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POLICY ON SINGLE RESOURCE COMMUNITY

I. DEFINITION

The term "single resource community" means a population centre established for the purpose of extracting a primary resource and in which the economic activity of the residents is dependent upon the extraction and/or primary processing of that resource. Dependency is measured either in employment or export base terms. The concept includes mining towns and towns based on the forestry industry. It does not include administration, port, defence, communications, conventional communities, or communities based on wildlife resource harvesting. Conventional communities may be involved, however, to the extent that labour and business services for the resource extraction may be drawn from existing communities.

II. OBJECTIVE

It is the objective of this policy: a) to state the position of the Government of the Northwest Territories with regard to the services of the government available to such communities; and b) to provide a means whereby government, industry and single resource communities can respond to matters of mutual concern to their mutual benefit.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. The Government of the Northwest Territories supports orderly exploration and development of resources, and is concerned with providing long term employment for northern residents. The resource exploration and development industry is recognized as a major sector of the Northwest Territories economy. Future resource development is considered essential in contributing to the growth of the Territories economy and to the improvement of the general welfare of northern people.
- B. In the case of existing single resource communities, and for new communities to be established, the Government of the Northwest Territories may negotiate with the development company a Special Services Agreement. The Agreement will stress employment, training and business opportunities

B. SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Government of the Northwest Territories under a Special Services Agreement, will provide negotiated discretionary services in addition to the statutory services. Negotiation of such an Agreement will be on a case by case basis between the company and the Government of the Northwest Territories. Other interested parties will be consulted as required.

- 1) The Discretionary services include but are not limited to:
 - i. enriched education on a program basis including Adult Education;
 - ii. employment and training assistance;
 - iii. assistance to local businesses;
 - iv. assistance to organize a work rotation scheme between existing communities and the development site;
 - v. assistance to fund a training-on-the-job program, in conjunction with Canada Employment and Immigration Commission's funding of the training-in-industry program;
 - vi. recreation grants made available on a per-capita basis;
 - vii. assistance for additional social services such as alcohol, drug and social counselling;
 - viii. assistance, as provided for in existing policy prior to incorporation as a tax-based municipality, in provision of municipal facilities and infrastructure and the operation and maintenance services on a cost recovery basis from users over the projected life of the resource (refer to Item C.2).
Presently funded municipal services include distribution of water, collection and disposal of sewage and garbage, road maintenance and airport operation and maintenance.

- 2) The company and the Government of the Northwest Territories may negotiate conditions and responsibilities which the company will be expected to meet and may include the following:
 - i. Development and implementation of a plan, in consultation with the Government of the Northwest Territories for:

to N.W.T. residents and outline services to be provided by the G.N.W.T.

- C. The Government of the Northwest Territories also encourages the development of projects that will not require new permanent municipal facilities or additional infrastructure. The Government of the Northwest Territories approves of job rotation schemes to facilitate employment of Northern residents. In such cases, the Government of the Northwest Territories may draw up a Special Services Agreement with the development company with a view to bolstering the economic base of the communities from which the labour force is drawn.
- D. The Government may extend capital services to communities it considers permanent, the measure of permanence being an expected community duration of approximately 20 years. In return, the Government will expect to influence rates of depletion, production and exploration through an agreement with the company providing a mechanism for decision making input.

The Capital services which may be considered under an extension of the policy include the cost-shared provision of municipal and other facilities such as: water supply, storage and distribution; sewage collection, treatment and disposal; road construction; fire protection; street lighting; airstrip construction and facilities; recreation facilities; schools; and nursing stations.

IV.

A. STATUTORY SERVICES

- 1) The Government of the Northwest Territories will, in accordance with Territorial Ordinances and consistent with current program criteria, provide universal statutory services to new and existing single resource communities. Such services include the following:
 - i. assistance to education;
 - ii. health services; and
 - iii. social services.
- 2) Government expenditure on such services is designed to provide the base for community development. It is expected that the company will utilize in its resource development project the resources and business facilities of existing communities in the proximity of the development.

E. CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS

The Government of the Northwest Territories will establish consultative mechanisms with other Governments with a view to preventing inconsistencies in the treatment of single resource communities and promoting resource exploration and development in resource-rich areas adjacent to Provincial and Territorial borders.

F. CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY

The Government of the Northwest Territories will consult with industry to ensure that the policy position of this Government remains compatible with changing conditions.

- a. the employment and training of N.W.T. residents;
 - b. support for small businesses in the single resource community and/or surrounding communities.
- ii. Any health facility or services funded or partially funded by the Government of the Northwest Territories will come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health, G.N.W.T., and/or Medical Services, Health and Welfare Canada, with respect to level of service, standards of operation and certification of medical personnel.
 - iii. The company will consult with the Government of the Northwest Territories on the development of the community and will establish a procedure for community consultation throughout the course of the development.
 - iv. The company will give as much advance notice as feasible of shutdown to the G.N.W.T. and to the affected communities.
 - v. The Government of the Northwest Territories may conduct periodic reviews to monitor compliance with the Agreement.

C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. Single resource communities will be encouraged to be open towns with an elected Council.
2. Where projected life span of the operation exceeds 20 years, the community will be encouraged to work toward incorporation as a tax-based municipality within the first five years. At the time of community incorporation, the respective repayment responsibilities of the company and the community will be negotiated.
3. If a new single resource community is planned or if the company intends to operate a commuter rotation work system, the company and the Government of the Northwest Territories will consult with councils and residents of surrounding communities.

D. ADMINISTRATION OF SINGLE RESOURCE COMMUNITIES

Upon incorporation of a new single resource community and implementation of a Special Services Agreement, the community will be integrated into the normal regional administrative framework of the Government of the Northwest Territories.