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REPORT TO
THE COMMISSIONER IN COUNCIL
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

*being a report of activities
and involvement of*

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KNOWN AS THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGY

CHAIRMAN - TOM BUTTERS, *Western Arctic.*

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COUNCILLOR LYLE TRIMBLE, *Lower Mackenzie.*
COUNCILLOR LOUIS EDMOND HAMELIN, *Quebec City.*

1973

The Standing Committee on Development and Ecology has, since the 49th Session of Council, embarked on a program designed to facilitate the moulding of a fully operational Committee within the approved terms of reference. (See Appendix "A" for terms of reference). In this respect the Committee has been involved in the following activities:

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been directed to over 35 Canadian ecological groups and agencies and to the Departments within the Territorial Administration advising of the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology and of their terms of reference.

(See Appendix "B" for distribution list)

II. COLLECTION OF PAPERS AND INFORMATION

Information or papers concerning various environmental and development oriented projects are being collected as base line material for use by the Standing Committee.

(See Appendix "C" for details)

III. PRESENTATION OF A PAPER

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology presented a paper entitled, "THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES IN NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT" to the First Convention of the Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists in Calgary, Alberta on Friday, April 6th, 1973.

In addition to the above activities, the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology is investigating four additional topics of major concern.

I. THE POINTED MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT - FT. LIARD

A thorough examination is being made of this project, especially as it affects residents of the Northwest Territories, now and in the future. Material

initially developed by the Committee's research sources has included a report compiling feedback from residents of communities nearest the pipeline. In view of developers claims regarding the benefits, their activities will bring to northern peoples the following two questions have been posed to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs:-

- (A) Why have the people of Fort Liard not benefitted from the natural gas found "in their own backyards?" and
- (B) What steps is the Department of "Northern Development" taking to rectify this glaring and grievous omission?

II. A NORTHWEST TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BOARD

With a view towards following the recommendation of the Carrothers Commission, the Committee is investigating this topic. In this respect the Department of Industry and Development has been approached regarding any past research or knowledge of Development Boards. Furthermore, correspondence is to be directed to the provinces requesting information on supporting legislation, terms of reference and funding of their existing Development Boards or Corporations.

III. A TERRITORIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

The Committee's investigations are continuing with the aim of establishing a Research Council to provide nationally recognized scientific advisors to the Territorial Council. Correspondence has been directed to Dr. O. Solandt and Dr. P.D. McTaggart-Cowan of the Science Council of Canada as part of the preliminary investigations. In addition, the Committee's Secretary has examined the roles, functions and effectiveness of the existing Research Councils and Foundations in the provinces.

IV. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD HEARINGS

This topic is of concern to the Committee in that an examination of methods to involve the Territorial

Council in consultation with communities prior to National Energy Board hearings on pipeline applications is being considered. The important question being posed is, "by what process can we (the Committee) take a reading of public attitudes on the Mackenzie Pipeline prior to hearings?"

This Committee respectfully requests receipt of this report by the Commissioner in Council of the Northwest Territories.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT
AND ECOLOGY

T. Butters

DATED AT YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T., THIS
22nd DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1973.

APPENDIX "A"

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology shall consider or inquire into any matter of a developmental nature which may have influence on the environment or ecology within the Northwest Territories, as may be referred to it by the Commissioner or the Territorial Council.

The Standing Committee on Development and Ecology may, at its discretion:

- (A) inquire into any matter concerned with resource or industrial development in the Northwest Territories which may have influence upon the environment or ecology of the Northwest Territories.
- (B) urge involvement, consultation and planning between those operators or developers concerned with the Forestry Industry, the Petroleum Industry and the Mining Industry, or any other industry which, by the nature of its business, may affect the environment or ecology of the Northwest Territories; and those persons this Committee deems pertinent, and in particular with such community organizations as Band, Settlement and Community Councils.
- (C) receive petition or presentation from persons or groups of persons with regard to matters relating to the environment, ecology and related development in the Northwest Territories.
- (D) call upon, and receive, advice and support from any department, committee or agency within the Territorial Administration whose objectives parallel its own.
- (E) urge the Federal Government as the occasion arises, to present certain stipulations before granting a franchise to any operator or developer in the Northwest Territories.
- (F) as deemed necessary, review any existing or proposed Territorial administrative policy concerned with development, the environment or the ecology.

- (G) advise the Federal Government of any of its Legislation or draft Legislation the Committee considers not in the best interest of the development of resources contained within the Northwest Territories' boundaries, or adverse to the environment or ecology of these Territories.

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APPENDIX "B"

CANADIAN ECOLOGICAL GROUPS AND AGENCIES

1. Canadian Arctic Resources Committee,
53 Queen Street, Room 21,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1P 5C5
2. Canadian Audubon Society,
46 Elgin Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
3. Canadian Wildlife Federation,
1419 Carling Avenue,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1A 7L7
4. Environment Canada,
Fontaine Building,
HULL, Quebec.
5. National Research Council,
Montreal Road,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
6. Ontario Department of Environment,
TORONTO, Ontario.
7. Science Council of Canada,
Kent-Albert Building,
150 Kent Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
8. Canadian Council of Resource Ministers,
1170 Beaver Hall Square,
MONTREAL 111, Quebec.
9. James Bay Defense Committee,
Box 65,
Place d'Arms,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
10. Quebec Department of Environment,
QUEBEC CITY, Quebec.

11. The Arctic Institute of North America,
3458 Redpath Street,
MONTREAL 109, Quebec.
12. New Brunswick Department of Environment,
FREDERICKTON, New Brunswick.
13. Newfoundland Department of Environment,
ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland.
14. Nova Scotia Department of Environment,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.
15. P.E.I. Department of Environment,
CHARLETTOWN, Prince Edward Island.
16. Yukon Department of Tourism,
Conservation & Information Services,
WHITEHORSE, Yukon Territory.
17. Ducks Unlimited,
1495 Pembina Highway,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
R3T 2E2
18. Manitoba Department of Environment,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
19. The Beaver,
Hudson's Bay House,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
20. Churchill River Basin Group,
P.O. Box 377,
Sub. P.O. #6,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
21. Saskatchewan Department of Environment,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.
22. Saskatoon Environmental Society,
P. O. Box 377,
P. O. #6,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
23. Saskatoon Wildlife Federation,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

24. Alberta Environment Conservation Authority,
9912 - 107 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
25. Alberta Wildlife Foundation Conservation,
213 Alberta Block,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
26. Project Recycle,
1902 - 11 Street S.E.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
27. B.C. Department of Environment,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
28. Aggasi Centre for Water Studies,
University of Manitoba,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
29. Alberta Department of Environment,
Milner Building,
10040 - 104 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
30. Ecology North,
P. O. Box 2888,
YELLOWKNIFE, Northwest Territories.
XOE 1H0
31. Faculty of Environmental Design,
University of Calgary,
CALGARY 44, Alberta.
32. Friends of the Earth (Alyeska)
33. Federation of Ontario Naturalists,
1262 Don Mills Road,
DON MILLS, Ontario.
34. International Biological Programme,
Devon Island Project,
Department of Botany,
University of Alberta,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
35. National & Provincial Parks
Association of Canada,
43 Victoria Street,
Suite 18,
TORONTO, Ontario.

36. Pollution Probe,
43 Queen's Park Crescent East,
TORONTO, Ontario.
37. Sierra Nevada Club (Alyeska),
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
38. Wilderness Society (Alyeska).

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APPENDIX "C"

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PROJECTS

- I. Background information and the *results of a survey* related to the construction of the *Pointed Mountain Gas Project* was compiled and forwarded to members of the Committee.
2. A comprehensive *investigation of water diversion* and related studies is being conducted and a *selected bibliography* has been compiled.
3. The *Inuvik Research Laboratory* provided, upon request, a list of authors and publications based on studies carried out at the Laboratory from 1963 to 1972.
4. *Alberta's Containerway and Project Recycle* was looked into with regards to application to the Northwest Territories.
5. A set of *vegetative maps* of the Mackenzie Corridor have been ordered.
6. Various media were investigated with a view to possibly producing a *visual record of Mackenzie Highway* construction.
7. A list of Northwest Territories people who could act as *resource people* is being compiled.
8. A copy of *Alberta's new transportation policy* was obtained and is being reviewed for possible application to the Northwest Territories.
9. The Yukon Territorial Government and the Alaska State Government are being approached regarding their *local hiring policy*.
10. Copies of *Imperial Oil's* speech made at Inuvik were sent to all Committee members.
- II. The position paper by Hunt, Yates, Trimble and Butters as presented at the *Mackenzie Basin Project*, Inter-governmental Seminar - Inuvik, June 24 - 27, 1972, has been obtained along with the entire proceedings (draft form only).