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APPENDIX

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Council of the N.W.T. is entrusted with matters concerning social development within the territories,

AND WHEREAS the said Council is desirous of making known its policies and priorities with respect to such matters,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council recommends and adopts the following:

PART I GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The overriding principle of all social development programs should be to encourage self-sufficiency.
2. Social development programs should be devised and implemented without regard to racial origin.

PART II SOCIAL SERVICES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. In the broad sense, government has to learn to say "no" to people unless a reasonable level of self-sufficiency is achievable. The handing out of money must cease to be a solution to all problems.
2.
  1. A system of rewards for achievement should be the social services policy, not as at present, which is one of disincentive for the achiever and reward for the non-achiever.
  - ii. The system, as it now stands, tends to keep people "down" thereby requiring more government aid programs, hence more government, the expenditure of more public funds and a never ending growth in the civil service.
  - iii. However, where aid is really required, for example, for nursing care for the aged and psychiatric care, staff and facilities are non-existent within the N.W.T., the reason presumably being because it is not possible to just make out a cheque to an individual.
3. Community involvement and control must be emphasized, particularly the opportunity for a local government in a community to take over and administer services presently performed by the territorial government. Each community must be consulted individually. A prime objective should be for everyone in a particular community to receive services equally.

PART III HOUSING

1. Home ownership should be encouraged in those areas of the N.W.T. where it is feasible.

PART IV EDUCATION

1. That the Education Ordinance be introduced to Council in 1976.
2. That Council supports the concept of educating children in their home communities and directs the Administration to continue the decentralization of schools and to extend the grade levels in each community as far as possible.
3. That the education system be flexible enough that where appropriate it provide for the retention in the curriculum of instruction in native languages, cultural and traditional skills; and that towards this end, local human resources be employed.
4. That equal emphasis be placed on trades and technical training yet leaving the option open for students to pursue the academic aspects of the curriculum.
5. That a new and more equitable method of school taxation be developed and introduced to Council in 1976.
6. That the development of additional school boards with authority for the operation of schools and the employment of teachers be encouraged, without their being necessarily required to raise a portion of their operating costs through taxation.
7. That we support emphasis on the development of day care centres, adult education programs, guidance programs and apprenticeship programs.
8. That we support capital expenditure on new schools, additions and equipment where necessary; that we direct that reasonable standards be developed, adopted and adhered to in the design of school facilities and provision of school furnishings and equipment.
9. That the teacher education program be continued and expanded for all territorial residents.
10. That the methods of discipline in the schools, particularly in the primary grades, be sensitive to the various cultures.
11. That we support the establishment in the N.W.T. of an institution of higher learning.

and the problems that came up after that, they were not ready for them, for the development. I do not feel that Canada or the Northwest Territories should be caught in the same problem, for services, for hotels, hospitals, schools. Right now we have these kind of schools in the Northwest Territories but if we have a big development there will be no more room in the hospitals and no more room in the hotels, no more room in the schools for your own children. They will all be full from the people who will be moving into the territories. This is why I would like to see us visit Alaska before we make further plans for the economic part and social part of the development. That is all Mr. Speaker.

Motion Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Steen's comments have closed the debate. The question being called. The question. All in favour? Contrary?

--- Carried

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I think you got mixed up in number regarding the two motions as the last motion was actually number one and the first one is actually number two. So possibly we could straighten that out in the records. Secondly I wonder if we could have these lights turned off as nobody seems to be using the cameras at this point and it is getting rather warm.

MR. SPEAKER: Firstly as to numbering of the motions, the number that they should have is determined by the order in which the Speaker deals with them. They guessed the wrong order when they put them in the book. On the second question, as I understand it we did agree that the lights would be turned off at the request of any Member and I think, Mr. Clerk, if you would see they were turned off now ...

Turning to the orders of the day, that completed Item 8, motions. We had dealt with Item 9, tabling of documents. Item 10, consideration in committee of the whole of various matters.

ITEM NO. 10: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF VARIOUS MATTERS

We will need a motion to resolve into committee of the whole to consider a paper relating to social development in the Northwest Territories. Moved by Mr. Butters and seconded by Mr. Lyall. The question. All in favour? Contrary?

--- Carried.

Council will resolve into committee of the whole to consider a paper relating to social development in the Northwest Territories which is a tabled document and Mr. Stewart will be in the chair.

--- Council resolved into Committee of the Whole for consideration of a paper relating to social development in the Northwest Territories with Mr. Stewart in the chair.