

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
6<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL, 39<sup>TH</sup> SESSION**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL  
NO. 2-39**

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Recommendation to Council 2-39  
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RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL NO. 2

STANDARD TIME ZONE IN THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT

DISPOSITION

Tabled	To Committee	Accepted as Read	Accepted as Amended	Deferred (to Session)	Rejected	Noted not Considered
16-6-69	16-6-69	16-6-69				

## STANDARD TIME ZONE IN THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT

The Mackenzie District is divided into two standard time zones: Mountain Standard Time and Pacific Standard Time.

The easterly boundary of the Mountain Standard Time zone is longitude 102 degrees west; in other words, the northerly extension of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border.

The Pacific Standard Time zone lies between longitude 120 degrees west and the Yukon border. Longitude 120 degrees is a line which runs through Banks Island, Dease Arm and McVicar Arm of Great Bear Lake and a point near the junction of the Trout and Mackenzie Rivers. Such settlements as Fort Simpson, Fort Norman, Inuvik, Aklavik, and Tuktoyaktuk lie within the Pacific Standard Time zone.

It has been apparent for some time that considerable inconvenience is caused by the fact that the populated portion of the Mackenzie District is split by the two time zones. Difficulties are experienced by the CBC in programming, by Pacific Western Airlines in scheduling flights, by commercial interests and also to some extent by the Territorial Government.

It is therefore considered that definite advantages would occur by having the whole Mackenzie District amalgamated into one time zone. Accordingly, local Advisory Councils and Area Administrators in all settlements in the Pacific Standard Time zone were written to and replies were received from the following: Aklavik, Inuvik, Jean Marie River, Fort Good Hope, Fort Franklin, Fort McPherson, Fort Norman, Nahanni Butte, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk, Arctic Red River and Paulatuk. All of these communities indicated they were in favor of the change except two: Sachs Harbour, where a plebiscite was held and the results were negative; and Fort McPherson where people were generally indifferent with a few particularly disliking the idea.

John Goodall, former Member of Council for Mackenzie River and Father Philippe of Aklavik both stated their disapproval of the proposed change.

### RECOMMENDATION :

The Commissioner, therefore, recommends that those areas in the Mackenzie District now in the Pacific Standard Time zone be included within the Mountain Standard Time zone.