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REGIONAL COUNCIL REVIEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

REVIEW OF REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS WITHIN THE N.W.T.

1. PURPOSE

This review will examine historical, current and anticipated developments of all regional and tribal councils whether incorporated under Territorial legislation or not.

2. REVIEW OBJECTIVES

- a) To establish a comprehensive profile of regional and tribal councils in the N.W.T.
- b) To determine whether the principles, objectives and legislation of the regional and tribal councils are still applicable and consistent with actual practice and perspectives of the GNWT, the councils, and the members.
- c) To determine a standard, measurable, and relevant framework for ongoing evaluations and audits of regional bodies, both internally and externally.
- d) To determine the variety and role of other regional boards and agencies existing in each area establishing their relationship with the respective regional and tribal councils.
- e) To determine critical issues on the future development and direction of regional councils and government in the N.W.T.
- f) To determine if current financial assistance to incorporated and unincorporated regional councils is appropriate.

3. STUDY PROVISIONS

a) Assumptions

- 1) While there is a great divergence in the levels of sophistication or status of the regional or tribal councils, there will be patterns that emerge in the development process.

ii) The GNWT has a role and interest in assisting regional bodies.

iii) The Review will be conducted without predetermined outcomes.

b) Planned Duties

1) Review Coordinating Committee

- . Defines the parameters of research and consultation
- . Directs research activities
- . Develops a detailed work plan and timetable
- . Describes the objectives and the direction to be used in analyzing or collecting information
- . Approves surveys, questionnaires or interviews
- . Conducts consultations
- . Compares activities of regional councils with:
 - identified community needs
 - identified government needs
 - existing legislation
- . Approves interim working reports
- . Analyzes assistance to regional councils, outlining existing levels, any gaps and anticipated requirements

ii) Support Staff

- . Provides advice to the Review Coordinating Committee respecting regional council development, related policies, legislation, etc.
- . Develops appropriate instruments (e.g. surveys, questionnaires, interviews, and evaluation methods)
- . Gathers background information from direct and indirect sources
- . Analyzes information in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Coordinating Committee
- . Assists Committee members with consultations
- . Provides administrative support services to the Committee
- . Records proceedings of committee meetings and consultations
- . Prepares interim reports and final report

c) Collection of Information

i) In accordance with detailed Terms of Reference, discussions will be held with, but not limited to:

- Regional Directors
- Regional or Tribal Council Speakers or Chairpersons

and/or Executive Members

- MLA's
- Ministers
- Leaders of Aboriginal Claims Organizations
- Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat
- Regional Director of Indian and Inuit Affairs
- N.W.T. Association of Municipalities
- Chairpersons of the WCF and NCF

11) Discussions will also be held with individual community governing bodies in each Region, ensuring a representative cross-section.

111) Discussion with any regional boards or agencies, or other bodies where appropriate.

d) Time Frame

The Review will be initiated by November 1, 1986 and be prepared and delivered to the Government Leader by June 1, 1987 for tabling in the Fall 1987 Session of the Legislative Assembly.

