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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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CENTRAL ARCTIC AREA COUNCIL CONFERENCE  
PELLY BAY, N.W.T.

AGENDA

1. Role of Secretaries in conferences
2. Discussions of Resolutions and Answers
3. Discussion on the Role of the Follow-up-committee
4. Financial picture of funds used & available
5. Conference Types
  - a) mini-conference
  - b) big conference
6. Community Concerns and Area Concerns
7. Planning for next conference
  - a) Funds
  - b) Location
  - c) Who to invite
  - d) When
8. Discussion on possible constitution
  - a) Area Council
  - b) Follow-up-committee
9. Adjournment

CENTRAL ARCTIC AREA COUNCIL CONFERENCE  
PELLY BAY, N.W.T.

Sept. 25, ]978

Delegates

PELLY BAY - Otto Apsaktaun  
SPENCE BAY - Steve Alookee  
GJOA HAVEN - Peter Akkikungnaq  
CAMBRIDGE BAY - Joe Otokiak  
COPPERMINE - Andy Klengenberq  
HOLMAN ISLAND - ABSENT

Secretaries

John Ningark  
James Eetoolook  
Mark Totiak  
David Brewster  
Helen Oniak  
ABSENT

Dept. of Local Gov't - Charlie Evalik, Tom Stewart  
Interpreter Corps - Kristine Kamingoak, Connie McCrae

Opening of the meeting was chaired by the community chairman,  
Otto Apsaktaun at 10 am.

After discussion of the times set for the meetings, it was agreed  
that the community chairman would chair the meeting of the first  
day and each delegate would chair the remaining days. The times  
were set at 10 am - 12 noon and 1:30pm - 4:30 pm.  
The meeting was in discussion of the agenda and it was left to the  
Settlement Secretaries and Local Gov't personell to finalize this  
agenda so the meeting adjourned till 1:30 pm.

Discussions followed on the Role of the Secretaries, whether they  
should participate in the conference, after the discussion, it was  
felt that the Settlement Secretaries were in the conference to give  
advise, suggestions and help in any way they can, this followed in  
a motion: "That the settlement secretaries take part in the discussions  
but not in decision making"

Moved by Steve Alookee  
Seconded by Joe Otokiak

carried

Motion #01/78

Resolutions from the Spence Bay Regional Council Conference were read  
with the replies to the conference as far as resolution #9. Those  
resolutions that required feedback, the delegates discussed that on  
Motion #2 & #3 of the Spence Bay conference should be looked into  
which followed in a motion: "That the follow-up-committee write a letter  
to Bill Lyall, that he bring this letter to the October session of the  
Territorial Council and we would like an answer before the Regional  
Council Conference on #2 & #3 of the Spence Bay Regional Council  
Conference".

Moved by Andy Klengenberq  
Seconded by Peter Akkikungnaq

carried

Motion #02/78

These motions that were made in Spence Bay were concerning the  
Per Capita & Per Capita Recreation funding.

As the discussion took all afternoon, it was felt that it was time  
to adjourn till the next morning.

Moved by Joe Otokiak

That the meeting be adjourned for the day at 4:50 pm.

Seconded by Andy Klengenberg

carried

Motion #03/78

DAY 2, SEPTEMBER 26, 1978

The meeting was opened by chairman, Steve Alookey with a prayer and the summarized minutes of the 25th.

The first item discussed was the General Hospital for the Central Arctic which the delegates discussed as to the point why this request was made in the Spence Bay Regional Conference, they decided that they would leave this item until the next regional conference, which they will bring back the discussion to their communities.

The reply they got was that the Government of Canada was not about to entertain the idea of a General Hospital for the Central Arctic and this conference would like the Department of National Health & Welfare and the Federal Treasury Board to attend the next conference.

This followed in a motion: "That this resolution be left until the next Regional Council Conference and meet with the Dept. of National Health & Welfare and the Federal Treasury Board to discuss the matter further."

Moved by Joe Otokiak

Seconded by Peter Akkikungnaq

carried

Motion #04/78

The next item discussed was having a Transcient Centre in Cambridge Bay, which was also from the Spence Bay conference That we were informed it may be built in 79/80 year.

There was a motion: "That the follow-up-committee write a letter to Arnold McCallum about the Transcient Centre in Cambridge Bay, asking him what priority it is within his department."

Moved by Otto Apsaktaun

Seconded by Joe Otokiak

carried

Motion #05/78

Discussion of F-27 service led to strong discussion about the length of airstrips which to the motion: "That we write a letter of support for the Airstrip extensions in the communities of Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven on behalf of this conference and asking Bill Lyall to bring the matter up at the October Session of the Territorial Council".

Moved by Andy Klengenberq

Seconded by Peter Akkikungnaq

carried

Motion #06/78

Discussions about Northward service revealed that it had not really improved since they wrote their letter saying that passengers and baggage were first priority.

There was discussion of how this can be dealt with and that the motion be followed as: "That the follow-up-committee write a letter to Northward Airlines reminding them to follow their passenger and baggage priority outlined in their letter of February 9th 1978 to the Central Arctic Area Council with a copy going to M.O.T."

Moved by Joe Otokiak

Seconded by Otto Apsaktaun

carried

Motion #07/78

Discussion about the Local Radio Station and the Polar Gas Pipeline was that the delegates would bring these matters back to their settlements and to get more information on their own, if they do not get all the information they have asked for, they will bring them back to the next regional council conference.

As no answer had been received about the Polar Bear Quota's for Gjoa Haven and Coppermine, the follow-up-committee was instructed in a motion: "That a letter be written to Don Boxer regarding Polar Bear Quota be clarified for Gjoa Haven and Coppermine before the January's conference".

Moved by Joe Otokiak

Seconded by Otto Apsaktaun

carried

Motion #08/78

Discussion on the communication between the Game Dept. and Wildlife surveyors and Spence Bay community has now seem to be in better standing, the surveyors are now removing their empties from survey sites to the community.

Pelly Bay had asked for support to have a caribou hunt in the last Regional Council Conference but had no answer back, so they will try to get together with their local Hunter's & Trapper's Association, to arrange for the caribou hunt.

The remaining resolution dealt with the elections, payments and duties of the follow-up-committee, they have followed this.

As the discussion of funds for the conferences they will be brought up in the morning.

Moved by Peter Akkikungnaq

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:18pm.

Seconded by Joe Otokiak

carried

Motion #09/78

DAY 3, SEPTEMBER 27, 1978

Meeting was opened by chairman, Peter Akkikungnaq at 10:10 am.

The morning was spent reviewing the short history of the follow-up-committee and its present duties. There was lengthy discussion on what sort of powers the follow-up-committee should have. The general feeling was to get the answer requested by the Area Council conference, once an answer is received they will bring it to the next conference and that they weren't given the power to follow up letters if they were not give an adequate answer, it was held until the next regional conference, this discussion resolved into a motion: "That the follow-up-committee should follow up letters even though they do not really get answers to bring to the conference".

Moved by Steve Alookey

Seconded by Otto Apsaktaun

carried

Motion #10/78

A summary of the financial picture was given.

Local Gov't provided \$45,000.00 for the 1978/79 year, they are holding \$30,000.00 for transportation and \$15,000.00 was given to the Follow-up-committee to pay for travels, honorariums and secretary for committee meetings, and honorariums and billots for delegates to the conferences. So far approximately \$2,000.00 has been spent for committee meetings and the cost of this conference including travel is expected to be \$6,500.00 this leaves approximately \$36,500.00 to be spent on the next Area Council conference and Follow-up-committee meetings until March 31, 1979.

### Types - Conferences

Discussion about types of conferences to have, it was explained that this conference is a mini-conference because of funds availability. We just have enough to hold a mini-conference now and a big conference later on the new year. There was also a discussion that if they should have a mini-conference and a large conference a year it would cut down on use of funds, and a mini-conference is an ideal thing which was felt it should be held once a year, they have time to plan and organize also to get to know other people and co-workers, and of needs of communication between each settlement before a large conference is held. There would be more community and area input at the small conference. This would also ensure that there is enough funds available for each type of conference. A mini-conference would also solve all the problems the follow-up-committee may have. The discussion of having a mini-conference and a large conference followed by a motion: "That they have a mini and a large conference a year, totalling to two a year".

Moved by Steve Alookey

Seconded by Joe Otokiak

carried

Motion #11/78

Planning for next conference

The time and place of the next conference and who to invite to be left until after the discussion of community & area concerns.

Community & Area Concerns

Cambridge Bay delegate outlined his community desire was to find more funding to complete the Recreation Complex and having a native court-worker for Cambridge Bay. This led to discussion on native courtworkers for the area and revealed information about ITC's plan to set up their Courtworker Association. The following motion was passed: "That this conference support Cambridge Bay delegate to get a native courtworker for Cambridge Bay as soon as possible and that we approach Bill Lyall to bring this to the October session of the Territorial Council, and ITC on available information regarding native courtworkers before the next regional council conference in January 1979"

Moved by Otto Apsaktaun  
Seconded by Joe Otokiak

carried

Motion #12/78

After the conference had heard of the frustrations Cambridge Bay Council has experienced in trying to get money for the completion of the Recreation Complex and the further frustrations now being met as to just how the Territorial Administration plans to complete the building, the following motion was passed: "That this conference request that Deputy-commissioner, John Parker provide precise information before January 1, 1979 on what's being done about completing the Cambridge Bay Recreation Complex".

Moved by Joe Otokiak  
Seconded by Andy Klengenberg

carried

Motion #13/78

There was discussion on Spence Bay concern about the involvement of older people, less experienced in Government ways, being involved in community councils.

The day ended with talk about the types of community workshops that could be arranged through Local Gov't.

Moved by Steve Alookey  
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:17 pm.  
Seconded by Joe Otokiak

carried

Motion #14/78



DAY 4, SEPTEMBER 28, 1978

Meeting opened at 10:10 am. by chairman Joe Otokiak  
reading of meeting Day 3 were read in Inuktitut and English.

The discussion about Spence Bay community concern about older people being involved in the council, but don't know about the procedures, they will be holding a workshop in November to help make people understand what a council is and what it is doing.

Another concern was that the patients going home stop at Cambridge Bay and sometimes they miss their flights, mainly because of Northward and most patients aren't informed of times they are suppose to leave or where they will stay, this discussion was followed by amotion: "That this conference write a letter to Kitty Minor regarding the incoming patients that they be informed as to their departure time and where they are staying and closer attention is paid to the incoming patients."

Moved by Otto Apsaktaun

Seconded by Peter Akkikungnaq

carried

Motion #15/78

Another concern was that if there was a Regional Hunter's & Trapper's Association in the Central Arctic Area, it would make better control over hunting and trapping procedures, better understanding about whats happening in the Game laws and their surroundings.

There was also an advantage such as a regional council conference, which the Hunter's & Trapper's can sit in this conference, the discussion was left to the councils to take back to their communities to discuss with their Hunter's & Trapper's Association and will bring back to the next conference.

Concern of getting a STEP program in Spence Bay was discussed to find out if they were still having these programs, they will take back to their community and try for funding themselves.

#### Pelly Bay Concerns

The main concern was to build a road to the water lake and were wondering if they had enough funds to build the road, the summer they had done some site development in the community.

They were very concerned about building this road but there is problem with the equipment, there is not enough equipment to build the road. In the summer they get their water supply from a little river, which freezes in the winter time. There is a lake called Ekalulik which is used in the winter time but also freezes thick which makes the drinking water not very good to drink.

There is some money they didn't use last year which should be used to make the road. They will wait for an answer back from Charlie Evalik, he will try to find out more information on this when he gets back to his office.

### Gjoa Haven concerns

The main concern was that they would like to find funds for a Search & Rescue party, they had tried to find funds but had no answer. Spence Bay delegate mentioned that the council and Hunter's & Trapper's Association work together and if anyone is leaving to go out hunting they tell the Game Officer or their relatives of where they plan to go and for how long.

It was decided that they will go back and form a Search & Rescue party and find some other way to find funding, Per Capita may be used to go towards this.

There was also the concern of the Economic Development Dept. & Fish and Wildlife not visiting frequently in their community, this was also happening in the other communities.

They would like support from this conference to ask Economic Development & Fish and Wildlife to come more frequently. This discussion followed in a motion: "That this conference request that Dept. of Economic Development make more frequent visits to the Central Arctic communities".

Moved by Peter Akkikungnaq  
Seconded by Otto Apsaktaun

carried

Motion #16/78

There was discussion on getting more funding for the Site Development which they got 15,000.00 last year but they had used this up before they finished their Site Development.

The Dept. of Local Gov't will be having a capital planning meeting in the spring which they will discuss about finding more funding, but each year the fundings are very limited to each community. This will be brought up when the local Gov't personell visit Gjoa Haven.

The request that was discussed earlier with the Search & Rescue for Gjoa Haven was followed by a motion: "That this conference support the request for funds for Search & Rescue in the Central Arctic communities and that Bill Lyall be asked to bring this to the October session of the Territorial Council, and that an answer be given before the January conference."

Moved by Peter Akkikungnaq  
Seconded by Andy Klengenberq

carried

Motion #17/78

### Discussion on Possible Constitution

After discussion on this possible constitution, it was felt they should think about at the moment and bring up at the next conference.

### Planning for next conference

The location of the next conference went through a vote between the delegates and it was Coppermine which won over Gjoa Haven by one vote.

Who to invite

Billy Lyall  
National Health & Welfare  
Federal Treasury Board  
Local Government  
Bud Drury  
K.I.A. President  
I.T.C. President

The chairman and two other delegates and the settlement secretary.  
Interpreters - Kristine Kamingoak, Connie McCrae

This conference will start on the 22nd day of January 1979.

In this conference they would like just Area Concerns brought up.

Follow-up-committee and Local Gov't will make travel arrangements  
and the agenda.

As to the time and finishing of the agenda, the delegates and  
secretaries gave their thanks and speeches before adjournment.

Moved by Peter Akkikungnaq  
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:37 pm.  
Seconded by Steve Alookey

carried

Motion #18/78

RESOLUTIONS PASSED  
CENTRAL ARCTIC AREA COUNCIL CONFERENCE  
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MOTION #01/78

MOVED BY STEVE ALOOKEE  
SECONDED BY JOE OTOKIAK

THAT THE SETTLEMENT SECRETARIES TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS BUT NOT THE DECISION MAKING.  
CARRIED

MOTION #02/78

MOVED BY ANDY KLENGENBERG  
SECONDED BY PETER AKKIKUNGNAQ

THAT THE FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE WRITE A LETTER TO BILL LYALL, CONCERNING THE PER CAPITA AND PER CAPITA RECREATION GRANTS, THAT HE BRING THIS LETTER TO THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE TERRITORIAL COUNCIL AND WE WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER BEFORE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE ON #2 & #3 OF THE SPENCE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE.  
CARRIED

MOTION #04/78

MOVED BY JOE OTOKIAK  
SECONDED BY PETER AKKIKUNGNAQ

GENERAL HOSPITAL

THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE LEFT UNTIL THE NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND MEET WITH THE DEPT. OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE FEDERAL TREASURY BOARD TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER.  
CARRIED

MOTION #05/78

MOVED BY OTTO APSAKTAUN  
SECONDED BY JOE OTOKIAK

THAT THE FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE WRITE A LETTER TO ARNOLD MCCALLUM ABOUT THE TRANSCIENT CENTRE IN CAMBRIDGE BAY, ASKING HIM WHAT PRIORITY IT IS WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT.  
CARRIED

MOTION #06/78

MOVED BY ANDY KLENGENBERG  
SECONDED BY PETER AKKIKUNGNAQ

THAT WE WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE AIRSTRIP EXTENSIONS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF SPENCE BAY AND GUNN HAVEN ON BEHALF OF THE CONFERENCE AND ASK BILL LYALL TO BRING THE MATTER UP AT THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE TERRITORIAL COUNCIL.  
CARRIED

MOTION #07/78

MOVED BY JOE OTOKIAK  
SECONDED BY OTTO APSAKTAUN

THAT THE FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE WRITE A LETTER TO NORTHWARD AIRLINES REMINDING THEM TO FOLLOW THEIR PASSENGER AND FRIEGHT PRIORITY OUTLINED IN THEIR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 9th 1978 TO THE CENTRAL ARCTIC AREA COUNCIL WITH A COPY GOING TO M.O.T.  
CARRIED

MOTION #08/78

MOVED BY JOE OTOKIAK  
SECONDED BY OTTO APSAKTAUN

THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO DON BOXER REGARDING POLAR BEAR QUOTA BE CLARIFIED FOR GJOA HAVEN AND COPPERMINE BEFORE THE JANUARY CONFERENCE.  
CARRIED

MOTION #10/78

Moved by STEVE ALOOKEE  
SECONDED BY OTTO APSAKTAUN

THAT THE FOLLOW UP COMMITTEE SHOULD FOLLOW UP LETTERS EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T REALLY GET ANSWERS TO BRING TO THE CONFERENCE.  
CARRIED

MOTION #11/78

MOVED BY STEVE ALOOKEE  
SECONDED BY JOE OTOKIAK

THAT THEY HAVE TWO CONFERENCES A YEAR, ONE BRING A MINI CONFERENCE AND THE OTHER BEING A LARGE CONFERENCE.  
CARRIED

MOTION #12/78

Moved by Otto Apsaktaun  
SECONDED BY JOE OTOKIAK

THAT THIS CONFERENCE SUPPORT CAMBRIDGE BAY DELEGATE TO GET A COURT- WORKER FOR CAMBRIDGE BAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT WE APPROACH BILL FYALL TO BRING THIS IN THE OCTODER SESSION OF THE TERRITORIAL COUNCIL AND APPROACH ITC ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING NATIVE COURTWORKERS BEFORE THE NEXT CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 1979.  
CARRIED

MOTION #13/78

MOVED BY JOE OTOKIAK  
SECONDED BY ALYX HELGANDER

THAT THE CONFERENCE REQUEST THAT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, JOHN PARKER PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1979 ON WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT DEVELOPING THE CAMBRIDGE BAY RECREATION COMPLEX.  
CARRIED

MOTION #15/78

MOVED BY OTTO APSAKTAUN  
SECONDED BY PETER AKKIKUNGNAQ

THAT THIS CONFERENCE WRITE A LETTER TO KITTY MINOR REGARDING THE INCOMING PATIENTS, THAT THEY BE INFORMED AS TO THEIR DEPARTURE TIME AND WHERE THEY ARE STAYING AND CLOSER ATTENTION IS PAID TO THE INCOMING PATIENTS.  
CARRIED

MOTION #16/78

MOVED BY PETTER AKKIKUNGNAQ  
SECONDED BY OTTO APSAKTAUN

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST THAT DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAKE MORE FREQUENT VISITS TO THE CENTRAL ARCTIC COMMUNITIES.  
CARRIED

MOTION #17/78

MOVED BY PETER AKKIKUNGNAQ  
SECONDED BY ANDY KLENGENBERG

THAT THIS CONFERENCE SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR SEARCH & RESCUE IN THE CENTRAL ARCTIC COMMUNITIES AND THAT BILL LYALL BE ASKED TO BRING THIS TO THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE TERRITORIAL COUNCIL, AND THAT THE ANSWER BE GIVEN BEFORE THE JANUARY CONFERENCE.  
CARRIED