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**POLICY**

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**CARVING STONE SUPPLY**

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The government of the Northwest Territories recognizes the importance of the carving industry to the economy of the Northwest Territories. To sustain the industry, a consistent supply of raw material must be available.

To that end, the Government will provide assistance to obtain carving stone from quarries within the NWT.

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**Government Leader**

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**Date**

**Reference**

For elaboration of this Policy refer to Directive

**SCOPE**

This directive applies to the provision of Carving Stone for those Northwest Territories communities where carving is a significant part, or potentially part of the local economy.

**DEFINITIONS****1. Agency**

Any organized community group acting on behalf of carvers, such as a co-operative, community council, Hunters and Trapper's Association, Carver's Guild, Community Artist Association or Inuit Art Foundation.

**2. Marketable Stone**

Stone of a quality that, once carved, can be sold.

**3. Department**

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

**4. Convenient**

Accessible at reasonable expense; e.g. a site that is 320 km by sea may be more "convenient" than one that is 80 km. by land.

**PROVISIONS****1. Eligibility**

Northwest Territories communities where carving is a significant part or potentially part of the local economy.

**2. Preference**

Where financial assistance is provided preference will be given according to the following:

- a) relative importance of carving to the community.
- b) current community supply of stone.

3. Authority and Accountability

The Executive Member responsible for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism may approve contributions under this policy up to the amount provided in the Main Estimates.

4. Program and Services

- (a) Economic Development Officers will encourage a Community Agency to accept responsibility for planning and implementing the acquisition of a regular supply of marketable carving stone from a convenient source.
- (b) Economic Development Officers may assist agencies to obtain financial and technical assistance.
- (c) The Department may pay the cost of hiring skilled advisors to teach quarrying methods to community personnel.
- (d) Where marketable stone is not available from a convenient source, the Department will encourage intersettlement trade.
- (e) Where marketable stone is not available from a convenient source, but other material such as whale bone, ivory or caribou antler can be found, carvers will be encouraged to make the best use of these materials.
- (f) If the cost of transporting alternative carving material is deemed excessive, a financial contribution may be provided in a manner similar to that for stone.

5. Financial Conditions

- (a) Where the cost of landing stone in a community exceeds \$2.75/kg, the Department may provide a contribution to the agency equivalent to the amount that the landed cost exceeds \$2.75/kg up to a total landed cost of \$5.50/kg.

- (b) When the contribution is to be utilized, approval must be obtained from the Economic Development Officer before the stone is shipped, so that:
- (i) it can be ascertained that the freight rate is competitive and that the most cost effective mode is being utilized and
  - (ii) scales and other equipment necessary for handling and measuring the stone are in place.

#### 6. Applications

The following conditions will apply:

- (a) Applications for contributions must be received by 60 days prior to any quarrying activity taking place.
- (b) Applications for financial assistance will include information on:
  - (i) Plan of quarry site
  - (ii) Quarry site work plan
  - (iii) Manpower requirements
  - (iv) Distance to quarry site
  - (v) Estimate of transportation costs, manpower and equipment
  - (vi) Estimate of quarrying costs
- (c) Upon completion of the quarrying all invoices must be submitted to the Economic Development Officer.
- (d) Applications for assistance should be submitted to:  
Economic Development Officers  
Department of Economic Development and Tourism

#### 7. Prerogative of Executive Council

Nothing in this directive shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take actions, respecting the provision of materials for carvers in the Northwest Territories outside the provisions of this Directive.