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6TH COUNCIL, 38TH SESSION**

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Preliminary Report - Council Committee on Amendment to Rules

The Committee appointed by the Commissioner as a result of action initiated by Motion Number 21 of the 38th Session which reads as follows;

"WHEREAS this Council has assumed a large additional burden of administrative and legislative responsibility not foreseen when the existing rules of Council were established;

and

WHEREAS it is the earnest desire of this Council to establish a true executive of Council as the N.W.T. evolves toward full self government; now

THEREFORE, I move that as an interim step in our move toward the establishment of an executive of Council and to enable Council to cope with an expanded volume of business, that the rules of Council be amended to permit the establishment of standing committees of Council corresponding roughly to the departmental organization now used by our administration viz:

- (1) a committee on Education
- (2) a committee on Industry and Development
- (3) a committee on Local Government and Social Development
- (4) a committee on Finance and Public Works"

has met and presents herewith its preliminary report.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the suggestion contained in the Motion that four Standing Committees, namely
 - (a) Finance and Public Works
 - (b) Local Government and Social Development
 - (c) Education
 - (d) Industry and Development

be accepted.

2. That the Terms of Reference of the Committees named in point one remain sufficiently flexible that other related but unnamed matters may be referred to these Committees.
3. That the maximum membership of any of the Committees named be six persons including the Chairman and that the quorum be set at three to consist of the Chairman and two members. The Chairman should be chosen by the Committee from among its number.
4. That appointment of Standing Committees be made by the Commissioner and that no Council member shall be a member of more than two Committees.
5. That there not be verbatim recording of Standing Committee procedures. It is recommended that the administration make available an experienced person to each Committee to act as Secretary and that the Secretary's responsibility be to record minutes of Committee meetings.
6. That each Standing Committee report to the Council when sitting in Committee of the Whole. The purpose of this is to permit such additional examination of the matters reported as is required by other Council members not on that particular Standing Committee.
7. That the Standing Committees not examine the estimates of their particular disciplines in detail but rather examine the programmes of each discipline.
8. That after consideration and possible amendment of this Report the Legal Advisor be instructed to draft the necessary changes to the Rules of Council. Your Committee will review the Rule changes before the next Territorial Council Session and be prepared to place its final Report, including the amended Rules, before Council early in the Session in order that Standing Committees may be appointed and commence to function.

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Chairman.

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