.

Moved by Mr. Joe Blondin  
Seconded by Mr. Victor Beyonne  
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"These young men and women are needed in these communities if they are to continue to exist. The only way to keep them in those communities is to provide them with employment...The North must have an intensive program of economic development. (Mr. Okpik, Debates p. 5)

"If we start taking the best men out of the community there is a danger that we will start taking the most intelligent ones out and the people won't advance." (Mr. Okpik, Debates p. 149)

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"My main concern is adult people." (Dr. Vallee p. 151)

"That is really what Government policy is, to provide work to all people in any way it can provide it... We must have something, do something to give people employment." (Mr. Baker, Debates p. 150)

"I wish to emphasize the necessity... to have a comprehensive plan to develop employment in local industry...coupled with an educational system commensurate with these requirements." (Mr. Harvey, debates p. 27)

"The North has an urgent need for employment opportunities and every aspect of the concomitant educational, vocational, professional and ability concepts." (To the Carrothers Commission, Debates p. 632)

"There are a lot of things in the North, and if you wait for private industry to develop them, they wouldn't get developed. It seems to me that we have to use the resources of the Government to develop these things. (Mr. Hodgson)

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