

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
10TH ASSEMBLY, 9TH SESSION

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Paulaktuk Settlement Council
Special meeting #87-05
Council Chambers
February 16, 1987

- Present: Garrett Ruben, Chairman
Andy Thrasher, V/Chairman
Adam Ruben, Councillor
Gilbert Thrasher, Councillor
- Absent: Marcus Ruben, Peter Green (out of town), James Ruben
- Public: Ray Ruben, Bertha & Billy Ruben, Anny & Joe Roy Illasiak
M. Ruben, Charlie Thrasher, Mary E. Ruben, Alice Aqnaoyak
Ruben, Fred Thrasher.

The Chairman recognized a quorum and called the special meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

The Chairman informed Council and the public that this meeting was called to discuss the issue of division of the N.W.T. He said that we should get a quick letter out to our M.L.A. Nellie Cournoyea on our feelings of this Development. We should have our feelings made known before the Legislative Assembly try to table it without our say. The public discussed Division and the signing of the documents. There was a negative feeling on the signing because of the lack of Inuvialuit Western Arctic involvement. Nellie Cournoyea our M.L.A. was not involved and should have been. The Inuvialuit has to have its own rights protected before we support division.

- Motion: 87-25 Moved by Gilbert Thrasher, seconded by Andy Thrasher that the Paulatuk Settlement Council and those public in attendance disagree with the signing of the Divisional papers and that the Territorial Government should defer it until the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic has its own input.

Carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Nellie Cournoyea
M.L.A. Nunakput
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Nellie:

Re: Disagreement with the signing of the Division papers.

At special Council meeting #87-05, dated February 16, 1987 Council discussed the topic of the signing of the Division papers. Council and the public in attendance disagreed with the papers being signed on our behalf without our representation involved. Motion #87-05 was made expressing our disagreement as well as recommending to the Legislative Assembly to deter approval until the Inuvialuit has its own input. We want to ensure that in the event that we become a minority to the Western arctic, that we are protected. Thank you for your attention to this letter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Albert Ruben
Settlement Secretary

Garrett Ruben
Chairman

cc: Nelson Green
COPE Delegate

