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Mr. John H. Parker
Commissioner of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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Dear Commissioner Parker

In accordance with 30(1)(b) of the *Plebiscite Ordinance*, I submit the following report of the results of the April 14th plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories.

This was the first plebiscite conducted under the provisions of the *Plebiscite Ordinance*, and it was achieved through the efforts of 22 returning officers, as well as deputy returning officers, enumerators, assistant returning officers, poll clerks and a small staff in Yellowknife.

I intend to submit another report of recommendations for modifications to the Ordinance which would facilitate administration of future plebiscites.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Hamilton', with a large, sweeping initial 'H'.

David M. Hamilton
Chief Plebiscite Officer

PLEBISCITE, 1982

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SUMMARY OF VOTES CAST — BY PLEBISCITE DISTRICT

Plebiscite district	Polling stations	Ballots cast for		Rejected ballot papers	Total votes including rejected ballot papers*	Electors on the list	Total vote as percentage of electors on the list*
		Yes	No				
Baffin Central	8	467	66	5	538	758	70.98%
Baffin South	3	214	63	10	287	462	62.12%
Central Arctic	18	450	341	5	796	1326	60.03%
Foxe Basin	8	476	75	28	579	736	78.67%
Frobisher Bay	6	538	119	7	664	921	72.10%
Great Slave East	5	125	48	3	176	443	39.73%
Hay River	10	87	447	6	540	1458	37.04%
High Arctic	8	231	83	4	318	491	64.77%
Hudson Bay	2	124	14	0	138	171	80.70%
Inuvik	7	88	291	8	387	795	48.68%
Keewatin North	6	518	47	19	584	781	74.78%
Keewatin South	7	573	102	6	681	917	74.26%
Mackenzie Delta	4	98	146	4	248	790	31.39%
Mackenzie Great Bear ...	7	164	108	4	276	799	34.54%
Mackenzie Liard	15	342	284	10	636	1288	49.38%
Pine Point	4	50	196	1	247	705	35.04%
Rae-Lac la Martre	8	297	152	5	454	833	54.50%
Slave River	8	115	316	5	436	1143	38.15%
Western Arctic	9	144	149	10	303	718	42.20%
Yellowknife Centre	7	137	371	5	513	1062	48.31%
Yellowknife North	7	173	231	6	410	624	65.71%
Yellowknife South	10	175	655	5	835	1741	47.96%
Totals	167	5586	4304	156	10046	18957	52.99%

BAFFIN CENTRAL

Returning Officer: Jim Currie, Broughton Island, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Pangnirtung N.W.	1	154	26	3	183	282	64.89%
Pangnirtung S.E.	2 a)	51	11	0	62	102	60.78%
	b)	13	0	0	13		12.75%
Cape Dyer	3	...	Cancelled
Broughton Island	4	118	15	0	133	181	73.48%
Cape Hooper	5	0	3	0	3	5	60.00%
Clyde River	6	126	10	2	138	188	73.40%
Advance Poll— Pangnirtung		5	1	0	6		0.79%
Totals	8	467	66	5	538	758	70.98%
Percentage of valid votes		87.62%	12.38%	0.94%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 401

BAFFIN SOUTH

Returning Officer: Naudla Oshoweetok, Cape Dorset, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Cape Dorset	1	129	45	10	184	329	55.93%
Lake Harbour	2	85	17	0	102	133	76.69%
Advance Poll— Cape Dorset	0	0	1	0	1		0.22%
Totals	3	214	63	10	287	462	62.12%
Percentage of valid votes		77.26%	22.74%	3.61%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 151

CENTRAL ARCTIC

Returning Officer: Ada Todd, Pelly Bay, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 198

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Pelly Bay	1	49	17	0	66	84	78.57%
Cam 4 - Pelly Bay	2	1	6	0	7	9	77.78%
Spence Bay	3	148	24	2	174	198	87.88%
Cam 3 - Sheppard Bay	4	0	14	0	14	10	140.00%
Gjoa Haven	5	89	50	1	140	191	73.30%
Cam 2 Gladman Point	6	4	3	0	7	12	58.33%
Cam 1 - Jenny Lind Island	7	2	4	0	6	6	100.00%
Cambridge Bay	8	79	112	0	191	324	58.95%
Cam Main (Cambridge Bay Dewline)	9	4	16	0	20	34	58.82%
Bay Chimo	10	24	7	0	31	38	81.58%
Pin 4 Byron Bay	11	0	6	0	6	8	75.00%
Pin 3 Lady Franklin Point	12	1	7	0	8	13	61.54%
Coppermine	13	37	58	0	95	371	25.61%
Pin 2 Cape Young	14	4	10	0	14	14	100.00%
Lupin Mines	15	6	7	2	15	14	107.14%
Advance Poll—							
Cambridge Bay		0	0	0	0		
Coppermine		0	0	0	0		
Gjoa Haven		2	0	0	2		0.15%
Totals	18	450	341	5	796	1326	60.03%
Percentage of valid votes		56.89%	43.11%	0.63%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 109

FOX E BASIN

Returning Officer: Lucy Quasa, Pond Inlet, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Pond Inlet	1	73	12	4	89	110	80.91%
Pond Inlet	2	95	19	0	114	167	68.26%
Igloolik	3	121	9	13	143	170	84.12%
Igloolik	4	91	9	7	107	131	81.68%
Hall Beach	5	71	23	3	97	158	61.39%
Advance Polls—							
Igloolik		3	2	0	5		
Pond Inlet		15	1	0	16		
Hall Beach		7	0	1	8		3.94%
Totals	8	476	75	28	579	736	78.67%
Percentage of valid votes		86.39%	13.61%	5.08%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 401

FROBISHER BAY

Returning Officer: Mary Hunt, Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Base and Beach Area	1	163	41	3	207	289	71.63%
Ikaluit	2	172	24	3	199	301	66.11%
High Rise and Row Housing	3	55	28	0	83	134	61.94%
Happy Valley	4	80	14	0	94	118	79.66%
Apex	5	60	10	1	71	79	89.87%
Advance Poll— Frobisher Bay		8	2	0	10		1.09%
Totals	6	538	119	7	664	921	72.10%
Percentage of valid votes		81.89%	18.11%	1.07%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 419

GREAT SLAVE EAST

Returning Officer: Nathaneal Wolfe, Fort Resolution, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Fort Resolution	1	41	24	0	65	274	23.72%
Snowdrift	2A	78	8	3	89	145	61.38%
Prelude	2B	3	12	0	15	19	78.95%
Fort Reliance	3	2	3	0	5	5	100.00%
Advance Poll— Fort Resolution		1	1	0	2		0.45%
Totals	5	125	48	3	176	443	39.73%
Percentage of valid votes		72.25%	27.75%	1.73%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 77

HAY RIVER

Returning Officer: Hazel Haight, Hay River, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Hay River	1	11	16	1	28	89	31.46%
Vale Island	2	17	42	0	59	236	25.00%
New Subdivision West	3	6	52	0	58	188	30.85%
New Subdivision N.W.	4	8	73	1	82	195	42.05%
New Subdivision N.E. Centre	5	6	57	2	65	162	40.12%
New Subdivision North Centre	6	10	31	0	41	136	30.15%
New Subdivision South	7	10	77	0	87	213	40.85%
New Subdivision South	8	11	62	2	75	209	35.89%
Enterprise	9	2	9	0	11	30	36.67%
Advance Poll—							
Hay River		6	28	0	34		2.33%
Totals	10	87	447	6	540	1458	37.04%
Percentage of valid votes		16.29%	83.71%	1.12%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 360

HIGH ARCTIC

Returning Officer: Frank Pearce, Arctic Bay, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Alert	1	5	0	0	5	6	83.33%
Resolute Base Camp	2	3	10	0	13	26	50.00%
Resolute Community	3	35	16	4	55	80	68.75%
Grise Fiord	4	39	7	0	46	51	90.20%
Arctic Bay	5	104	16	0	120	177	67.80%
Nanisivik	6	27	16	0	43	98	43.88%
Little Cornwallis Island	7	6	16	0	22	53	41.51%
Advance Poll— Arctic Bay		12	2	0	14		2.85%
Totals	8	231	83	4	318	491	64.77%
Percentage of valid votes		73.57%	26.43%	1.27%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 148

HUDSON BAY

Returning Officer: Shoapik Emikotailuk, Sanikiluaq, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Sanikiluaq	1	123	14	0	137	171	80.12%
Advance Poll— Sanikiluaq		1	0	0	1		0.58%
Totals	2	124	14	0	138	171	80.70%
Percentage of valid votes		89.86%	10.14%	0			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 110

INUVIK

Returning Officer: Agnes Semmler, Inuvik, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Inuvik Southwest	1	21	86	4	111	319	34.80%
Inuvik Eastern Centre	2	25	63	4	92	129	71.32%
Inuvik Central	3	4	16	0	20	61	32.79%
Inuvik Central	4	8	37	0	45	75	60.00%
Inuvik Southeast	5	13	39	0	52	99	52.53%
Inuvik Southeast	6	13	47	0	60	112	53.57%
Advance Poll—							
Inuvik		4	3	0	7		0.88%
Totals	7	88	291	8	387	795	48.68%
Percentage of valid votes		23.22%	76.78%	2.11%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 203

KEEWATIN NORTH

Returning Officer: Winnie Tarraq, Baker Lake, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Chesterfield Inlet	1	73	5	2	80	90	88.89%
Baker Lake	2	125	15	5	145	252	57.54%
Baker Lake	3	96	10	5	111	165	67.27%
Repulse Bay	4	108	8	1	117	124	94.35%
Coral Harbour	5	114	9	6	129	150	86.00%
Advance Poll— Baker Lake		2	0	0	2		0.26%
Totals	6	518	47	19	584	781	74.78%
Percentage of valid votes		91.68%	8.32%	3.36%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 471

KEEWATIN SOUTH

Returning Officer: Melinda Tatty, Rankin Inlet

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Eskimo Point	1	166	27	1	194	293	66.21%
Eskimo Point	2	73	13	0	86	121	71.07%
Whale Cove	3	47	9	0	56	84	66.67%
Rankin Inlet	4	144	24	0	168	207	81.16%
Rankin Inlet	5	128	25	4	157	212	74.06%
Advance Polls—							
Eskimo Point		10	1	1	12		1.31%
Rankin Inlet		5	3	0	8		0.87%
Totals	7	573	102	6	681	917	74.26%
Percentage of valid votes		84.89%	15.11%	0.89%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 471

MACKENZIE DELTA

Returning Officer: Knute Hansen, Aklavik, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Aklavik	1	40	46	2	88	357	24.65%
Fort McPherson	2	42	82	1	125	377	31.16%
Arctic Red River	3	10	17	1	28	56	50.00%
Advance Poll—							
Aklavik		3	1	0	4		0.51%
Fort McPherson		3	0	0	3		0.38%
Totals	4	98	146	4	248	790	31.39%
Percentage of valid votes		40.16%	59.84%	1.64%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 48

MACKENZIE GREAT BEAR

Returning Officer: Helen Couvrette, Fort Franklin, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Fort Good Hope	1	53	31	0	84	244	34.43%
Colville Lake	2	1	12	0	13	37	35.14%
Port Radium/Echo Bay Mines	3	2	3	0	5	19	26.32%
Fort Franklin	4	50	20	0	70	224	31.25%
Fort Norman	5	34	20	4	58	149	38.93%
Norman Wells	6	21	21	0	42	126	33.33%
Advance Poll— Fort Franklin		3	1	0	4		0.50%
Totals	7	164	108	4	276	799	34.54%
Percentage of valid votes		60.29%	39.71%	1.47%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 56

MACKENZIE LIARD

Returning Officer: Violet Cli, Fort Simpson, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Wrigley	1	50	8	0	58	78	74.36%
Tungsten	2	10	62	0	72	143	50.35%
Nahanni Butte	3	16	10	0	26	42	61.90%
Fort Liard	4	33	14	1	48	191	25.13%
Trout Lake	5	30	1	0	31	32	96.88%
Jean Marie River	6	16	8	2	26	26	100.00%
Simpson - South	7	29	35	2	66	193	34.20%
Simpson - North	8	22	19	0	41	88	46.59%
Simpson - North	9	25	34	2	61	161	37.89%
Kakisa	10	16	10	0	26	31	83.87%
Providence East	11	34	33	2	69	137	50.36%
Providence West	12	54	47	1	102	166	61.45%
Advance Poll—							
Fort Providence		2	0	0	2		0.16%
Fort Simpson		4	3	0	7		0.54%
Tungsten		1	0	0	1		0.08%
Totals	15	342	284	10	636	1288	49.38%
Percentage of valid votes		54.63%	45.37%	1.60%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 58

PINE POINT

Returning Officer: Sharon Bergerman, Pine Point, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Pine Point	1	15	58	0	73	230	31.74%
Pine Point	2	12	58	0	70	250	28.00%
Pine Point	3	20	66	1	87	225	38.67%
Advance Poll— Pine Point		3	14	0	17		2.41%
Totals	4	50	196	1	247	705	35.04%
Percentage of valid votes		20.33%	79.67%	0.41%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 146

RAE-LAC LA MARTRE

Returning Officer: Henry Zoe, Rae-Edzo, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Rae-Edzo	1	30	25	0	55	126	43.65%
Rae-Edzo	2	28	23	2	53	89	59.55%
Rae-Edzo	3	61	50	2	113	271	41.70%
Rae-Edzo	4	14	18	1	33	94	35.11%
Lac la Martre	5	62	19	0	81	113	71.68%
Rae Lakes	6	65	11	0	76	101	75.25%
Snare Lakes	7	37	6	0	43	39	110.26%
Advance Poll— Rae-Edzo		0	0	5			
Totals	8	297	152	5	454	833	54.50%
Percentage of valid votes		66.15%	33.85%	1.11%			

Majority of "yes" votes over "no" votes — 145

SLAVE RIVER

Returning Officer: Anne Jones, Fort Smith, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Fort Smith	1	39	113	2	154	267	57.68%
Fort Smith	2	14	21	1	36	124	29.03%
Fort Smith	3	11	49	1	61	170	35.88%
Fort Smith	4	6	41	1	48	149	32.21%
Fort Smith	5	20	28	0	48	131	36.64%
Fort Smith	6	13	31	0	44	230	19.13%
Fort Smith	7	9	15	0	24	72	33.33%
Advance Poll— Fort Smith		3	18	0	21		1.84%
Totals	8	115	316	5	436	1143	38.15%
Percentage of valid votes		26.68%	73.32%	1.16%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 201

WESTERN ARCTIC

Returning Officer: Lucy Dillon, Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Tuktoyaktuk	1A	40	52	3	95	239	39.75%
"	1B	28	34	3	65	156	41.67%
Dewline Site Bar 4	2	cancelled	2	0.00%
Dewline Site Pin-Main	3	7	5	0	12	11	109.09%
Dewline Site Pine 1	4	1	3	0	4	4	100.00%
Paulatuk	5	29	16	3	48	86	55.81%
Sachs Harbour	6	14	18	1	33	80	41.25%
Holman Island	7	24	20	0	44	140	31.45%
Advance Poll— Tuktoyaktuk		1	1	0	2		0.28%
Totals	9	144	149	10	303	718	42.20%
Percentage of valid votes		49.15%	50.85%	3.41%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 5

YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE

Returning Officer: Cheryl Fennell, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Yellowknife	1	28	133	2	163	311	52.41%
"	2	14	66	0	80	204	39.22%
"	3	21	54	0	75	170	44.12%
"	4	12	37	0	49	107	45.80%
"	5	33	7	2	42	102	41.18%
"	6	23	62	1	86	168	51.19%
Advance Poll— Yellowknife		6	12	0	18		1.69%
Totals	7	137	371	5	513	1062	48.31%
Percentage of valid votes		26.97%	73.03%	0.98%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 234

YELLOWKNIFE NORTH

Returning Officer: Teri Warner, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Yellowknife	1	56	77	2	135	206	65.53%
"	2	28	42	0	70	139	50.36%
"	3	13	16	0	29	57	50.88%
"	4	11	56	0	67	95	70.53%
"	5	6	21	1	28	40	70.00%
"	6	58	12	3	73	87	83.91%
Advance Poll— Yellowknife		1	7	0	8		1.28%
Totals	7	173	231	6	410	624	65.71%
Percentage of valid votes		42.82%	57.18%	1.49%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 58

YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH

Returning Officer: Louise Nielsen

Proclamation dated February 24, 1982

Plebiscite: April 14, 1982

Polling Stations Name	Ballots cast for			Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list
	No.	Yes	No				
Yellowknife	1	21	86	0	107	245	43.67%
"	2	32	81	2	115	250	46.00%
"	3	21	72	0	93	207	44.93%
"	4	15	31	0	46	137	53.58%
"	5	10	67	0	77	154	50.00%
"	6	23	68	0	91	203	44.83%
"	7	24	70	2	96	236	40.68%
"	8	26	114	0	140	202	69.31%
"	9	1	45	1	47	107	43.93%
Advance Poll— Yellowknife		2	21	0	23		1.32%
Totals	10	175	655	5	835	1741	47.96%
Percentage of valid votes		28.92%	71.08%	0.60%			

Majority of "no" votes over "yes" votes — 350