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REPORT OF THE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO THE
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Report of the Standing
Committee on Finance to the
58th Session of the N.W.T. Council

1. Membership of Committee

Following are the members of the Standing Committee on Finance:

William Lafferty - Chairman
Thomas H. Butters
Ipeelee Kilabuk
Ludy Pudluk
John Steen
James Wah-Shee
William Lyall
Bryan Pearson
Donald Stewart

2. Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee met only once during 1975, from November 5th through November 10th to consider a department by department Review of the Main Estimates for 1976-77. Because this was the first meeting of this Committee, and because there were several new Members on it, the complete financial cycle of Council and the preparation of the budget of the Territorial Government was outlined, as well as the sources of revenue. At this meeting the 2 Executive Members were requested to outline each of their views on the main estimates, as presented.

In addition to our review of the estimates and arising therefrom, the Committee made the following observations:-

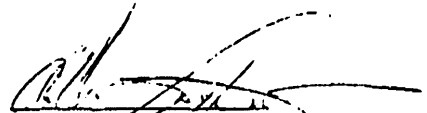
1. Insufficient funds are being spent in meeting the objectives of the Education Department;
2. Generally, any increases in the Estimates have been due to announced price increases in travel, accommodation, fuel oil, power rates and contracts.
3. The present school tax levy in non-tax based municipalities is unfair and the whole subject of school taxes should be reviewed.

4. There is a discrepancy in the amounts of funding available to the various ethnic groups, through the Department of Economic Development.
5. The proportion of revenue from liquor sales being spent on preventative measures should be reviewed.
6. Definite steps should be taken to encourage home ownership throughout the Northwest Territories.
7. The entire housing program should be completely reviewed.

The following recommendations requiring Administrative action were proposed by this Committee and in order to be actioned, require the endorsation of Council:

- A. Location of proposed half-way house (Department of Social Development)
- B. Evaluation to be carried out to compare dollars spent to service rendered re LaPointe Hall, Fort Simpson. (Department of Social Development).
- C. Department of Social Development to develop paper on tax relief for pensioners owning their own residences.
- D. Change name of Social Development to Department of Social Services.
- E. Department of Local Government to prepare information paper on function of regional Councils.
- F. Department of Local Government to distribute copies of the Water and Sewer Policy in English as well as in syllabics.
- G. Department of Local Government to prepare paper on school tax levy in non-tax based municipalities.
- H. Commissioner to advise Minister of Committee's concern that Eskimo Loan Fund depleted and of the inequalities of the various Loan Funds.
- I. Each elected member of the Executive should have an assistant.

- J. Letter from Metis Association regarding requests for grants to be referred to caucus.
 - K. Council to consider proportion of revenue from liquor sales being spent on preventative measures.
 - L. Council to review the housing program.
- All of which is respectfully submitted.



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Finance.