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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1978

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Steen, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lafferty, Mr. Lyall, Mr. Butters, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Arnold McCallum, Mr. Evaluarjuk, Hon. Peter Ernerk, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. David Searle, Mr. Nickerson.

ITEM NO. 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. David Searle): Item 2, replies to the Commissioner's Opening Address. Mr. Evaluarjuk.

ITEM NO. 2: REPLIES TO COMMISSIONER'S OPENING ADDRESS

Mr. Evaluarjuk's Reply

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues, I would like to reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address. This reply I am about to give is not biased against anybody, whether Inuk, Kabloonak or Dene. Whatever a person's race may be, we are all the same. My reply will not be personal. The only way it seems the government will respond to us is if we reply to it strongly.

It will seem as if I am criticizing the government in my speech because the Legislative Assembly should by now deal with its own affairs. We now know that the federal government is not giving us the powers that we should have. Because of this, the people in our constituency see us as though we are not a recognized body. Why is this so? Is it because of the territorial Legislative Assembly, the territorial government or the federal government? In some ways I know that the federal government is not responsive to our needs. Also, at times, the territorial government is not responsive either, so it is time for the Legislative Assembly to be recognized as the governing body of the Northwest Territories.

Also, the communities in the territories would like to have more control over their own affairs. The communities would start limiting their needs if they were listened to by the government. This is the reason why we want to be recognized as a governing body and by this, we would be recognized by the federal government. This is the way I understand it from the government's point of view. It is as though they are saying to us "You are weak because you are not a government body". That seems to be the attitude of the government.

It would be better if our people made decisions and then bring them to us and in turn, we bring it to the Legislative Assembly. Remember, we are in contact with what our people want. If the powers of the Legislative Assembly and the powers of the people were to be put together, we would be making much more progress. How and through whom are we to get stronger? We have been told that we are recognized as a self-governing body and I would like to add and I would like to say again, the hunters' and trappers' associations need more power. They do not get enough funding even if they go to conferences. I feel, if they are given more funding, they would do a lot better job in dealing with wildlife.

The Wildlife Ordinance that we defeated is not understood well enough yet. I feel if we give them another year to study the Wildlife Ordinance, they will understand it and agree with it. They would amend the parts that they do not agree with. I would like the government to know we Inuit are not against having laws in the Northwest Territories for wildlife. It seems some do not want it but we need it because we do not want the wildlife to become extinct.

Education In The Northwest Territories

Getting back to education in the Northwest Territories. I do not have anything against it, the teaching of the English part is good. In the classrooms it is being taught well. In connection with being taught in classrooms, there should be more teaching outside the classrooms. There should be more funding for this if the government is not going to make the North any warmer than it is now. The administration of the Northwest Territories government are human like us and they can not control the weather. For this reason, a number of younger people have lost their lives because of lack of knowledge of education on survival.

Last year, the Education Ordinance was passed and you had said that education would be more controlled by the local communities. Not too long ago, I received a letter from the hamlet of Coral Harbour and they expressed that there is not enough cultural inclusion in their community. I am not criticizing the education because there will be more employment. This is the reason why I am asking for more funding for cultural inclusion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say again that there is an urgent need for teachers for cultural inclusion and they should be paid at the same rate as a qualified teacher. To show this need, I shall read this letter I received from the community of Coral Harbour.

"The following are statements from the education committee of Coral Harbour:

The education system has been in the North now for a number of years. The cultural inclusion in the classrooms is insufficient. Because of lack of cultural inclusion in the Northwest Territories, students are rapidly beginning to forget their culture. We now know there is not enough funding for this. Most of the time, the funding we get for this runs out in the middle of the school year. When this runs out, people who are involved in teaching are forced with unemployment for the rest of the year but for the regular English programs that are taught in the schools, this does not happen.

For us who are concerned about keeping our culture, we see by this, our children are not progressing. Each year it is our culture that we go to the land. It is obvious students do not have any knowledge due to lack of input in cultural inclusion in schools. For this reason we are asking to have permanent cultural inclusion teachers in the Northwest Territories. We strongly feel it should be included in the regular school system. This was the concern expressed by the education committee. Thank you."

Soapstone Carvings

I would also like to refer to Hon. Peter Ernerk's reply concerning soapstone. Back in 1973, when I was a board member for the Canadian Arctic Producers, we were concerned about the reproduction of the Inuit carvings. We tried to find a solution to stop this practice. To this date this practice is still going on. Now, I am wondering who would have the power to stop this. Last year, in replying to the Commissioner's Opening Address, I expressed this, asking the government's support on this.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to support Hon. Peter Ernerk very strongly concerning sealskins. The process of sealskins have gone down drastically and this has created a great economic problem for the hunters. I have also heard that the government is willing to help the hunters. Before this House adjourns for this session, I would like to know what progress has been made on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, finally, I would like to talk about telephone systems for one of my ridings, which is Repulse Bay. In 1975, I went to Ottawa and I had the opportunity to go to the House of Commons and speak to the Member for the Northwest Territories. I was told at that time, that they were going to remove the radio telephone system and put in proper telephones. In October 1975, when we had our Assembly in Rankin Inlet, the president of Bell Canada came before us and he assured us that before the end of 1976, this problem was going to be solved. Recently, I heard they will not be getting a telephone system until the year 1979. In this matter, a lot of times, we are not told the truth. What is happening?

In this Legislature we deal with justice in the North. I think we should also deal with big corporations who are constantly telling us lies and be able to deal with them in courts. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Gentlemen, if the House would come to order. Item 2, replies to the Commissioner's Opening Address. Are there further replies? I remind you that tomorrow would be the last day for replies to appear on the order paper.

Item 3, questions and returns.

ITEM NO. 3: QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

Are there any returns? Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W5-64: Construction Contracts, Hall Beach

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 24th, Mr. Evaluarjuk asked whether any action was being taken...

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me, Deputy Commissioner Parker, it seems that the interpreter has disappeared. Mr. MacKay, would you see if you can locate him? Deputy Commissioner Parker, would you proceed?

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 24th, Mr. Evaluarjuk asked whether any action was being taken with respect to complaints by the people of Hall Beach regarding the manner in which the contract for the erection of 14 houses in the community is being handled.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is aware of irregularities and unsatisfactory performance with respect to the contract for building the 14 houses which were shipped to Hall Beach in 1977. On January 11th, 1978, the corporation served notice on the contractor advising him that unless the deficiencies in his performance of the contract were remedied the corporation would be forced to take the contract out of his hands. The contractor has been given until mid-February to comply with the requirements of the corporation and at that time, corporation officials will visit Hall Beach, inspect the contractor's work and make a decision as to whether or not the contractor will be allowed to continue the job. The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is the only territorial government agency having contracts with this particular contractor in Hall Beach.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question W7-64: Plane Crash, Nanisivik

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the administration: After the plane crashed at, or around Nanisivik, what have the Ministry of Transport officials said regarding Arctic Bay's airstrip?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, we will seek an answer to the question and file a reply as soon as we can.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nickerson.

Question W8-64: Education District, Sir John Franklin High School

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, has an education district been prescribed for the Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife and if so, what are the boundaries of such a district?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Partial Return To Question W8-64: Education District, Sir John Franklin High School

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, the matter of an education district for the Sir John Franklin High School and indeed for other high

schools which draw their students from other areas as well as the area within the city or town; this is a question which has not been settled completely yet. We are working on the regional boards. As far as the direct question whether the limits have been established or not, I would like to seek advice on that and I will file a reply as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: On a point of order, point of clarification. Am I to understand that the reply of the Deputy Commissioner to the question was no, they have not been prescribed? They are thinking about it, have got it under consideration but the actual answer is no, no prescribed boundaries have been laid down.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: No, Mr. Speaker, my answer was that I am not certain. My answer is that I do not know. I will file a reply. I think the limits have been prescribed but I will have to make certain of my answer.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions. Mr. Pearson.

Question W9-64: Development Of Apex Hill In Frobisher Bay

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the administration. In view of an order issued by this administration in 1973 that there will be no further development allowed in Apex Hill, Frobisher Bay, and in light of the rapid expansion taking place in that community, can the administration assure me that they will reconsider this decision very soon?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Return To Question W9-64: Development Of Apex Hill In Frobisher Bay

COMMISSIONER (Mr. Hodgson): Mr. Speaker, it is true that when the federal government went ahead with the large complex at Frobisher Bay it was the intention not to build anything further at Apex and consequently we put a freeze on all construction with a view to concentrating both our efforts and money as well as our people at Frobisher Bay. We have added much building to Frobisher Bay but I think we can say that we appreciate the point that Mr. Pearson is making and that we are prepared to re-evaluate the whole question there with regard to further development at the Apex site.

MR. SPEAKER: Further written questions. The Member for Hay River.

Question W10-64: Decentralization Of Government Departments

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, is the territorial government prepared to consider as part of their decentralization policy the movement of complete departments from Yellowknife to depressed areas in the southern Mackenzie such as Hay River, Fort Simpson and Inuvik?

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, we will file a reply to that question that was asked.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Western Arctic.

Question W11-64: Airstrip In Arctic Red River

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask: Is the administration considering building an airstrip in Arctic Red River and if so, when; and of what priority?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Partial Return To Question W11-64: Airstrip In Arctic Red River

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, perhaps in the committee of the whole later this afternoon the Minister will be able to answer this much more openly and perhaps allow for a little input from the Council or from the House rather than to simply say now that we will take note and file a report. So with your permission, sir, perhaps it could be handled that way.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Steen, are you satisfied with that response, with what has been said, that you could more appropriately raise that under estimates when we go into committee of the whole under Local Government?

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, what I was trying to get was an answer from the administration to determine whether or not I should raise it as a motion.

THE SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, that is what we were trying to avoid.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Central Baffin, Mr. Kilabuk.

Question W12-64: Clyde River's Request For A New School

MR. KILABUK: This was a question that was raised in Clyde River. At the last session of the Legislative Assembly, I asked a question regarding a new school for Clyde River. The education committee of Clyde River wrote to the Commissioner requesting that an earlier start be made at least to the gymnasium. The following reply has been received: "As for your request for an earlier start on the gymnasium, we will look into this request very carefully and see what might possibly be done for the community." On behalf of the education committee, I would like to ask the administration what decision it has reached on this urgent matter.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

Return To Question W12-64: Clyde River's Request For A New School

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, this question of the timing of the school at Clyde River was raised with us by letter as the Member has explained and our answer was that the planning money for the school will be going into the budget next year and then we expect construction to start the year after that.

We did tell the community though, by letter that we would see if it was possible to advance the date for construction of the gymnasium part of the school because, as the Member has said, the gymnasium is the part that they need most strongly. I can not say today whether or not we will be able to build the gymnasium earlier because we have not had enough of an opportunity to look at that possibility but I think that before the May session we will be in the position to say whether or not we will be able to start construction on the gymnasium earlier than we had originally planned. We certainly would like to do that sooner, it is just a matter of seeing whether it can fit in with the existing school and so on.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member from Central Arctic.

Question W13-64: RCMP For Holman Island, Gjoa Haven And Pelly Bay

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the administration what progress they are having with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police about the question that was raised in Holman Island, Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay about the possibility of RCMP moving in to those settlements.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, we will gather the information for the Member and reply as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any further written questions? The Member for Foxe Basin.

Question W14-64: Polar Bear Quota, Hall Beach

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the administration. At the 63rd session of the Legislative Assembly, I asked a question regarding increasing of polar bear quotas for Hall Beach. The administration said they would let me know within three months at the time of the 63rd session. I have not received an answer as yet regarding this issue.

MR. SPEAKER: Deputy Commissioner Parker.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I was just searching, I thought that we had provided an answer through an information item but I can not find my information item, so I know the matter is under study and I believe that we have at least an interim reply ready. I will search it out and provide an answer to the question for the Member right away.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 4, oral questions. Mr. Pearson.

ITEM NO. 4: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 015-64: Russian Satellite

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, in light of the international furor that seems to be taking place across the world with regard to a near miss on the town of Yellowknife by a Russian satellite, has the administration been kept informed of these developments and if so, will they be passing any of this news on, if they have any, to this body?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pearson, do you regard a near miss as 650 miles?

MR. PEARSON: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Commissioner.

Partial Return To Question 015-64: Russian Satellite

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Speaker, yes, we have assigned the responsibility for keeping in touch on this to Mr. Dan Billing, who handles these sorts of things for the territorial government and if Council, or if this House wishes, we could table a small short report tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Further oral questions.

Item 6, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Lyall, do you have a report of a standing or special committee?

ITEM NO. 6: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. LYALL: Yes, Mr. Speaker, when we come to the tabling of documents, I will be tabling a document of the report of the standing committee on legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: I take you do not wish at this time to read it but simply to indicate that you will be tabling it?

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, it is quite lengthy and I think that I should just table it and...

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any other reports?

Item 7, notices of motion. The Honourable Minister for Slave River.
Hon. Arnold McCallum.

ITEM NO. 7: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 4-64: Change Of Sitting Hours

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that on Friday, January 27th, I intend to introduce the following motion:

WHEREAS the present regular daily sitting hours of this Assembly provide few opportunities for the various committees of this House to meet;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that the Rules of this Assembly be amended to provide for the revised regular daily sitting hours set out in the attached appendix to have effect from Monday, January 30th, 1978.

APPENDIX

1. Present Subrule 3(1) is repealed and the following substituted therefor: "3(1) the Assembly shall meet daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m."
2. Present Subrule 3(2) is repealed.
3. Present Rule 4 is amended by deleting in line 1: "5:30 p.m." and substituting therefor "6:00 p.m."

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion. The Hon. Peter Ernerk.

Notice Of Motion 5-64: Invitation To International Fund For Animal Welfare Incorporated.

HON. PETER ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on January 27th, Friday, I will introduce a motion:

WHEREAS international opposition against the annual Newfoundland seal harvest, encouraged by various organizations, has resulted in a drastic decline in seal prices in the international market;

AND WHEREAS this decline has resulted in serious economic hardships for the Inuit hunters of the Arctic who depend to a large extent on seal hunting for their livelihood;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that Mr. Brian Davies, the executive director of the International Fund for Animal Welfare Incorporated, be invited to appear before this Assembly during the current session so that he may be made fully aware of the serious repercussions caused by the activities of his organization.

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motion. The Honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Notice Of Motion 6-64: CPHA Arsenic Task Force Recommendations

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on the 27th of January I will introduce a motion:

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this House calls upon the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories to implement "with all possible speed those recommendations contained within the final report of the Canadian Public Health Association task force on arsenic, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories", that fall within their respective or joint jurisdictions.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Foxe Basin, Mr. Evaluarjuk.

MR. EVALUARJUK: Mr. Speaker, I made a mistake. I put my hand up. I was speaking to Hon. Peter Ernerk and I put my hand up at the wrong time.

MR. SPEAKER: Further notices of motion. The Honourable Member for Western Arctic.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, this is notices of motion, is it?

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motion, yes.

MR. STEEN: I am so busy writing. Tomorrow, the 27th of January. I would like to move a motion requesting -- I should read it maybe, just read the text of it. Should I?

MR. SPEAKER: You can read the resolved part of it, if you wish, or you can just give the sense of it whichever you want to do, Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Well, I will read the resolved part of it and that is, now therefore I resolve that if they do not want the Liard highway built would the administration consider requesting the federal government to transfer the funds to build the Tuktoyaktuk to Inuvik highway?

MR. SPEAKER: I think, Mr. Steen, we all get the gist of your motion. Are there any further notices of motion? Did you learn that by the way from Mr. Stewart? Are there any further notices of motion?

Item 8, motions for the production of papers.

Item 9, motions. Motion 2-64. Mr. Whitford.

ITEM NO. 9: MOTIONS

Motion 2-64: Rearrangement Of Constituency Boundaries For Yellowknife North And Great Slave Lake

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, Motion 2-64, Rearrangement of Constituency Boundaries for Yellowknife North and Great Slave Lake.

WHEREAS the Yellowknife Indian Band is most disconcerted that Detah is within the territorial constituency of Great Slave Lake and that Block 500 is within that of Yellowknife North thereby splitting the band in half;

AND WHEREAS this House would like to see territorial constituency boundaries conform to the wishes of the residents of the area concerned;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member of Yellowknife North, that prior to the next territorial general election, constituency boundaries be rearranged so that both Block 500 and Detah which are inhabited predominantly by members of the Yellowknife Indian Band are contained within the same constituency.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, it appears that Mr. Whitford has adopted a procedure commonly used in the House of Commons in Ottawa in that he has named a seconder to the motion in the motion itself and I have the privilege of being the seconder because this motion concerns the geographical area serviced both by myself and Mr. Whitford.

MR. SPEAKER: I just want confirmation that you indeed are the seconder. I take it that you have assented and are the seconder.

MR. NICKERSON: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Moved by Mr. Whitford and seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Discussion. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, we were at a meeting in Block 500 a week or so ago and the feeling generally, of the people there, is that things that happen in the village also concern Block 500 in relation that the Indian people usually carry on most of the same functions and interests and that things that are happening also in Block 500 will affect the band in general and that it is their wish that this constituency be all as one.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion. Mr. Nickerson.

Change Wished By Band

MR. NICKERSON: I would like to support Mr. Whitford in this motion. The fact that the Yellowknife Indian Band is divided so to speak with half the constituency -- well, half the area inhabited by members of that band being in one constituency and the other half in another constituency creates a good deal of difficulties. Over the last three years or so or ever since the new electoral boundaries were set up this has been a matter of grave concern to the members of that band and at every public meeting that I have ever had with the band members, they have always spoken on this particular issue and they certainly wish it to be changed at the earliest opportunity.

As a result of the last meeting that myself and the Honourable Member for Great Slave Lake had with the band they decided that they would be making recommendations to this House as to which constituency they would like to be part of, whether it would be a constituency including Yellowknife or constituency including places like Rae and Snowdrift and I hope that when this advice is received, we will be able to rearrange the constituencies in time for the next general territorial election in 1979 to correspond to the wishes of the people of that area.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there further discussion? Mr. Butters.

Support For Motion

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the words "Block 500" in the motion to be synonymous with Rainbow Valley. I will not be voting on the motion because as chairman of the constituency committee of this House I feel it may presume on the responsibility of that committee, however, I would assure the mover and the seconder that whether the motion fails or is carried it will be placed on the agenda of the committee, sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion. Mr. Pearson, did you want to speak?

MR. PEARSON: Well, I was just going to say more or less what Mr. Butters said except that I will vote for the motion and support it but it will be up for review, along with all the constituencies in the Northwest Territories in the very near future by Mr. Butters' committee, so it is really redundant but I will support it anyway.

MR. SPEAKER: If you would permit, Members, a comment from the Chair. I am very familiar personally with this discussion having started out as the Member for Mackenzie North and then Yellowknife and now just for part of Yellowknife.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 2-64, Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called on the motion. All in favour? Down. Contrary? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 3-64, dealing with the transfer of mining inspection services, Mr. Nickerson.

Question Of Conflict Of Interest

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker, before introducing this motion, I would like your judgment on a certain matter. After I gave notice of this motion, I realized afterwards that I am the owner of a mine, although not the operator of a mine, a mine which would be subject to inspection. Having thought about this I decided whether or not I should still introduce the motion and it would appear to me that I am in the similar position to the owner of a motor vehicle voting on the amendments to the Vehicles Ordinance but I would defer to your ruling in this matter, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you asking me to indicate whether I think you are in a conflict of interest, is that what you are saying?

MR. NICKERSON: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Well you are not suggesting a change in the mine safety rules, which would benefit or not benefit you. You are just talking about presumably whether that official be a territorial or a federal official. On the face of it I do not see a conflict of interest. Just give me a second, I do not see any conflict of interest, Mr. Nickerson, arising from the motion.

Motion 3-64: Transfer Of Mining Inspection Services

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS at present the Mining Safety Ordinance is administered by the federal government instead of more appropriately by the territorial government;

AND WHEREAS the public and specifically those engaged in the mining industry have requested that mining inspection services be transferred from the federal to the territorial government;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has given us to understand that no impediment exists to such a transfer and that it could be accomplished in short order;

NOW THEREFORE, I move that this House reconfirms its position that the responsibility for mining safety inspections be transferred forthwith from the federal to the territorial government.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder? Mr. Lyall. Discussion, Mr. Nickerson.

No Significant Transfers Of Authority

MR. NICKERSON: I will only discuss this briefly because it is, as I said, just a restatement of a previous position. But I get most concerned, Mr. Speaker, when during the life of this present Legislature I come to realize that there has not really been one significant transfer of authority from the federal government to the territorial government. They are paying lip service to these transfers of responsibility but in fact they are just not coming about.

Mining inspection is a matter of territorial jurisdiction. It is our ordinance, we prescribe the mining safety laws, the ordinance and the regulations and therefore it seems most consistent that we should also be in charge of the actual inspection. I would not anticipate any great change in the way that the inspection is actually carried out. It would be a matter of transferring a number of staff from the employ of one government to another government. I think that the public, especially those engaged in the industry would be pleased with this transfer. On numerous occasions the unions, the mining unions, have asked that this be done and as far as I know, the only reservations that the mine operators have is that they want to be certain that mining inspection services are looked upon as being an important aspect of what the territorial government does, if and when the transfer takes place. They do not want to see it buried somewhere.

Apart from that, I understand that the mine operators would be in agreement with this. One thing that does bother them is that being very conservative people by nature, they do not like things left up in the air and they would like to see the change, if it is to be made, made as quickly as possible. I remember we met a number of months ago with the then minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Hon. Warren Allmand. He stated at that time that in all likelihood this transfer would have taken place by Christmas. Christmas has arrived and it has not taken place, so I think we need to give the federal people a little bit of a sharp reminder. That is all I have to say on the matter at the present time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion? Hon. Arnold McCallum.

Negotiations Near Completion

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to indicate to Mr. Nickerson and other Members of this House that this whole process of the transfer of mining inspection services is very close to a fruitive ending. Negotiations between this government and the federal government have been going on for some time and I would feel that we would be able to come back or very soon be able to indicate to this House that in fact, a transfer has been completed.

We plan upon completion of the transfer to set up a very senior division under a very senior chief position in the government department giving a high priority and a very visible priority to the individual and this department. We anticipate as well that there will be a transfer of positions from the federal government to the territorial government in the transfer. I think that the concern, although I really do not believe it is that strong a concern, I think Mr. Nickerson is simply wanting to speed up this whole process. I hope that I can indicate to Mr. Nickerson and to other Members of the House that things are going very copacetically and we should come up very quickly with it, with the transfer.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. I note that the responsibility is presently being carried out by the federal government. The Minister said that there would be a transfer of positions from the federal government. I hope that when they do transfer this responsibility they also transfer the funds with which they are presently carrying it out and we will get these on a continuing basis over the next few years.

MR. SPEAKER: Further discussion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question.

Motion 3-64, Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question being called on the motion. All in favour? Down. Contrary? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 10, tabling of documents. Mr. Lyall.

ITEM NO. 10: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. LYALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 7-64, Report of the Standing Committee of Legislation, concerning certain bills introduced at the 64th session of this Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lyall. Other tabled documents, gentlemen?

Item 11, consideration in committee of the whole of bills, recommendations to the Legislature and other matters.

ITEM NO. 11: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MATTERS

This House will resolve into committee of the whole for continued consideration of Bill 11-64, I take it, Hon. Arnold McCallum. Bill 11-64, Appropriation Ordinance.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Stewart, do you want to continue? Possibly Mr. Stewart, once you get in, you could just adjourn for coffee. The House will resolve into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 11-64, the Appropriation Ordinance, with Mr. Stewart in the chair.

---Legislative Assembly resolved into committee of the whole for consideration of Bill 11-64, Appropriation Ordinance, 1978-79, with Mr. Stewart in the chair.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER BILL 11-64, APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1978-79

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): The committee will come to order. Discussion of Bill 11-64. In view of the hour, we will recess for fifteen minutes for coffee.

---SHORT RECESS

Water And Sanitation, Baffin Region, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): The Chair recognizes a quorum and calls this committee to order. We are dealing with Bill 11-64. We are on page 9.09. We were dealing with detail of capital, municipal affairs, water and sanitation for the Baffin region. The speaker yesterday that was still on the list when we adjourned for the day was Mr. Pearson. The Chair recognizes Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: You caught me unawares. What were we talking about? What vote were we on then?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): We were on page 9.09, municipal affairs, water and sanitation for the Baffin region in the amount of \$2,917,000. You indicated your wish to speak.

MR. PEARSON: I pass.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Are we agreed then on \$2,917,000?

---Agreed

Water And Sanitation, Fort Smith Region

Fort Smith region. Amount, \$5,240,000. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Lyall first.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, I put my name to go into that as soon as it came up.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): All right, Mr. Lyall. I will recognize you then.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make a general comment again emphasizing about the Fort Smith region; that the southern communities do get more than their share of the moneys to my thinking. Looking at this improvement that is going to be made to the water supply, the southern regions get over just about \$4.5 million and Central Arctic only gets \$910,000.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister, have you any comments?

Needs In Larger Communities

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I recognize that there seemingly may be a prejudice. I do not know where you want to draw the line, north and south of the Smith region but in the areas of where there are -- especially in terms where there are large amounts being spent, for example in Hay River and in Yellowknife, the need is there to improve water and sewer services and we realize that the total amounts are large.

Nevertheless, the population is there and we must provide the services for these people. It is very difficult to set up a priority list that will do everything for all communities at one time. We just do not have the funds and so we attempt to spread it as much as we can but we have to take into consideration just where the population is and the need and the requirements that are in the larger communities.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you.

MR. LYALL: I was just making a point, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in consideration of my being so kind to the administration and never saying anything about the big blue elephant in Resolute Bay when we were talking about the Baffin region, I have got some thorny questions on the Fort Smith region, particularly regarding Fort Simpson. I wonder if the administration could give us an outline of what has happened and what is happening with the new water supply pipe in Fort Simpson.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I am just trying to go through some practical information on that particular community. May I, upon finding it, come back and answer Mr. Nickerson's question?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Is that agreeable to you, Mr. Nickerson?

MR. NICKERSON: Yes, sir.

Plans For Fort Simpson

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I could give the Member the kind of projects or description of the projects, in terms of Fort Simpson, that we are attempting to do, in terms of various projects. It is the replacement of an extension of the sewer system. The total project, of course, carrying over, taken on a phased approach, not only in terms of replacement and extension of the sewers but in completion and extension of water mains and the installation, completion of a water supply intake pipeline. There were four aspects that we would attempt to do in the present year and over the next few years as well, to put in a pumphouse, transmission line, the water treatment plant and attempt to improve the sewage treatment and disposal facilities.

There would be as well, a design for water storage reservoirs in the mainland area and setting up trunk mains to the mainland area. We would as well, recognize that in light of the present economic condition and the situation in that particular community, we may well have to defer some of the things that we were attempting, especially in terms of the mainland expansion area, especially with the no pipeline decision. But with the advent of the federal Minister's decision to complete the Liard highway we would anticipate trying to maybe reassess and re-evaluate the whole amount of money that we estimated that we would have spent in Fort Simpson this coming year and in the ensuing years. But there were certain things that we would want to undertake in Fort Simpson to take care of the situation that presently exists there.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Nickerson.

Water Pipeline Construction

MR. NICKERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank Hon. Arnold McCallum for his answer but really that was not the information I was trying to elicit. I was referring really to the construction of the water pipeline, the pipeline that is to take water from the clear side of the river, the east side of the river and bring it into Fort Simpson.

I understand that this has been under consideration for some time, that construction was started on this pipeline and then sometime, I believe it was last winter, construction had to stop for a particular reason, which

maybe the Minister would like to elaborate on and we were requested to vote additional funds for extra work that had to be done there. I wonder if you could substantiate this and also say what the developments this winter have been on that particular pipeline construction project.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we are going ahead with the water supply intake pipeline and it is true that there was a stop to the construction of it because the original difficulty was thought to be that there was considerable rock in the area. But in point of fact, upon working on the project and blasting they found that it was not clay or it was not rock, it was simply hard and we anticipate that the line will be finished this spring and so we are continuing on with the construction and completion of the water supply intake pipeline.

MR. NICKERSON: This is really what I am getting at, Mr. Chairman. If I might rephrase what Hon. Arnold McCallum has said, the contract was awarded for the construction of this pipeline. The contractor said that he was unable to complete that contract because there were rocks underneath the river, rocks that were not in the original specifications.

Questions Re Contract

A year elapsed, and perhaps you could correct me on this, but now I am under the understanding that another contract was let to blast these rocks and the contractor went in and found that there were no rocks there. Now, what I would like to know, because this entails the expenditure of public funds, is what has happened regarding the original contract, the contract which was not fulfilled? What amounts of money were expended? Is any action being taken against the contractor? Who is to pay for completion of the project and the second contract that was awarded, the contract for the blasting of non-existent rocks, what amount of public funds were expended for that?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, in relation to attempting to field all those, I would ask that I may come back with a report on the total project for the Member and for the Members. The original contractor had a year to complete his contract and I would like to come back with more detail than I am presently capable of giving the Member on the total situation of the contract, the original contract, the amounts of money and anything further that came with it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: That will be quite satisfactory, now that we have been told that full information will be forthcoming.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Fort Smith region, \$5,240,000. Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: Mr. Stewart, I noticed that there is an amount of \$1,350,000 in there for water sewer servicing for Yellowknife and that continues over a period of time for a total of \$4.4 million. I am just wondering if we could have a report on the latest chapter in the, it seems never-ending, saga between the city of Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories Water Board with respect to whether there is now yet a decision on the ultimate sewage disposal facility for Yellowknife. Specifically, Mr. Chairman, is there a lake in which Yellowknife city will be permitted to dump its sewage, or are we going to get into a sewage treatment plant and if so, does this sum of money contemplate the construction of such a plant?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

Problem In Yellowknife

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the Member is quite correct when he describes the situation in terms of Yellowknife and in talking about the sewage difficulties and trying to reconcile the problem with the Water Board and the city.

At the present time, we believe, that is the administration believes, that for the kind of facility for sewage disposal, we would hope that we would be able to find a lake and not get into the expensive proposition of putting in a new plant. There is a continuing study undergoing now where in fact, we have hopefully identified a series of lakes to the west of the city and we would hope to be able to utilize these bodies of water for sewage disposal. The department has been working with the Water Board and the city and have come up with a series of recommendations that the city has agreed to and a proposal will be made to the Water Board on this whole process so that we would not get into the expense of putting in a large plant. I think the meetings are scheduled very shortly and we should have some kind of an answer or concurrence from the Water Board on what the proposal is but the city has agreed to what we have, in fact, proposed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Hon. David Searle.

HON. DAVID SEARLE: I just want to make sure I have got this straight, Mr. Chairman. As I understand it then, Kam Lake, the lake previously proposed, will not be used but some other lake will. I wonder about the logic of that, maybe someone can elaborate, because Kam Lake is already a lake that is virtually dead because of the arsenic that has gone into it from the tailings from Con mine. So we are going to use another lake and so we will have two dead lakes, I assume, will we? I am wondering if I have missed something or what is the justification for that kind of logic?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

Proposal Has Been Presented

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, the whole situation in terms of the sewage disposal facilities has been difficult to reconcile. I think what we are attempting to do is come up with some kind of proposal that will, of course, meet what the Water Board has been wanting, has been attempting to come to -- or if you like, to lay down on the department and on the city. We would hope that we do not run through a situation that will in fact make the present one with Kam Lake even worse.

The proposal has been talked over with the city and I think that both the city and the department are of the opinion that, in fact, the Water Board will okay what we have brought together. Now, again, if we want details of the actual proposal I will come back to the committee with a complete outline of the proposal.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Deputy Commissioner, you indicated you wish to speak.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just thought that I might be of some assistance because when this matter was under most active review, Local Government was reporting to me and it was previous to the time when Hon. Arnold McCallum was the Minister for that department. He has certainly given you the facts of the matter. The Water Board has given a one year licence for the use of Kam Lake as a sewage lagoon, knowing full well that one year of usage for such a large lake is not going to change the character of it by any substantial amount.

The city and the territorial government -- since it is the territories responsibility for pumping stations and sewage disposal -- as has been explained to you, entered into a study or the next phase of a study. This is not an expensive operation at all in which we will see a little different route followed, which will provide what I believe to be an excellent lagooning system.

Proper Solution On The Way

This system bypasses Kam Lake which has some visual beauty and so forth and it goes on out to the west through a series of lakes that really are small sloughs. They are quite shallow and they will adapt themselves very well to sewage lagooning. They are well out of sight of development. They are off the line of any future development for the city and they will provide enough lagooning time for when the water reaches Great Slave Lake. It will be in completely acceptable form. So I think that through the good offices of the department and the city and in fact the Water Board, a proper solution is well on the way towards being reached.

Water And Sanitation, Fort Smith Region, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Fort Smith region, \$5,240,000. Agreed?

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Water And Sanitation, Inuvik Region

Detail of capital, page 9.10, Department of Local Government, water and sanitation, Inuvik region in the amount of \$2,355,000.

MR. STEEN: What page are we on?

THE CHAIRMAN: (Mr. Stewart): Page 9.10. Mr. Fraser .

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I notice here water and sewer servicing, Norman Wells, \$760,000. I wonder if the administration could explain what work they plan on doing in the Norman Wells settlement.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

Estimates Of Work For Norman Wells

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I can give the Member what we are planning to do in that particular community in the coming year. Hopefully we would complete the water sewer services to the landfill at a second phase in the subdivision. That is estimated at approximately \$140,000 to \$150,000; construct sewage disposal, sewage treatment disposal facilities and again the estimation of approximately \$300,000; complete a water storage reservoir with a capacity of approximately 200,000 gallons; the Bosworth Creek pumping station and the water quality monitoring for approximately \$130,000. I think that brings me up to about \$700,000 there and I think there is \$35,000 dealing with the water intake on the river.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Is all that work that you mentioned, is it all going to be done in 1978-79?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: That is what we anticipate. That is what we would hope to be able to do. We have estimated it and we have scheduled the work for that.

MR. FRASER: You mentioned completion of the second phase of the new subdivision in Norman Wells. That subdivision is working right now. How are you going to complete it?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: It well may be, Mr. Fraser, that the costing of that particular part of the total project would be funded over two years. We had advanced spending funding at various times to complete a project and we have to come back to vote moneys to fill the money from where it was taken, you know, from another project from which it was taken. In this case, the project is, as you say working and pretty well completed but the funding actually is spread over two years.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to clarify a couple of things that the administration have said. These statements are all down in the minutes, so I can definitely quote you at a council meeting in Norman Wells on this?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes, public, I just made it public.

MR. FRASER: Thank you very much.

Water And Sanitation, Inuvik Region, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Water and sanitation, Inuvik region, \$2,355,000. Agreed?

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Water And Sanitation, Keewatin Region, Agreed

Keewatin region, amount \$1,850,000. Agreed?

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Miscellaneous Buildings, Baffin Region

Miscellaneous buildings, Baffin region in the amount of \$570,000. Agreed?
Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: Could we have some detail please on those, Mr. Chairman, the miscellaneous buildings?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, when the Member asks for additional information other than, for example in Arctic Bay, where we are building a parking garage, what additional information would he like? You know, it is a parking garage on Broughton Island. We are putting in a parking garage in Broughton Island and one in Lake Harbour and in Broughton Island, we are putting a combined office/council chamber and those are the estimates of money we have from our Department of Public Works that it will cost to construct these facilities. Again in Sanikiluaq, it is an office/council chamber and parking garages that are put in to provide services for those particular settlements in terms of mobile equipment. We have had requests over the past years to set up and assist the various settlement councils in providing better facilities for their council meetings. We have tried to combine them with offices for government people.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: I have heard and I have enunciated the same idea myself over the years and I have had the Commissioner discuss the idea of community centres with whatever is necessary to put into them, be it the municipal offices, parking garages, the power plant, a gymnasium, you name it, into structures in these communities, community service centres, and I do not mean maintenance service but to serve the community and yet we see these small items like Broughton Island, \$60,000. Is that concept instilled into the mind of the government? Do they have plans to utilize the waste heat that goes up the chimneys and that kind of thing? I know they are talking about it in Igloolik or they are doing it in Igloolik. Are they on to that kind of thinking?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

Combined Facilities

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, very definitely. In the instance of Broughton Island we would hopefully be able to combine these facilities so that you do not scatter separate little buildings around. There is now a plan afoot in various communities to combine the various facilities that are put up in these communities and put them all under, if you like, one roof and to utilize waste heat from Northern Canada Power Commission where it is there.

I think the federal Minister indicated in his remarks to this House on the opening day of the session one of the concerns that he has and one of the concerns that this government has been saying for some time through advice such as Mr. Pearson has indicated he has given over the past; that we are actively pursuing the idea of combining these things. Hopefully that we would not set up small buildings all over communities; that it does become a complex centre for the use of the entire community.

In other places where there are requests to provide facilities we are attempting now to incorporate the new requirements into the facilities that are presently in a community. Very definitely it is a concept that the administration, the government takes very seriously and we in the department indicate to the Department of Public Works that these are the things that we would like, in fact, to occur.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: So then I take it that there will be some major construction take place in Broughton. Is there to be a new school and a gymnasium and is there a total plan, this is what I am asking, for the community for the next five years, say?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The department has been in communication and sitting down at meetings with the council of Broughton Island to discuss this. As far as the education facilities are concerned, maybe Deputy Commissioner Parker would want to comment on that but the Department of Local Government has been meeting with the council of Broughton Island to explore this possibility of combining all facilities.

MR. PEARSON: Thank you.

Miscellaneous Buildings, Baffin Region, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Miscellaneous buildings, Baffin region, in the amount of \$570,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: I wonder if the administration plans to make the emergency measures officer available this afternoon to answer questions about the flood damage reduction program. This undertaking was given yesterday.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Mr. Chairman, if I could beg indulgence of the committee to hold that one or to hold the slot open somehow or other for Mr. Billing to come tomorrow. He is tied up in a meeting that extended longer than he had anticipated. I received a message asking if this could possibly be done. He has the information all ready and Mr. Chairman, if you agree he could just come in during the debate on any other part of the estimates.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Is that agreed by the committee?

---Agreed

Miscellaneous Buildings, Fort Smith Region

Page 9.11, detail of capital, Department of Local Government, miscellaneous buildings, Fort Smith region, in the amount of \$150,000. Agreed? Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: This office and council chamber for Cambridge Bay. They only got \$60,000. That would not be much of a building for that price, would it?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the same concept that was referred to by Mr. Pearson, that is a complex concept of providing buildings, is being contemplated in Cambridge Bay. As far as this department is concerned, the requirement to provide an office/council chamber for the community, we estimated to be this. There are other aspects of the complex that will come in other departments. I think that again there has been consultation with the community council. Other people responsible for other departments may well enlarge upon it.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, is this administration then putting the idea completely away about building onto that complex that we already have there?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: The Member, Mr. Chairman, is referring to the recreation complex?

MR. LYALL: Yes, Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Again then, in this particular instance, this is where we would anticipate putting the office/council chamber.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, are you then considering to try and build the rest of that whole front part of that complex in a way that the council put to the administration?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I think that in terms of the total concept of it, I would ask the Deputy Commissioner possibly to comment on the total concept of it. In relation to this department we are going to do as I indicated. Mr. Chairman, if I may just indicate to the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Lyall has been asking the question: What are we doing with the total front of the recreational complex?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Lyall, I am going to be lenient this time. Mr. Deputy Commissioner, they are related, so the Chair will allow this question. Go ahead, Mr. Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PARKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have to admit that I am not right up-to-date on this project. I know that we are trying to make it work in a fashion that is suitable to the people of Cambridge Bay but I will have to ask for an opportunity to review it and come back in another day.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Is that satisfactory, Mr. Lyall?

MR. LYALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Miscellaneous Buildings, Fort Smith Region, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Fort Smith region, \$150,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Inuvik region, \$150,000. Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, a number of times I have raised the question of assisting the community of Tuktoyaktuk to get an administration building in there of some sort, better than the five-by-twelve that they have there at the present time and to my understanding of this bill, of this page, is that these are all the miscellaneous buildings that we will be getting in there. Now what I am trying to say is that where can we find money, as I think that the administration and the hamlet are working to put offices in the new arena that is coming up? What I want to know is where can we find this money in this bill for that purpose and if you do not have the answer, perhaps we could put it on with Mr. Billing's thing tomorrow.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

Office/Firehall For Tuktoyaktuk

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we have money estimated for next year for an office/firehall, or to provide facilities for an office/firehall, and we will look into it in next years budget. However, as we had indicated I think to the Member at the standing committee on finance that we are exploring the possibilities and indeed carrying on some discussion with the community council to provide advance spending so that in fact what we had anticipated putting in next year may very well be put in for this year and to incorporate it with the facility that is there, in a large complex to go along again with the big complex concept.

I think the Member will recall that we have talked about this at the standing

committee on finance meeting and we indicated to him at that time that we could carry on discussions to see if we could get advance spending for it.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding now that it is not in for this years budget.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): That was the reply of the Minister. He has indicated though that his department are going to try to advance money this year to get the project under way, they are working towards this end.

MR. STEEN: This year but not next year.

THE CHAIRMAN: (Mr. Stewart): Hon. Arnold McCallum.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, we had put it in a five year plan. Not this present year, it is in for next year on our plan. I attempted to indicate to the Member and the committee that we will try to get advance spending to provide the money this year from the present allocation that we get for the department so that the project can be done this year and we are trying to carry on discussions with the settlement to ensure that it will. But the Member is correct, it is not in this years budget. We will look for advance spending to get it in.

Miscellaneous Buildings, Inuvik Region, Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Inuvik region, \$150,000. Agreed?

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Miscellaneous Buildings, Keewatin Region, Agreed.

Keewatin region, \$542,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Mobile equipment, Baffin region, Fort Smith region, Inuvik region and the Keewatin region for the amount of \$1,253,000.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Is there a breakdown of what equipment and where they are going in the Fort Smith region?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Would the Member repeat the question?

MR. LYALL: Is there a breakdown of where that mobile equipment is going to be going in the Fort Smith region?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, at Cambridge Bay we are talking about a vehicle to provide sewage pick-up as well as a pick-up truck; Coppermine, a water truck; Pelly Bay, a sewage truck and a sewage truck in Spence Bay. I would believe that those are the communities that the Member would be concerned with. There are other communities in the Fort Smith region but those are the communities that I think fall within the Member's...

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Does this satisfy you, Mr. Lyall?

MR. LYALL: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I should say Holman Island as well, I better identify Holman Island as being another community that will get a water truck.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mobile equipment, \$1,253,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Fraser.

Equipment For The Inuvik Region

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, could we get a breakdown on the Inuvik region on equipment going in for the amount of \$103,000?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There is a wheeldozer and a garbage trailer going into Arctic Red River.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Steen.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member for, what is it Norman Wells? Oh, Mackenzie Great Bear, should not pick on the smallest amount in the list there. We are already cut to the limit.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, if I may, is there equipment going into Rae Lakes as well this winter?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, there is a log skidder, a water trailer and a garbage trailer going into Rae Lakes.

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to clarify one thing. My colleague on my right here figures on picking on the smallest amount. Norman Wells happens to be in the Inuvik region too, this is why I am inquiring. \$103,000 seems a lot for a tractor in Arctic Red River.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I will agree with the Member, Mr. Chairman, that it seems a lot. You know, that is the price that we get. I would agree.

MR. FRASER: Is it gold plated?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: No, I do not think quite gold plated.

MR. FRASER: Thank you.

Capital - Municipal Affairs, Miscellaneous Buildings, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mobile equipment, \$1,253,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page 9.12, detailed capital, Department of Local Government, firefighting equipment and alarm systems in the amount of \$290,000. Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister whether or not the fire alarm system in Spence Bay is working yet.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I would respectfully submit that that may be a loaded question and perhaps I could reciprocate and ask the Member since that is his area, does he in fact know. I do not know. I will have to find out.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Moneys for the Fort Smith region, is the administration going to be putting in a better firefighting system in Spence Bay?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the amount of money dealing with firefighting equipment and alarm systems for the Fort Smith region; we are putting a fire alarm system in Fort Providence; we are putting a fire alarm system in Gjoa Haven and we are buying various firefighting supplies, other smaller materials for various communities to the total amount of \$32,000. I do not have a list of what places are getting part of that \$32,000 but it will be various places within the Fort Smith region.

MR. LYALL: The best firefighting vehicle that most of the Central Arctic communities have now is one of those things you pull by hand with about four foot wheels on it and when it is on the road it is pretty hard to pull. Maybe you should send them a horse or something.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I had better not remark on that.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): You do not deal in half horses, Mr. Minister?

Fire Alarm System In Spence Bay.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, is the Minister going to give me any idea of whether that fire alarm system is working yet in Spence Bay?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I indicated to the Member I would have to find out. I said to him I thought it was a loaded question. He likely knows whether it is working or not, I do not.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Lyall, would you like to comment on whether it is working or whether it is not?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I hesitate to say it, our understanding is that it is working. He likely knows whether it is working or not.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Do you want to share your secret, Mr. Lyall?

MR. LYALL: No, Mr. Chairman.

Capital - Municipal Affairs, Firefighting Equipment And Alarm Systems, Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Firefighting equipment and alarm systems, \$290,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Grants, road and sidewalk construction, \$800,000. Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Chairman, could we have some detail on that, please?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Detail, Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, would the Member want the detail for the Baffin or would he want it for the Baffin, Fort Smith, Keewatin and Inuvik regions? If it is for the Baffin region, there were 13 communities in the Baffin region that will get either road construction or road improvements. In the case of Frobisher Bay we were estimating that we will spend approximately \$100,000 on road improvements in Frobisher Bay.

In Arctic Bay, Broughton Island, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Lake Harbour, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Port Burwell and Sanikiluaq, we will be dealing with road construction. Now a very quick count of the amount from \$800,000 in the Baffin region would be in the vicinity of about \$280,000 to \$300,000 in the Baffin region.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Fraser.

A Grant Or A Contribution

MR. FRASER: I have just got a question here for the administration which puzzles me, under roads and sidewalk construction, various communities, it says grants. I thought we dealt with grants on page 9.07 and there we have grants and contributions, here we are dealing with the Department of Local Government dealing with grants again. Is this misplaced?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: If you just give me a moment, I will pick it out. Mr. Chairman, basically in terms of the amounts of money, they are given to municipalities in the form of a grant for roads and sidewalk construction. I indicated to the Member from Frobisher that -- I talked about a large number of communities there getting a certain amount. There were other communities within other regions getting particular amounts. In incorporated villages we make an outright grant and other places we provide them -- we provide the money in settlements.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister, by way of terminology, is this a grant or a contribution?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: No, it is a grant, Mr. Chairman, it is a grant.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Well is it not based on percentage of what is spent by the community, in some instances that is?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: It is a fifty-fifty deal, if you like.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): They are half and half?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Right.

Capital-Municipal Affairs, Grants, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Grants, \$800,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Summary of capital estimates, total municipal affairs, \$16,117,000.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: Some time ago, yesterday I guess it was, I brought up the subject that bothers me and a few other people in the community of Frobisher Bay re the original establishment of the hamlet and subsequently the village of Frobisher Bay in terms of the turning over to the municipal authority as well as the six positions, the accommodation to accommodate those six creatures whoever they were. What, if any, restitution would the Department of Local Government like to make to the municipality of Frobisher Bay in consideration of the sacrifices that the taxpayers have had to make over the past five years?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): The answer is probably none, but Hon. Arnold McCallum.

MR. PEARSON: Well, let Hon. Arnold McCallum...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I do not know of the arrangements obviously that were made with the municipality when in fact the municipality changed its status. I will undertake to look at the situation but I can not give the Member any definitive answer without going back through it. I know what he is talking about in terms of the houses but I do not know what the hell it is all about anyway.

MR. PEARSON: That gives me a great sense of confidence. That answer does not quite please me but it will do, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister takes it as notice and offers to examine the situation. It is an important issue because it has caused us great consternation.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you, Mr. Pearson. I am sure the Minister will...

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, I indicated to the Member that I would, in fact, take it under review, without any promises.

Freezer In Whale Cove

MR. PEARSON: May I make another inquiry whilst on the subject of the capital estimates? A couple of years ago we had the pleasure and I do mean that, to visit the community of Whale Cove and Whale Cove had been issued at one time a freezer, a walk-in freezer, which they were to convert into a bathhouse for the community. It sat there for many years neither bathing nor freezing although it was frozen solid. I wonder if that was ever resolved, and if there is now a bathhouse functioning in that building in that community?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, the Member's memory is much better than mine. I do not know. I would have to find out. I was not here back a few years so I have no idea but I will attempt to find the answer.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Total municipal affairs budget, \$16,117,000. Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: I notice in this that the word bathhouse seems to have disappeared from usage and what is the reason for that? Surely there is still great need for bathhouses in various parts of the Northwest Territories.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think the reason why it has disappeared in fact is because we have not been getting the request for those facilities.

MR. PEARSON: How would you like a couple?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Lay it on me, dad.

MR. PEARSON: Well there is a dire need in two areas of Frobisher Bay for bathhouses and it is something which is really beyond the ability of the municipalities to supply either in Apex or in Frobisher Bay proper where the shocking condition of housing and the types of housing does not provide facilities for people to bathe and there are no bathing facilities in a community as large as it. I wonder if your department would consider the possibility of springing for a bathhouse or two bathhouses, one on either side of the community? The need can be shown through medical evidence and everything else. The impetigo and scabies are still fairly prevalent and due in most part to lack of facilities on the part of the occupants of the homes.

Policy On Bathhouses

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well Mr. Chairman, the department has been moving out of a policy of providing bathhouses in communities and I guess most especially we have to be very careful in terms of talking about incorporated communities. Nevertheless, there would be nothing stopping the village of Frobisher Bay from making a request for those and we would then look at the request.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Total municipal budget -- pardon me, Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Just a general comment, Mr. Chairman. When the Commissioner and I did the tour of the Central Arctic, the subject of bathhouses came up in every settlement but the thing is that the administration found none of them really have worked except for the one in Cambridge Bay so I suspect that this is why you do not see it in there any more.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: I would say to Mr. Lyall in answer to that, the reason that they do not work and he is quite correct, is because of inadequate design and poor construction and if the one in Whale Cove was anything to go on, I mean that was a farce really. It was a walk-in freezer, it was to be used as a bathhouse and did nothing. So I would say this to the Department of Local Government that in consideration of the thing we talked about earlier, a community centre with a village office and the garage and the gymnasium and all of these things, that provision be made in such buildings, hopefully we will see them soon, for bathhouses and a laundromat and that kind of thing because there will always be a need in these communities for that kind of facility. It is a hell of a lot cheaper to build it at that time than it is to come along and stick some little building like a pimple on the arse of progress out in the middle of the community that gets frozen every time the wind blows.

Capital - Municipal Affairs, Agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Total municipal affairs, \$16,117,000. Agreed?

---Agreed

Page 9.13, detail of capital, Department of Local Government, airports in the amount of \$200,000, that is Fort Smith region, \$200,000. Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: I have a question about airport buildings, a general question. I see the heading there so I think it is appropriate. What is the policy of the government? I must say that these buildings which are springing up all over the place look most impressive, however, I note with some dismay that they are trailers bought in southern Canada and shipped to the northern climes and erected in these various communities for the purpose of airport buildings. I would have hoped to see a more permanent type of facility, a locally built facility, stick-built, to encourage local labour and to encourage the people in the communities to get involved in the construction of everything in their community. These buildings, whilst in many cases they look attractive, they are not really practical.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Minister.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Well Mr. Chairman, again I think that the opening remarks of the federal Minister pretty well indicated the concern that not only is expressed by the federal government but I think the concern that we have within this government. We recognize the economic good that accrues to a particular community when in fact buildings are locally built and put up and that do employ local people. We work in conjunction with the federal government in this program and after hearing the federal Minister indicate the concern about construction of buildings in the North and how they should be carried on, maybe we can get the federal government then to work in conjunction with us and we would try to do even more in terms of hiring local labour to construct various buildings.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Pearson.

Improvement In Airports.

MR. PEARSON: Well that is encouraging and I would like to say a word of encouragement to the department in this area. We seem to have come a long way in a very short while in having better airstrips and facilities in these communities and I think that the department is too, whilst I realize they are being assisted by a federal agency, nevertheless that the territorial government has done a good job in that area of provision of airstrips and facilities. I hope that you continue along the lines that you are going and that we can even improve on the ones that we have got.

MR. LYALL: Mr. Chairman, just a comment of a general nature. We must have had a better deal in the Central Arctic than what they got in the Eastern Arctic, because ours is not trailers. They built them right on the spot.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Airports. Mr. Lafferty.

Fort Liard Airport

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the administration at this point if there has been any request coming forth from Fort Liard for the improvement of their present airport or the one that they propose?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): It is very difficult to hear, Mr. Lafferty. Did you get the question, Mr. Minister? Mr. Lafferty, would you put your mike in a little closer. We are having difficulty hearing you.

MR. LAFFERTY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct my question to Hon. Arnold McCallum, if he is aware or if they are aware of the airport conditions at Fort Liard and Chief Harry Deneron's request there for improving that airport; and also, the airport at Trout Lake, I have seen it myself and it is in a very very bad condition. It is a sandy place where it does need a lot of repair work or improvements, if not, there may be some serious accident there sometime. Are you aware of these conditions, Hon. Arnold McCallum?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, yes, the department is and we have just signed a contract to spend \$20,000 this coming year for additional clearing, and the formal construction on a renewed airstrip for that community will take place next year.

Capital - Airports, Joint Use Buildings, Agreed

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Joint use buildings; Fort Smith region, \$200,000. Agreed?

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In view of the time shall I report progress?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, let me just make known to the Members two announcements dealing with local government before we report progress. I should not say could I. I know I can. May I?

An Announcement On Local Government

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make two announcements that I think and I believe would be of great interest to this House. Firstly, I wish to announce that the Department of Local Government is currently preparing an amendment to the Municipal Ordinance which will extend the title of mayor to the chief elected municipal officials in the Northwest Territories from the hamlet level upward. I think this...

---Applause

We can now officially get chains of office for various chairmen. I think this action is fully consistent with the Assembly's support of the administration's devolution program and will, I believe, extend recognition to all leaders of incorporated municipalities which they so well deserve. It is my intention that this amendment be brought forward for consideration at the May session.

Secondly, Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to advise you that arrangements are now under way and progressing very well to bring to the Northwest Territories in approximately mid-May a group of 15 mayors from Greenland for a conference in Yellowknife with mayors from municipalities in the Northwest Territories. This exchange, I believe the first of its kind, will I am sure prove to be very beneficial, both to our own officials and the Greenlanders and will hopefully lead to further exchanges of a similar nature to discuss problems of mutual concern. This conference has been planned to take place during the May sitting of the House and it is hoped that Members of this House will have the opportunity to personally meet many of the participants.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Thank you. Mr. Fraser.

Project At Fort Simpson

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: I wonder as well, Mr. Chairman, if I may go back to the question that the Member from Yellowknife North, Mr. Nickerson, raised about the project at Fort Simpson and give him some indication and hopefully a reply to some of the questions. I am not eliciting further or consequential questions but maybe just to give him an indication now.

The Romano Equipment Services Ltd. was the contractor and the bid price was for \$832,000 which included a \$100,000 contingency amount within this total contract. During the process of trenching the intake line last spring, the trenching equipment could not dig a 300 foot length of the line. It was thought to be rock at the time, but time did not permit the contractor to arrange for drillers and blasters at that time. It was hoped to blast later during the summer. However, the water was too torpid for the divers to work. Romano Equipment Services Ltd. hired Territorial Blasting Ltd. to come in during this winter to drill and blast. However, drilling showed there was no rock. It was in fact clay. It is theorized that this was a pocket of permafrost which has since thawed. We do not have the invoice for the cost of the drilling but we estimate that it will be not more than \$8000, which will be paid out of the contingency fund, the amount of money that was included in the main contract.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Nickerson.

MR. NICKERSON: Just one very brief question. Am I to understand, Mr. Chairman, that all these additional expenses will be borne by the contractor under the terms of the original contract and that on account of this rock/no rock situation, no additional expenditure for public funds has been or will be incurred?

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Mr. Fraser.

MR. FRASER: Mr. Chairman, just one small question. In view of the statement made by the Minister that all from hamlets up will be called mayors; does this mean that Chief Kodakin is going to be called a mayor from now on?

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Stewart): Gentlemen, I have had enough, I am going to report progress.

HON. ARNOLD McCALLUM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Stewart.

Report Of The Committee Of The Whole Of Bill 11-64, Appropriation Ordinance, 1978-79.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been studying Bill 11-64, and wishes at this time to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any announcements for tomorrow? Mr. Pearson.

MR. PEARSON: Mr. Speaker, the only announcement that I could think of at the moment is that from now on I shall wish to be known as Your Worship.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the day, Mr. Clerk.

ITEM NO. 12: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Remnant): Orders of the day, January 27, 1978, 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the Explorer Hotel.

1. Prayer
2. Replies to Commissioner's Opening Address
3. Questions and Returns
4. Oral Questions
5. Petitions
6. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
7. Notices of Motion
8. Motions for the Production of Papers
9. Motions
10. Tabling of Documents
11. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills, Recommendations to the Legislature and Other Matters: Bills 8-64, 7-64, 17-64 and 11-64
12. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: This House stands adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m., January 27, 1978, at the Explorer Hotel.

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