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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

THURSDAY JUNE 14, 1973

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RECOMMENDATIONS
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Thank Mike
BEAULIEU

As a result of the 4 Settlement Councils present at this Workshop,
we have come up with the following recommendations and we are asking for as
much co-operation as possible in every respect.

The conference of Settlement Councils of the Great Slave Lake
Area recommend:

1. ALCOHOL:

- i. that anyone in the participating settlements wishing to order liquor obtain the permission of their Settlement Council.
- ii. that the alcohol education programs of the Territorial Government and other agencies be carried on in the participating settlements more than has been the case to date.
- iii. that Lac La Martre and Wrigley have R.C.M.P. representation.
- iv. that funds be obtained to hire curfew officers for Ft. Resolution, Wrigley and Lac La Martre.

2. HIGHWAY:

- i. that the proposed Indian Land Settlement take place before the highway is extended further.
- ii. that more attention be paid to the Social and Environmental Impact of the highway in the form of participant-observer research studies.

3. TOURISM:

- i. that no further new facilities be established and no expansion in existing tourist facilities take place without the consent and approval of Settlement Councils.
- ii. that native "CO-OPS" be formed to promote tourism and "Arts and Crafts".
- iii. that Information Centres funded by the government be set up.

4. HOUSING:

- i. that tenants who do not pay their rents will receive power, fuel, and water bills. If these are not paid either, all services will be cut-off.
- ii. that a Housing Association be formed in Lac La Martre with the assistance of the Housing Division.
- iii. that better housing includes basements. Snowdrift wants L.R.H. be built according to the tenants specifications/blue print. Lac La Martre and Wrigley prefer log cabins.
- iv. that money be made available to repair houses other than L.R.H.
- v. that running water and sewage facilities be installed in houses that are built in future.
- vi. that the grants of \$5,000.00 available under the Housing program to build ones own house be more promoted.

5. EDUCATION:

- i. that children be taught more of their own culture in school.
- ii. that Settlement Councils have a say in the hiring of teachers.
- iii. that higher grade-levels be instituted in settlements. This will refrain children from leaving their home-town and going to hostels.
- iv. that every settlement have an Adult Education program with the necessary facilities. (a place to teach and teaching materials made available)
- v. that every settlement have a Truant Officer paid by the Education Department.
- vi. that special consideration and facilities be provided for slow learners.
- vii. that more native staff be hired in Hostels.
- viii. that more disciplinary authority be excersized by school authorities.

6. SETTLEMENT COUNCILS

- i. that all Settlement Councils have necessary office equipment (i.e. good typewriter, adding machine, xerox

photocopier, anything that is necessary), and a Council Chamber for Council to have meetings.

- ii. that a Settlement Manager be placed in Lac La Martre.
- iii. that Councillors travelling definitely be paid honoriums - especially those living off the land. (Nets have to be visited etc....)
- iv. that workshops be set up at least three or four times a year for Settlement Secretaries and Chairmen to exchange ideas and solve problems presented by their councils.
- v. that Settlement Councils have input into all business contracts and government contracts in their settlements.

7. LAND SETTLEMENT:

- i. that we as Indian people of Fort Resolution, Fort Wrigley, Lac La Martre, Snowdrift and other surrounding communities say that this is our land and we did not give it away and we want a say in what goes on in mining, fishing, hunting, drilling explorations and business. We also as Settlement Councils support the Indian Brotherhood of the N.W.T. in the Land Settlement and related programs.
- ii. that Indians whose forefathers have had treaty status or Indian women that lost their treaty status through marriage (but since have been divorced or their husband died) should be supported in their efforts to regain treaty status.

8. DISCRIMINATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- i. Unemployment results in increased social assistance. Present employment practices in the N.W.T. involve some discrimination against native people. Therefore we recommend:
 - (a) that funds be made available to create more jobs within settlements.
 - (b) that all Settlements obtain enough funds so they can send out trainees for trades such as Electrician, Plumbers, and Carpenters and Mechanics. This will refrain the hiring of outsiders to do the electrical, plumbing and carpentry in the community.
 - (c) that native organizations be strengthened through better co-operation and more support between them.
 - (1) First choice to Indian Employment
 - (2) Social Development should set-up programs (like wood-hauling contracts) to create employment instead of giving straight social assistance.

11. that there be equality in employment within the Settlements of the N.W.T. for jobs, promotions, salary and accomodation.

RELOCATION OF FORT WRIGLEY

The Settlement Councils of Fort Resolution, Snowdrift Lac La Martre, and Fort Wrigley will support Fort Wrigley in their stand against the government concerning the matter about re-location.