

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
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**RECOMMENDATION TO  
COUNCIL NO. 1-42**

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PRINTING OF TERRITORIAL GAZETTE

DISPOSITION

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

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES GAZETTE

At the present time, the Northwest Territories Gazette is published by advertizing in the following newspapers: -----

News of the North, Yellowknife

The Drum, Inuvik

Tapwe, Hay River

The Norther, Fort Smith

The only items published in the Gazette, to date, have been notices of Incorporation or Registration, required by the Companies Ordinance. These notices are published at the expense of the Companies involved. The average cost to Companies placing notices in the Gazette is approximately \$35. No notices have been entered by, or on behalf, of the Territorial Government. As no publishing has been done by the Territorial Government, there has been no cost involved. Gazette items are published by newspapers in the North at the rate for legal printing, \$3.50 per column inch.

On reviewing Provincial Gazettes, it is noted that such items as Proclamation of Legislation, appointment of persons to such positions as Justice of the Peace, Coroner, Chairmen of Boards, etc., are Gazetted. Also, in most cases, notices from Government Departments of interest to the public are published. Some advertize such items as change of name, notice of certain hearings and other similar items not normally required by Legislation, but of interest to the Government, Administration and the public. All Provinces produce a special publication under the name "Gazette", while the Yukon Territory publishes the Gazette in one newspaper.

In the Northwest Territories, use of a Gazette should be expanded. Appointments, notices of interest or importance to the public, Proclamation of Legislation and other items should be published in a Gazette as a matter of routine.

Alternatives Available

The following alternatives are available to the Government for consideration: -----

- a) Publish a Gazette in the Government duplicating facility.
- b) Proceed with present arrangements, but expand on the items entered in the Gazette.
- c) Request tenders from printers within the Northwest Territories for production of a monthly publication, and appoint a publisher on the basis of the best tender.
- d) Rotate appointment of a printer within the Territories.

In any case, preparation of items to appear, and distribution of the Gazette should be co-ordinated through the Department of the Territorial Secretary. As is the case with the Canada and Provincial Gazettes, there should be a "free" distribution, and a subscription available at a suitable price.

In assessing the alternatives available, the following points should be considered: -----

- a) From the equipment and staffing viewpoint, the Government duplicating facility is not capable of handling a production of this type. There are no present plans to expand this facility.
- b) The present system is expensive to those persons requiring publication in a Gazette, and it is reported that administrative difficulties occur due to the fact that four separate invoices for printing are received by each client. If the expanded requirement for Gazetted items is to be met, the cost to the Government of the Northwest Territories will by far exceed what should result if publishing were done only once, in a single production run.

Recommendations

- a) It is recommended that Requests for tenders be called from printers within the Northwest Territories for production of a Gazette. The request should be on the basis of a two-year contract, subject to the usual quality controls. A period of two years for the initial contract will allow the first successful tenderer to "regularize" production, and provide time for proper distribution, content and format to be established.
- b) It is further recommended that the position of Territorial Secretary be designated "Queen's Printer", responsible for format, content and distribution of the Gazette.