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"East Three House" is essentially a project to continue the work of "Project In-Duc" which has the backing, on the Federal level, of the Canadian Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State, and on the Territorial level, that of the Commissioner.

After a series of meetings between representatives of the Inuvik Committee of Concern on Alcohol Problems and the Committee for Original People's Entitlement (C.O.P.E.) with a view to the purpose of the former (i.e. to find ways of dealing with alcohol abuse in the community) and with a view to carrying out two of the purposes of the latter (i.e. "to encourage and promote social fellowship among original and non-original people" and "to preserve, encourage, foster and develop original traditions"), it was decided that, providing funding could be obtained, it would be more responsible to erect a new building to serve as a social centre in Inuvik rather than expend money on an old, rather inadequate building formerly operated by the Ingame Association.

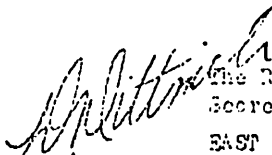
Plans have been made to form a society with a Board of Trustees who will be responsible for the building and operating of this new centre. East Three House is currently in the process of acquiring land in Inuvik for this purpose. Although the Committee of Concern and C.O.P.E. are the initial organizations to have input into this project it is the hope that other community groups and individuals will become involved in this centre. East Three House will meet a variety of community needs, but underlying the whole concept is the desire, on the part of concerned residents, to provide an alternative to the social meeting places which now revolve around the consumption of alcoholic beverages. This will be spelled out clearly in the objects of the new society.

East Three House committee members are of the opinion that this project merits the immediate support of such bodies as the Territorial Department of Social Development and the Federal Department of National Health and Welfare. Grants are now needed to assist with the capital costs involved in the erection of this building. It will be, appropriately, of log construction, and utilize much local volunteer labour. It is highly desirable that this centre be in operation by the latter part of this year and the active co-operation of governments at this time is required.

In many ways this project will be of a preventative nature and will help alleviate some of the problems connected with the high incidence of juveniles appearing before the courts in Inuvik, as pointed out by the recent Jubinville Study report. It will also provide a point of contact with people having serious drinking problems who can then be encouraged to make use of clinic facilities or other available treatment centres.

East Three House is an undertaking of concerned citizens and deserves the support of all concerned agencies of government. At present grants of \$5,000. for operations from the Federal Citizenship Branch and \$5,000. for capital costs from the Commissioner of the N.W.T. are the only funds available to this project. Other areas of government are urged to give immediate consideration to assisting this project.

Inuvik, N.W.T.
June 17th, 1971


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