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REPORT OF THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TO THE

47th SESSION OF THE N.W.T. COUNCIL

DATE: 26 June 1972

1. Membership of Committee:

- (a) John H. Parker
- (b) Nicholas Sibbeston
- (c) Willie Adams
- (d) Bryan Pearson
- (e) David Searle (Chairman)

2. Committee Meetings:

- (a) February 28 and 29, 1972 to consider the financial forecast of the Territorial administration.
- (b) June 14, 15, and 16, 1972 to study Territorial school construction.
- (c) June 21, 1972 to consider the Supplementary estimates of the Territorial administration.

3. Financial Forecast 1973-74:

Council members will know from the previous report of the Standing Committee, that a financial forecast is prepared by the Territorial administration approximately a year in advance of appropriations being submitted to Council. This financial forecast is used as the basis for the negotiation of funds from

the Federal Government under the Financial agreement. Subject to the availability of funds from the Federal Government, and which are in turn subject to the priorities established by the Federal Government, the estimates of the Territorial administration are prepared and submitted to the Territorial Council in the form of annual appropriations during their January session.

The financial forecast of the Territorial administration which will become the basis of the 1973-74 appropriations, was considered in detail by the Standing Committee on Finance during our meetings of February 28 and 29. In considering this forecast the Committee made every effort to communicate and reflect the priorities and specific requirements identified by members of the Territorial Council during the January session, and in subsequent correspondence. More detailed responses to the written suggestions received from Council Members have already been forwarded in reply.

Subject to the changes made as a result of Council recommendations, the financial forecast for 1973-74 was approved by the Standing Committee.

4. School Construction Costs:

During the meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance which was held on October 28, 1971, the Committee decided to undertake a study of school construction costs in the N.W.T. It was felt by many Members that the designs of many schools erected by the

Territorial Government were unnecessarily elaborate, and that this resulted in high and unnecessary costs of construction and maintenance.

The Committee decided to visit schools at Hay River, Rae-Edzo, Resolution and Fort Good Hope. These schools were completed recently, and were planned by the Territorial administration from their initial stages of design.

Taking part in the study, in addition to members of the Standing Committee on Finance, were a representative from the Territorial Department of Education, the Territorial Department of Public Works, and two independent consultants. The consultants selected by the Committee were Mr. J. J. Smart, Chief Architect and Director of Plant, Calgary School Board, and Mr. G. Fraser the Chief Estimator for Poole Construction.

The study was undertaken on June 14, 15, and 16, 1972 and each of the schools indicated above was visited. Both consultants will be preparing reports of their observations, and these will be incorporated into the overall report of the Standing Committee which will be presented at the next Session of Council.

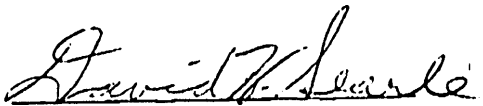
5. Supplementary Estimates:

On June 21, 1972 the Standing Committee on Finance met to consider the supplementary estimates of the Territorial

administration which are to be placed before Council during the current Session. Their presentation to Council was approved by the Standing Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Standing Committee on Finance

per 

D. H. Searle, Chairman.