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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAIN
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON HOUSINGRECOMMENDATION 1

The responsibility for all housing programs be placed under the control and policy direction of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

PROGRESS

With the transfer of the Northern Rental Program on April 1, 1974 all housing programs will be under the direction of the Gov't. of the N.W.T.

RECOMMENDATION 2

A Northwest Territories Housing Corporation be established.

PROGRESS

- a) Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Ordinance put into effect March 1, 1973.
- b) Appointment of Board of Directors during the June, 1973 Session of Council.
- c) A detailed implementation schedule to set the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation into operation January 1, 1974 has been proposed.

RECOMMENDATION 3

Incentive programs be developed to encourage and facilitate home ownership.

PROGRESS

- a) The basis and principles of the administrations proposed Home Acquisition Grant were presented to Council June 11, 1973. Negotiations are continuing with Federal authorities.
- b) In-depth studies and negotiations have been carried out with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Complete use of the National Housing Act Assisted Home Ownership Program will be made.
- c) The Administration is in favour of the sale and lease-purchase of Government owned housing. The Policy and Program will be prepared in the near future.
- d) Present rental programs will continue. Changes are being discussed to facilitate Home Ownership.
- e) Special programs such as housing for the ambulant elderly, single persons and industrial apprentices will continue.

RECOMMENDATION 4

The Government of the Northwest Territories subsidize to a base rate the cost of domestic utilities in areas of the Northwest Territories where these rates are excessive.

PROGRESS

- a) The Task Force Report suggested the redistribution of the funds provided for these items to offset the higher costs. For statutory and administrative reasons equalization of utility rates is most difficult to achieve, the administration has proposed an alternative

which in fact not only will make use of the redistribution of funds but will bring utility costs within the reach of all present and prospective homeowners in accordance with need.

- b) The Administration has placed the proposed Water and Sanitation Policy for Communities in the Northwest Territories before Council June 4, 1973.