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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
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RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES  
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1. MOVED by Mr. McCallum that the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and his Committee prepare a draft constitution to be presented at the spring meeting for consideration.

SECONDED By Mr. Hill.

CARRIED

2. MOVED by Mr. Mansell that the Financial Year of the Association be the calendar year.

SECONDED by Mr. Prowse.

CARRIED

3. MOVED by Mr. Hill that proxy votes be allowed to be carried by another delegate representing that community.

SECONDED by Mr. Prowse.

CARRIED

4. MOVED by Mr. Walton that the Executive be empowered to hire the services of an Executive Director on a part-time basis.

SECONDED by Mr. Hill.

CARRIED

5. MOVED by ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Finleyson that the report of the Constitution Committee be adopted.

SECONDED by Mr. A. Mansell.

CARRIED

6. MOVED by Mr. Finlayson that the Association Executive be empowered to investigate the possibility of affiliating with the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities and if deemed advisable, that we do affiliate.

SECONDED by Mr. Mansell.

CARRIED

7. MOVED by Mr. Marceau that the Association Executive consider the establishment of informational library on a free exchange basis.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

8. MOVED by Mr. Finlayson that the Executive be empowered to spend funds to aid and assist in the development of the various functions of this Association.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

9. WHEREAS, urban transportation is an ever increasing problem in all the urban centres of Canada, and

WHEREAS, growing municipalities in the Northwest Territories are no exception to this trend, and

WHEREAS, the orderly development of roadways and parking areas are essential to this development, and

WHEREAS, this problem has an effect on a region as well as an urban centre, and

WHEREAS, the senior level of Governments should be concerned about

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the health and vitality of these urban centres,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THIS ASSOCIATION URGE THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE STUDY OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS AND ALSO TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS, REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THESE STUDIES, FOR EXAMPLE PARKING. MUNICIPALITIES WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE POWER TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITIES.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED

10. Resolution - Presented by the City of Yellowknife.

WHEREAS, the orderly development of any community depends to a large extent upon the enforcement of its by-laws, and

WHEREAS, this Association recognizes the position of the R.C.M. Police in respect of these By-laws and their enforcement, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities have and will be maintaining their own by-law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, this Association acknowledges the power granted municipal Council to appoint Peace Officers, and

WHEREAS, this Association deems it advisable to have terms of reference under which these officers may operate,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge the Territorial Government to draft a Territorial Police Ordinance as soon as practical.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

Mr. deWeerd suggested "Peace Officers" be worded "By-Law Enforcement Officers".

MOVED by Mr. Mansell

SECONDED by Mr. Hill

NOT CARRIED

amendment to amendment

MOVED by Mr. Mansell to change wording to read Municipal Constable from Peace Offecer.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED as amended.

11. Resolution - Presented by the City of Yellowknife.

WHEREAS, the control of vehicular traffic is a problem in most Canadian municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the communities in the Northwest Territories are no exception to this problem, and

WHEREAS, un-controlled vehicle parking compounds the problem, and

WHEREAS, streets and roadways are designed and constructed for the movement of vehicles,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge the Territorial Government to amend the Municipal Ordinance to allow Municipalities to legislate off-street parking through their zoning by-law.

MOVED by Mr. Hill.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

12. Resolution presented by the City of Yellowknife.

WHEREAS, the cost of providing services in municipalities is rising at an ever increasing rate, and

WHEREAS, the ability of both private and business property owners to provide the required funds is limited, and

WHEREAS, municipalities must rely on every means at hand in an effort to widen this tax base, and

WHEREAS, Territorial and Federal Governments are an ever increasing presence in the north,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge the Territorial and Federal Governments institute a method of Grants in lieu of the normal Business Tax.

MOVED by Mr. Hill.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

DEFEATED

MOVED by Mr. Mansell that this Association urge the Territorial and Federal Governments to institute a method of Grants in lieu of the normal Business Tax as it relates to commercial Government enterprises.

SECONDED by Mr. Prowse

CARRIED

13. Resolution presented by the City of Yellowknife

WHEREAS, there is a wide variation in the mill rate required for school purposes in municipalities in the Northwest Territories, and

WHEREAS, because of the continuing rapid rise in the cost of education, and

WHEREAS, the ability of municipalities to raise funds to support these institutions is limited by the ratepayers ability to meet these rising costs, and

WHEREAS, education ought to be like health, a national responsibility, and

WHEREAS, an increase in financial participation by other levels of government need not effect local autonomy in the operation of the schools in each municipality,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge the Territorial Government equalize the basis of Mill Rates for School Tax purposes and to also assume a greater share of the financial burden of education in the north.

MOVED by Mr. Hill.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

14. Resolution - Presented by the City of Yellowknife.

WHEREAS, municipalities require Crown lands, from time to time for municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS, municipalities still require at least two or three years of negotiations to aquire title, and

WHEREAS, the delay in aquiring title works an undue hardship on those citizens seeking mortgage funds, and

WHEREAS, the proceedure of having a development plan approved by the Territorial Government before title is issued contributes to this delay, and

WHEREAS, the Federal requirement for a detailed plan of survey also contributes to this delay,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge the Territorial Government to speed up the process of transferring parcels of land within Municipal Boundries to Municipalities by establishing a method of perimeter survey of parcels selected in advance by the Municipality and following this to require a development plan before development takes place.

MOVED by Mr. Hill.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

15. Resolution - Presented by the City of Yellowknife.

WHEREAS, many municipalities in the North contain substantial areas of Crown Lands, and

WHEREAS, this Association accepts the fact, the Crown is not bound by local by-laws, and

WHEREAS, the Crown like other good corporate citizens of the community should lead the way in conforming to local by-laws, and

WHEREAS, the Crown was instrumental in enacting such codes as the National Building Code, the National Fire Code and lately the Building Code of the North, and

WHEREAS, the orderly development of the municipality and the safety of its citizens is the responsibility of the local Council, and

WHEREAS, this Association objects to the practice of some Crown Corporations or agencies allowing private developers on Crown land to disregard not only the local zoning By-laws but also the National



Building Code and National Fire Code,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this association urge both the Federal and Territorial Governments to adhere to local By-Laws and also to make it a condition in all Lease Agreements with private individuals or Corporations that without exception, adhere to all local By-Laws and Relevant Codes.

MOVED by Mr. Hill.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

16 Resolution - Presented by the City of Yellowknife.

WHEREAS, there are two assessment Manuals in application in the Northwest Territories, and

WHEREAS, each municipality has the right to choose which level of value it thinks best, thus creating a multiplicity of different assessment levels, and

WHEREAS, for example, a Federal Government property, residential in nature, identical in cost, design and specification, but because of the different levels of valuation, has had the effect of varying considerably the grant in lieu of taxes payable to each municipality while essentially receiving the same services, and

WHEREAS, costs of construction due to climatic conditions vary so considerably throughout the northern areas with the result that ratepayers in high cost construction areas may be discriminated against,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Association urge the Territorial Government to establish a uniform level of value regardless of location, throughout the Territories.

And also make regulations prescribing -

- (a) Standards and method of Assessment.
- (b) Levels of value to be used in determining what constitutes fair actual value for the purposes of an assessment.
- (c) Rules and forms for the use and guidance of assessors in making assessments in municipalities.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED

17. Resolution - Presented by

WHEREAS, the Yukon Territory and several Provinces have included the operation of motor toboggans in their Motor Vehicles Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous motor toboggans operating in the Northwest Territories not under limited regulation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Territorial Government be requested to take action on the effective regulation of Motor Toboggans preferably under the Northwest Territories Motor Vehicle Ordinance.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

MOVED by Mr. Walton that this resolution be deferred for rewording.

SECONDED by Mr. Hill.

CARRIED

18. Resolution - Presented by

WHEREAS, it appears that the amount of money available for C.M.H.C. Mortgages in the Northwest Territories is considerably less than required,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Association request that the Senior Governments be petitioned to make additional mortgage monies available in the Northwest Territories for private housing construction.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

MOVED by Mr. McCallum that this resolution be deferred.

SECONDED by Mr. Hill

CARRIED

19. Resolution - Presented by

WHEREAS, it is proposed to include several amendments to the Municipal Ordinance concerning planning, and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for organized planning-policy for the urban centers in the Northwest Territories,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Association request the Territorial Government to immediately compile a Northwest Territories Planning Ordinance.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED

20. Resolution - Presented by

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the provision of additional water and sewer utilities in most municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the high cost of providing these utilities effectively

blocks the development of new private housing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Association request that the Territorial Government prepare a policy to allow financial assistance for new water and sewer utilities construction where assistance is not available through normal channels.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton.

CARRIED

21. Resolution by the town of Fort Smith

WHEREAS, the costs of education and social services i.e. Welfare, Health, show a continued upward trend to the financial consternation of property owners, and

WHEREAS, property taxation was not meant to be the basis for the costs of education and social services, and

WHEREAS, the continued costs of land improvements and utilities installation must be met by property taxation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities urge the Territorial Government to pursue newer and fairer means of financing education and social services costs in the Northwest Territories.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED

22. Resolution presented by the Town of Hay River

WHEREAS, some municipalities in the Northwest Territories have

useful natural resources such as sand, gravel etc. within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS, it appears that control of these natural resources, within the bounds of Municipalities will soon be vested in the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association endorses the proposition that the Commissioner turn over to Municipalities the responsibility for administering and collecting administration fees for quarrying legislation within Municipal Boundaries when he receives this authority.

MOVED by Mr. Mansell

SECONDED by Mr. Hill

CARRIED

23. Resolution - Presented by the Town of Hay River

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firemen receiving a stipend are ineligible at the present to be eligible for nomination as Councillors under the Municipal Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned ordinance prohibits any community conscious firemen to serve as Councillors to their community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Territorial Government undertake to amend the Municipal Ordinance to allow Fireman receiving a stipend for their services to be eligible to serve as Town Councillors.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

MOVED by Mr. Mansell that this motion be referred to the Committee on Municipal Ordinance Revision for inclusion in the amended

Ordinance.

SECONDED by Mr. Morceau.

CARRIED

24. Resolution - Presented by the Town of Fort Smith

WHEREAS, it is obviously difficult for any community to operate and maintain its recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS, the raising of revenue locally for recreational purposes tends to drain off public funds that could be better used for the more essential services required by a community,

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Territorial Government be requested to provide public funds for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance and operation of community recreational services.

MOVED By Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

MOVED By Mr. Walton that this resolution be referred to the Executive for more detailed information by the preparation of a Brief.

SECONDED By Mr. McCallum

CARRIED

25. Resolution - Presented by the

WHEREAS, under the terms laid down by the Hamlet Ordinance, the community service charge is the only method of raising revenue within the Hamlet for general expenditure purposes, and

WHEREAS, the method providing for the collection of the community service charge in the Hamlet Ordinance makes it difficult in most cases,

and in some cases; depending on the peculiarity of the make-up of the community in regards to length of service of employees and the possible, consequent high turnover of residents, impossible to collect,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that changes be made in the Hamlet Ordinance to facilitate the collection of Community Service Charges.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

MOVED by Mr. Mancell that the above Motion be amended to read "Hamlet Funds"

SECONDED by Mr. Reid.

CARRIED.

26. Resolution - Presented by the Town of Fort Smith

WHEREAS, the amount of mortgages available to Northwest Territories residents for private home construction through the C.H.H. Corporation is not adequate to meet present requirements, and

WHEREAS, the regulations imposed by C.H.H.C. for housing construction are based on Southern Canada mortgages, and

WHEREAS the present mortgages available to Northwest Territories residents through the Northwest Territories Government's Housing Section are adequate for basic home construction only,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities press the Northwest Territories Government to set-up a Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

MOVED by Mr. Hill.

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED.

27. Resolution by the

WHEREAS, the Yukon Territory and several Provinces have included the operation of motor toboggans in their Motor Vehicles Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous motor toboggans operating in the Northwest Territories under limited regulation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Territorial Government be requested to take action on the effective regulation of Motor Toboggans preferably under the Northwest Territories Motor Vehicle Ordinance.

MOVED by Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED

28. WHEREAS, there are problems in Municipalities relating to assessments,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Territorial Government be requested to expedite and program the gathering of assessment information in the municipalities requiring annual or general assessment in sufficient time to allow municipalities to act in accordance with regulations contained in the Municipal Ordinance and the completion of the assessment roll on specified dates.

MOVED BY Mr. Hill

SECONDED by Mr. Walton

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr. Walton that the Territorial Government be in a position to provide assessment services for all municipalities in the North.

SECONDED BY Mr. Morneau

CARRIED



29. MOVED by Mr. Hill that the Association would be interested in having a Statement of Policy from the Government of the Northwest Territories in the manner of disposition and handling of the buffer zone around organized municipalities.

SECONDED by Mr. Prowse.

CARRIED

30. MOVED by Mr. Reid that this Association heartily endorse the participation of persons able to serve as delegates or special Committee members for Conferences or Committee work of the Association. This endorsement to be communicated to the various bodies affected.

SECONDED by Mr. Marceau.

CARRIED

31. MOVED by Mr. McCullum that we pay an honorarium in the amount equivalent to the time used, at prevailing rates, for the services of our Recording Secretary.

SECONDED by Mr. Hill

CARRIED

32. MOVED by Mr. Hill that the Association express their appreciation for the more than adequate hosting of our meeting here in Fort Smith.

SECONDED by Mr. Prowse.

CARRIED

33. MOVED by Mr. Walton a note of appreciation be sent to Mr. deBoerdt, Mr. Purdy, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Helms and the Press for their attendance at

this meeting.

SECONDED by Mr. McCallum.

CARRIED

34. MOVED by Mr. Walton that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Knudtson.

SECONDED by Mr. Marceau.

CARRIED.

35. MOVED by Mr. Walton for adjournment of the meeting at 4:40 P.M.

SECONDED by Mr. Mansell.

CARRIED

36. MOVED by Mr. Proven that the association extend an invitation to the Commissioner of the N.W.T. to be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Association in Yellowknife.

SECONDED by Mr. Marceau.

CARRIED

37. MOVED by Mr. McCallum that we invite Irechieb Kay into the Association and to have them nominate a member to the Committee.

SECONDED by Mr. Marceau.

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