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Q. ".....as a Councillor, you are definitely going to run next time?"

A. "No I haven't decided that, no" Pearson

Q. "From your point of view what are some of the problems with Council?"

A. "The problem with Council is that it meets twice or three times a year, and people that have nothing to do, unemployed or really not involved in any major jobs are able to attend and to function and perhaps even get themselves appointed to ministries and portfolios and earn \$45,000 a year. But for those members who have businesses and commitments, it makes it very difficult, I mean having to travel to Yellowknife is an absolute pain - one of the other members of Council, the Honourable Speaker - Dave Searle - has his business right in Yellowknife, so he is able to keep his finger on the thing and attend the Council sessions without any difficulty. But for those of us who live so far away from Yellowknife, it is becoming more and more difficult and as I say I have the thing which provides me with my living is not the Territorial Council but my business and unfortunately it must take priority and in this case does"

Q. "Do you think Council could possibly take steps to reprimand you in some way over these issues? Does that concern you?"

A. "It doesn't concern me, If Council wishes to discipline its members it may do so, but I regret, but I think a valid excuse for not being in Council, and whether they see it that way or the electorate see it that way really has nothing to do with it, the fact is that I have a responsibility and an obligation to the Company of which I happen to be a shareholder and the President of, and must attend to it and I am not, cannot be derelict in that particular duty."

That was CBC reporter Dan Page talking to Councillor Brian Pearson.

6 minutes before 8 o'clock