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SUPPORT FOR HUNTERS' AND TRAPPERS' ASSOCIATIONS

DISPOSITION

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

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Program

Hunters' and Trappers' Association Grant

Purpose

To provide annual grants to Hunters' and Trappers' Associations to cover the administrative costs of their organization thus assisting them in promoting their independent goals.

The association could then function as:

1. The official spokesman for those individuals who are dependant on resource harvesting.
2. An advisory body to the Game Management Division.
3. Administrators of association funds.

Background

1. To date many Hunters' and Trappers' Associations have failed to develop beyond an unofficial stage and are lacking in co-ordination and function.
2. Meetings are usually held on an irregular basis.
3. Associations have lacked financial means and have thus been unable to promote independant goals.
4. There has been a tendency for some associations to lapse into an inactive state, while others function in part but only with continual assistance and leadership by Game Officers.

Alternatives

Alternative I

Issue a fixed grant of \$500 per organized association.

1. To further the above objectives the grant will be made available each year.
2. Eligibility for receiving the grant will be based on the following criteria:

- a) the association must have the endorsement of the Settlement Council;
- b) the association must be registered under the Societies Ordinance;
- c) they must represent a majority of those people depending wholly or largely on resource harvesting and the association must consist of a minimum of ten members;
- d) membership is to be established by a nominal membership fee as set out in the association charter;
- e) meetings must be held semi-annually with at least 60% of the membership in attendance.

Alternative II

We may continue as we have done in the past with providing no financial support other than the provision of delegate expenses for the purpose of Trappers' Conferences.

Other Considerations

It will prove to be of considerable advantage to have more hunters' and trappers' associations organize well enough to take an active part in running their affairs. They may then act as advisors to the Game Management Service, assist with organized hunts, provide assistance in trapper training or act as outfitting agencies for sport hunting or other tourist related programs. This matter has been discussed with the Settlement Council Chairman and there was general agreement that these objectives were valid and should be pursued.

Costing

The approximate number of settlements capable of immediately forming associations eligible for the grant is twenty with the possibility of a gradual increase to forty in the future.

Based on an estimated twenty settlements, budgeting for the fiscal year 1972-73 will be required as follows:

Grants to 20 associations @ \$350 (Part year - \$500 for full year)	\$ 7,000
Conference transportation costs to be borne by Department in excess of grants	<u>\$12,500</u>
Total requirement	\$19,500
Funds already approved for fiscal year 1972-73	<u>\$15,000</u>
Supplementary budgeting required	\$ 4,500

Funds required for the fiscal year 1973-74 based on
thirty associations is \$30,000.

Measure of Success of Program

The program will be considered a success if the groups become formally organized and take an active part in running the affairs and promoting the interests of the hunters and trappers. As advisors to the Game Management Division they will be expected to advise and recommend on possible amendments to the Game Ordinance and Regulations and to make recommendations for improvements in existing programs or suggestions for new ones. Active involvement in organized hunts, trapper training and tourist related programs will also be a measure of success.

They will be expected to work toward a territorial body and possible affiliation with other such associations in Canada.

Recommendation

Since Alternative II has not been successful in encouraging the development of effective hunters' and trappers' associations, Alternative I is recommended.