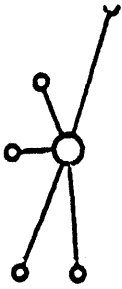


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Settlement of Outstanding Indian, Eskimo, and Metis Claims

Whereas the original Indian and Eskimo residents of Canada have a legitimate claim to the lands which they have occupied continuously, and

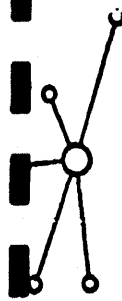
Whereas in most of Canada the original claims from the Indians have been extinguished through the enactment of treaties with the Crown, and

Whereas there remain outstanding claims from Eskimos, the Indians who did not sign treaties, and the mixed blood Metis descendants of Indians and Eskimos, and

Whereas there are some unfulfilled Indian treaty provisions and misunderstandings relating to the Indian treaties which remain outstanding, and

Whereas the continued lack of settlement of the legitimate claims is causing hardships for both the Indian, Eskimo, and Metis people and other Canadians with respect to land title and citizen rights,

Be it resolved that the Government of Canada move with all reasonable haste to extinguish equitably and honourably the moral and legitimate claims of all Indian, Eskimo, and Metis citizens indigenous to the land and/or water areas of Canada where ever aboriginal or native title have neither been recognized nor extinguished through treaty or other compact between Canada's original people and the Government of Canada.



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Provincial Type Responsibilities for the Government of the Northwest Territories

Whereas the residents of the Northwest Territories do not have the same relationship with government as do other Canadians as the Northwest Territories Council is made up of 10 elected and 4 appointed members with the senior administrator reporting to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and

Whereas there is a growing frustration among northern residents and all Canadians who operate in the Northwest Territories relating to multiplicity of directions for northern development with many programs in direct conflict with other programs, and

Whereas the elected members and the administration of the Government of the Northwest Territories have proven themselves to be capable and responsive to the needs of northern people in the areas where they operate, and

Whereas the Government of the Northwest Territories does have the responsibility for the social well being of northern residents without control of the North's resources, and

Whereas in recent years several Federal government departments in addition to Indian and North Affairs such as Environment Canada, Secretary of State, Energy, Mines, and Resources have set up large operations in the Northwest Territories and are operating in provincial type areas of responsibility which come under the overall social responsibilities of the Government of the Northwest Territories, and


Whereas the Joint Senate-House Committee on the Constitution of Canada recommended that "The objective of Government policy for the Yukon and Northwest Territories should be the fostering of self-government and provincial status." and "The provisions of the British North America Act 1871, section 2, which provide for the admission of new provinces by action of the Federal Government alone, should be continued, provided that no territory should become a province without its consent." and

Whereas the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has promised progressive steps towards fully responsible government in the Northwest Territories, and

Whereas there is an immediate need for the Government of the Northwest Territories to have full responsibilities for non resource provincial type programs, and

Whereas it is anticipated that sometime in the future the resources of the North can best be managed for the benefit of all Canada by the Government of the Northwest Territories,

Be it resolved that the Government of Canada expeditiously develop and introduce in the Parliament of Canada appropriate legislative amendments to the British North America Act and the Northwest Territories Act to transfer to the Government of the Northwest Territories all responsibilities delegated to the provinces under Confederation excepting control of non-renewable resources



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CONSTRUCTION OF MACKENZIE VALLEY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Whereas there is a pipeline proposal for the movement of natural gas from Alaska's Prudhoe Bay area southward along the Mackenzie Valley route, and

Whereas there is also consideration for the movement of natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta area southward along the Mackenzie Valley route, and

Whereas the movement of natural gas from the Prudhoe Bay area can be tied in with the movement of natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta area giving considerable capital and operating savings, and

Whereas there have been extensive studies and surveys made on the technical, environmental, economic, and social aspects of the Mackenzie Valley gas pipeline by industry and government which show that a pipeline can be built and operated with tolerable disruption, and

Whereas the production of natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta area is dependent on the construction of a pipeline along the Mackenzie Valley, and

Whereas the production of natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta area will produce considerable social and economic benefits in the form of low cost fuel, employment, tax payments, and royalties which will benefit the North and all of Canada, and

Whereas there is now a ready market for natural gas from the Arctic which could diminish or be lost through the availability of alternate energy sources such as coal gasification or atomic energy, and

Whereas there is a real possibility of Prudhoe Bay area natural gas moving through Alaska thus providing no benefit to the Northwest Territories or Canada.

Be it resolved that the Government of Canada in the interest of northern development and Canada as a whole take early and effective steps to encourage the construction of a natural gas pipeline and ancillary systems following what is generally known as the Mackenzie Valley route southward from Prudhoe Bay and the Mackenzie Delta areas provided there is-

- (a) optimum participation and involvement of the Government of the Northwest Territories and territorial residents in the planning, route selection, financing, construction, and operation of the pipeline.
- (b) optimum employment of northern residents, services, and facilities during the planning, construction, and operation of the pipeline.
- (c) provision for just and equitable compensation to any person or persons adversely effected as a direct result of pipeline construction.
- (d) adequate provision for the protection of the environment along the pipeline route with minimum disturbance to wildlife and persons living off the land.