

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
6TH COUNCIL, 38TH SESSION

RECOMMENDATION TO
COUNCIL NO. 7-38

TABLED ON JANUARY 13, 1969

January 9, 1969.
CONFIDENTIAL-
Not for release before
1st reading during the
38th Session of Council



Recommendation to Council 7-38
Tabled on
January 13, 1969

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL NO. 7
(First Session, 1969)

DEVELOPMENT OF RAE

DISPOSITION

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

DEVELOPMENT OF RAE

At the 36th Session, Council considered a paper recommending that the new Rae school and hostel complex not be built at the present settlement of Rae but at a site approximately 8 miles from Rae on the West Channel. This paper was discussed at length but no clear consensus emerged from the debate.

Therefore, the Commissioner recommended a further formal study of the situation but after discussion with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, it was concluded that no useful purpose would be served by instituting yet another study as all the relevant engineering information was already available.

BACKGROUND

No less than three competent consulting firms have studied the physical aspects of the present settlement of Rae. All have concluded that the present site is not a suitable place to accommodate an increase in the population and is not, therefore a suitable place in which to establish the new school and hostel serving students not only from Rae but from the hinterland as well. The basic reasons are the shortage of adequate building space, and the fact that surface run-off drains into Marian Lake thereby polluting the only available source of water for the community. These are realistic engineering facts which cannot be ignored. Accepting these facts will not mean the end of the present community of Rae, but demands recognition that it can continue to exist as a viable community only if its population is kept within reasonable limits and certain precautions are exercised.

The conclusions which emerge from the studies are, in brief:

1. (a) that the school, hostel and staff housing be built at the new site on the West Channel;
 - (b) that the legal survey of the new townsite be completed and lots staked out;
 - (c) that water supply and treatment facilities be installed;
 - (d) that sewage disposal facilities be constructed;
 - (e) that the administrative functions, the R.C.M.P., Nursing Station and similar service agencies now in Rae be moved to the new site; and
 - (f) that sites for religious buildings, retail commercial, highway commercial, and transient accommodation be made available for private use at the new site.
2. Services for the Existing Community of Rae:
 - (a) that the present level of trucked services be maintained;
 - (b) that the water supplied by truck be drawn from the proposed water plant at the West Channel to supplement existing supply when necessary; and
 - (c) that sewage disposal facilities be improved to eliminate any danger from pollution.

3. Housing and Removal Expenses:

- (a) that in order to control the population of the present settlement and thereby decrease the health hazard, no additional housing should be built in the settlement. Some replacement housing might be allowed on condition that the occupants agree to have this new housing moved to the new site when serviced lots are available.
- (b) that any Rae residents choosing to live at the new site be assisted to do so by moving their present dwellings, if adequate, to the new townsite at public expense or by the erection of new housing under the Northern Housing Program or the Territorial Housing Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Commissioner, therefore, recommends:

1. that the above conclusions established by the engineering studies be accepted; and
2. that the development of the new townsite and the provision of badly-needed education facilities be approved.