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Territorial Automobile Assn., Box 2211, Yellowknife, N.W.T., 8 Jan 1972

Territorial Council, Yellowknife. N.Y.T.

Dear Sirs:

The Territorial Automobile Association was duly registered under the Societies Ordinance Act of the N.W.T. on or about the 21 day of April 1971.

A brief was submitted to the Territorial Councils finance committee during the month of August 1971. At that time the committee felt that the expense involved was too great to warrant assistance from the Territorial Government.

On re-examination of the possible alternatives the board of directors came to the following conclusions.

- 1. That the cost of a continuous operation of radio equipped tow trucks was too great and as an alternate a direct line communications network be set up along the existing highways in the N.V.T. C.M.T. Vellowknife and Hay River have advised the Association that a lend line can be released between Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Simoson for this purpose.
- 2. That the local tow trucks in each community be utilized for the purpose of assisting motorists in distress.
- 3. That a cost sharing programme be instituted at a rate not to exceed 15% of the total revenue from the sale of membership in the Association per year. This would reduce the cost for sevices to the stranded motorist.
- 4. That an administrative office be set up in the city of Yellowknife N.W.T., operating 24 hours per day to accept calls, direct assistance to motorists in need of such assistance and generally file and record all transactions of the Association.

- 5. That an office manager, one sectary and two other competent persons be hired to take and record calls and generally manage the office of the Association.
- 6. That a legal advisor be appointed to handle all legal affairs of the Association.
- 7. That a membership drive initiated as soon as practical.

A breakdown of first year estimated costs are as follows;

1.	Commuications network	\$25,900.00
2.	Cost sharing	\$11,250.00
3.	Office rental, wages and equipment	\$20,400.00
4.	Legal fees	\$ 4,000.00
5.	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 6,000,00
	Total	\$68,550.00

As a result of an opinion poll conducted during the month of May 1971 the board of directors feel that a first year membership of 3,000 motorists is not unrealistic. The total revenue collected through membership should range from \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

The members of the board of directors respectfully request assistance from the Territorial Government in the initial formation of the Territorial Automobile Association.

Sincerely,

(D.A. Hattern)

Member,

Board of Directors,

Territorial Automobile Assn.