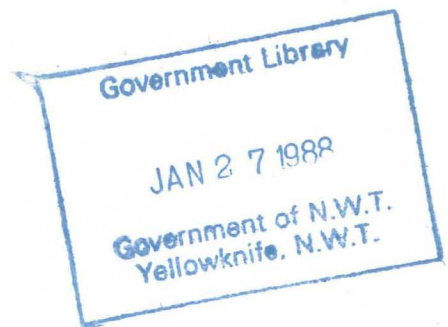


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CKNM-FM TO BROADCAST ASSEMBLY SESSION

YELLOWKNIFE (January 26, 1988) - Beginning February 10, CKNM-FM will broadcast the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly live daily during sessions.

The second session of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly opens Wednesday, February 10 at 2:30. CKNM-FM will carry the opening, including the Commissioner's address, beginning at 2.30.

On regular sitting days, the broadcast will begin at 1:00 Monday to Friday and run approximately one hour to include Question Period.

The Legislative Assembly is co-operating with CKNM-FM's plan to broadcast the Assembly session in order that people in communities outside Yellowknife can learn more about the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, Speaker Red Pedersen explained. This will be the first time the Legislative Assembly's sessions are carried live on radio on a regular basis.

CKNM-FM is operated by the Native Communications Society of the Western Northwest Territories. CKNM is currently heard in 12 communities but plans are underway to expand the coverage into 15 additional communities this summer.

The main item of business for discussion during the second session of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly will be the Government's 1988-89 budget. The session is expected to last approximately six weeks.

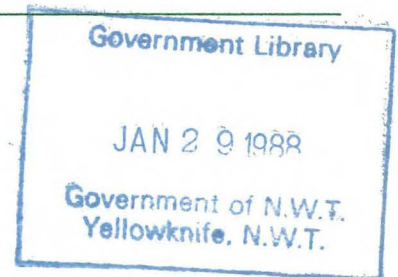
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PERKISON APPOINTED CLERK ASSISTANT

YELLOWKNIFE (January 28, 1988) - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Red Pedersen today announced the appointment of Rhoda Perkison as Clerk Assistant.

Ms Perkison's appointment is effective February 4.

As an interpreter/communicator with the Territorial government's Language Bureau since 1978, Ms Perkison has been responsible for interpreting at Legislative Assembly sessions and committee meetings. She has also translated many major pieces of legislation into Inuktitut.

Educated at Churchill, Manitoba and at the Teacher Education Program in Fort Smith, Ms Perkison was a classroom assistant and teacher in Baker Lake before joining the Language Bureau. She has also trained interpreter trainees and taught Inuktitut as a second language.

The Clerk Assistant, who reports to the Clerk of the Assembly, provides administrative support and procedural advice to the Legislative Assembly,

including preparing reports, agendas and minutes of meetings and supervising the research, public affairs and Hansard sections of the Assembly Office. The Clerk Assistant also serves as clerk to several standing and special committees and is responsible for co-ordinating the running of Territorial elections.

"Ms Perkison's knowledge of the Northwest Territories and her familiarity with the our operations will be a great asset to the Legislative Assembly", Mr. Pedersen noted in announcing the appointment.

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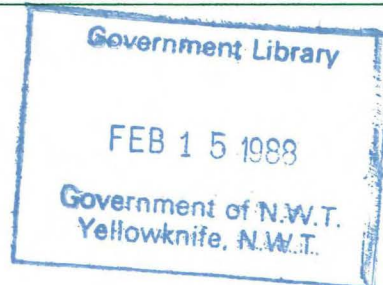
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NEW SPEAKER'S ROBE DESIGNED



YELLOWKNIFE (February 12, 1988) - When Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Red Pedersen opened the budget session of the Assembly this week, he was wearing a new Speaker's robe inspired by the traditional Copper Inuit ceremonial parka.

The design of the Copper Inuit parka, documented by anthropologist Diamond Jenness early in this century, included a short front cut away at the waist and, in the back, a tail that extends to below the knees. Mr. Pedersen has incorporated these features into the design of the new robe.

The colours of the Speaker's robe - black with white decorative panels and red trim - also follow the style of the original garments which were made of the darkest caribou skins with insets of white skin with stripes of skin stained red with litharge, an oxide of lead found in the area.

The Speaker had the new robe made "in response to the desire of the Legislative Assembly to have a decor which is representative of the cultures of the North", Mr. Pedersen explained. Mr. Pedersen represents the

constituency of Kitikmeot West which includes the traditional homeland of the Copper Inuit.

The robe was sewn for him by Mrs. Mabel Angulalik, an elder from Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Pedersen will wear the robe daily during Legislative Assembly sessions.

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COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING

YELLOWKNIFE (March 21, 1988) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Public Accounts will meet in Yellowknife March 28 and 29 to review the Territorial government's accounts and the Auditor General of Canada's report for 1986/87.

The Committee's sessions will be open to the public each day in Conference Room A of the Legislative Assembly Building. Sitting hours are 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. each day.

The Public Accounts Committee, chaired by Yellowknife South MLA Ted Richard, conducts an annual review of the government's accounts and financial transactions to determine how the government's money was spent and to ensure it was spent following proper procedures.

Witnesses appearing before the committee will include representatives of the Auditor General's department and officials from Territorial government departments mentioned in the Auditor General's report.

During this year's review, the Committee will follow up on its report from the previous year to ensure its recommendations have been implemented. As well, the Committee will review the concerns and recommendations resulting from the Auditor General's audit of Territorial accounts and financial statements for 1986/87.

Copies of the Auditor General's report are available from the Legislative Assembly at (403) 920-8096 in Yellowknife.

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ASSEMBLY INSTALLS BRAILLE SYSTEM

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 27, 1988) - A special computer program and printer capable of producing documents in braille has been installed at the Legislative Assembly to assist Hudson Bay MLA Charlie Crow.

Mr. Crow, who is blind, will now be able to receive copies of most documents and correspondence prepared for other Members of the Legislative Assembly in braille.

Braille is a system of writing and printing in which the letters are produced with raised points that the reader learns to recognize by touch.

The software, called 'Hot Dots', enables Legislative Assembly staff to convert any document on a micro-computer into a format that uses both letters and symbols to represent various combinations of raised dots. 'Hot Dots' is produced by Raised Dot Computing Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin.

The braille printer is an MBOSS-1, manufactured by VTEK of Santa Monica, California.

"The braille program produces a hard copy which allows fast and easy access to the individual requiring the information", according to Ed Buskel, Technical Aids Specialist with the Northern Alberta-NWT District of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. A letter prepared on a computer can be converted into braille in less than 10 minutes.

Mr. Buskel recently travelled from Edmonton to spend two days training Legislative Assembly staff in the operation of the system. The system will allow Mr. Crow access to most material produced by the Legislative Assembly, including references or significant debates from the daily Hansard.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Red Pedersen noted that "It has been a priority of the Legislative Assembly to provide these services for Mr. Crow in order to assist him as much as possible in carrying out his duties as an MLA".

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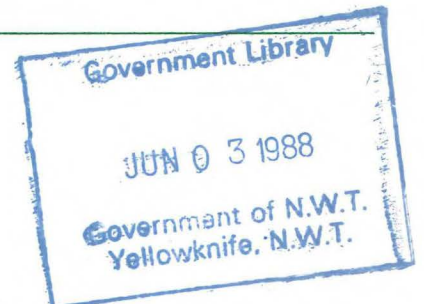
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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE TO MEET IN RANKIN INLET



YELLOWKNIFE (June 2, 1988) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Legislation will travel to Rankin Inlet to hold meetings later this month.

During the three-day meeting the committee is holding both public and private sessions in the community. Committee members will review draft legislation to be considered at the next session of the Legislative Assembly in October.

"Several of these bills will have significant effect on people living in the communities and public input will assist the committee in its review of these bills. Travelling to Rankin for our meeting will enable us to hear from residents who will be directly affected by this proposed legislation", committee chairman Peter Ernerk, MLA for Aivilik, explained. The committee has also requested comments from other interested groups across the Northwest Territories.

Among the draft legislation to be reviewed at the Rankin Inlet meeting are:

- The Act to Amend the All-Terrain Vehicles Act, which proposes to fully regulate the operation, registration and insuring of three- and four-wheel

all-terrain vehicles on highways within municipalities and in regulated areas throughout the Northwest Territories. Restrictions on passengers and allowances for safety equipment will also be debated;

- The Victims of Crime Act, which provides for the establishment of a Victims Assistance Committee which will promote services to victims of crime. The bill would establish a Victims Assistance Fund through surcharges on fines and penalties paid by people convicted of an offense in the Northwest Territories;
- The Public Utilities Act, which repeals the present Public Utilities Act and replaces it with a more comprehensive authority to approve and review the activities of public utilities in the Northwest Territories; and,
- The Act to Amend the Liquor Act , allowing for the establishment of facilities for manufacturing liquor, such as breweries, in the Northwest Territories.

The Standing Committee on Legislation is a permanent committee of the Legislative Assembly which reviews all draft legislation, except financial bills, proposed by the Executive Council before it is brought to the Assembly and makes recommendations on changes, additions or deletions to each bill.

The Committee's seven members, alternate members and staff will attend the meetings in Rankin Inlet. Sessions will be held each day at the Siniktarvik Hotel from Tuesday June 14 to Thursday June 16.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN ECONOMY HOLDS A 4 DAY WORKSHOP

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - Brian Lewis, MLA for Yellowknife Centre and Co-Chairman of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy, announced today the successful completion of a 4 day workshop on the NWT economy.

The purpose of the workshop, which ran from June 25 - 28, was to give committee members a better understanding of how the NWT economy works so they can develop a long-term economic strategy to recommend to the Legislative Assembly.

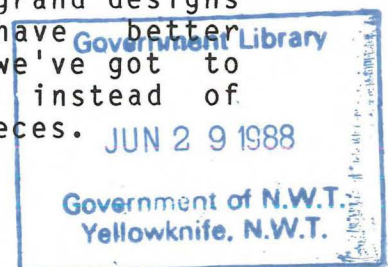
The Committee heard presentations from Gordon Wray, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, representatives from his department and from the Department of Finance. In addition, the committee invited a number of resource persons from different parts of the country with special expertise in Northern Development.

Mr. Ed Weick, an economist from Ottawa gave a broad based description of the essential elements of the NWT economy. Peter Usher, a consultant who has worked with most northern governments and native organizations described the domestic economy (hunting, fishing, carving) and its unique features.

Don Simpson, a specialist in human resource development with an international reputation, described programs, projects, and trends from other parts of the world. Jerry Hammersmith, a former school teacher from the Baffin who also served as Minister of the Department of Northern Saskatchewan with the Saskatchewan Government, outlined the principles and techniques of community economic development.

"It was tremendously stimulating experience", said Lewis. "We were able to get into the real issues with people who have a great deal of experience."

Lewis pointed to certain highlights. "We've got to have more community based planning instead of these grand designs established at the top. We've got to have better information and data. Most important of all, we've got to get government departments to work together instead of continually dividing economic problems up in pieces.



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Lewis said the Committee would meet again in in late July to plan a series of regional meetings. The Committee would begin holding these meetings in the Fall.

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PRESS RELEASE

MORIN CONCERNED ABOUT FEDERAL RESPONSE TO AIP

YELLOWKNIFE (July 26, 1988) - Tu Nede MLA Don Morin today expressed concern about the lack of Federal action to date on the motion regarding the proposed Agreement-in-Principle approved recently at the joint Dene/Metis general assembly.

"I feel that the decision of the joint Hay River Assembly was reasonable and consistent with the Federal position that outstanding concerns could be addressed prior to a final agreement", Mr. Morin said.

Referring to statements made by Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of Aboriginal Rights, and Government Leader Dennis Patterson, Mr. Morin said, "Our government has expressed support for the Dene and Metis decision and have encouraged Federal acceptance of this resolution. Indeed, the Government of the Northwest Territories is exploring ways in which the legitimate concerns of the Dene and Metis can be addressed in the negotiation process prior to a final agreement".

Mr. Morin is concerned with the apparent Federal view that this is their 'final offer'. "If this is the case, one has to question whether the Federal government is serious about negotiation process. Ultimatums midway through the process are unfair and place undue and unacceptable pressure on groups who are already at a disadvantage in the process," Mr. Morin stated.

"This is especially unacceptable when the Dene and Metis position is consistent with the Conservative claims policy. They are not asking for the moon", Mr. Morin added.

Mr. Morin noted that he would encourage the Prime Minister of Canada and the Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to meet with the Dene and Metis face-to-face to discuss the matter because of confusion over details of the decision made in Hay River.

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ECONOMY COMMITTEE URGES FEDERAL GOV'T TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH DENE/METIS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 27, 1988) - Members of the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy today urged the Federal government to continue negotiation of the Dene and Metis land claim.

The Special Committee members have been meeting in Yellowknife this week to determine the committee's priorities for research.

Committee members have a special interest in land claims and are concerned about the stalled Dene/Metis claim, Don Morin, Tu Nedhe MLA and co-chairman of the Special Committee, explained.

"Because of the uncertainty of the effects a further delay will have on the economy, members urge the Dene/Metis and the Federal government to work co-operatively to settle the claim as quickly as possible", Mr. Morin said.

"During our meeting, we did not consider the details of the proposed Agreement-in-Principle or the Dene/Metis resolution regarding the AIP although we did discuss the implications of Federal withdrawal from the process", he added. "We are very concerned that a breakdown in negotiations will have a significant impact on the North's ability to plan ways of improving the economy".

To date, the Committee has based its deliberations on the premise that all outstanding aboriginal rights and claims matters would be resolved soon, Mr. Morin said. "We are of the view that land claim settlements will add to the economic growth of the North. Without a resolution of outstanding claims, the uncertainty we presently face will increase".

"We encourage the Prime Minister of Canada and Mr. McKnight, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, to continue negotiations with the Dene and Metis to avoid this uncertainty and to enable all northerners to plan our economic future".

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN ECONOMY TO BEGIN COMMUNITY VISITS



YELLOWKNIFE (July 27, 1988) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will visit communities across the Northwest Territories to meet with residents and learn their views on the economy.

Brian Lewis, MLA for Yellowknife Centre and co-chairman of the Committee, said Members will visit Fort Smith, Hay River, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson and Snowdrift between September 7 and 17. Local MLAs will co-ordinate the two-day working sessions in each community.

The regional visits will allow the Committee members to meet with local residents to get their suggestions and recommendations for improving the economy of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Lewis explained. Over the next six months, the Committee will hold meetings in each of the 24 constituencies.

Mr. Lewis also noted that the Committee has just completed a two-day meeting to determine its priorities. Although concerned with the total economy, the committee will pay special attention to a number of specific areas including government programs and services in the areas of economic development and tourism; training and apprenticeship programs and the government's Affirmative Action Policy; fisheries; evaluation of major resource projects such as the Beaufort Sea and Pine Point; and, the need to develop the economy while preserving the environment.

During the two-day session, Committee members met with Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray to discuss co-operative arrangements to further the work of the Committee and the initiatives of the government.

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ECONOMY COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETINGS IN SOUTH MACKENZIE

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YELLOWKNIFE (August 29, 1988) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will travel next week to several communities in the South Mackenzie to give residents of the area an opportunity to voice their concerns about the economy.

Co-chairman Brian Lewis (MLA Yellowknife Centre) said the committee plans to travel to every constituency across the North before the committee presents its final report to the Legislative Assembly next year.

The schedule of public meetings in the South Mackenzie is:

Blue Room, Pelican Rapids Inn
Fort Smith
7:30, Tuesday, September 6

Royal Canadian Legion
Hay River
7:30, Thursday, September 8

Nahecho Keh Centre
Fort Providence
1:00, Sunday, September 11

Thomas Simpson School
Fort Simpson
7:30, Monday, September 12

Community Hall
Snowdrift
7:30, Thursday, September 15

The Committee is inviting submissions from individuals and organizations outlining their concerns about the economy, their analysis of the economic problems in their communities and their recommendations for improving the economy.

The Special Committee on the Northern Economy was established by the Eleventh Legislative Assembly to develop a long-term strategy to guide economic development in the Northwest Territories.

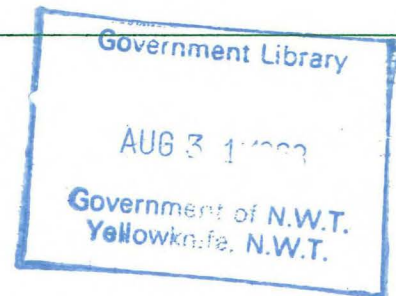
People wishing to appear at these community meetings may contact Doug Schauerte, Committee Clerk at 1-800-661-0784 toll free or speak to him before the meeting in each community.

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ASSEMBLY INSTALLS TOLL FREE NUMBER



YELLOWKNIFE (August 31, 1988) - Residents of the Northwest Territories will now be able to get information about the Legislative Assembly or contact their MLAs by using the Assembly's new toll free number.

The new number, 1-800-661-0784, will make the Legislative Assembly more accessible to people across the North, according to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Red Pedersen.

"It is vital that residents of the Northwest Territories are able to reach their MLAs quickly and easily. During sessions of the Assembly, people will be able to leave messages for their MLAs if they have issues they wish to discuss with their representatives."

"Information about the Assembly's operations and activities will also be available by calling this toll free number", Mr. Pedersen explained.

The number will be in operation Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 5:00 Mountain time.

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SPEAKER TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (September 1, 1988) - The Hon. Red Pedersen, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, will travel to Australia later this month to attend the 34th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

During his visit, Mr. Pedersen will participate in discussions on national and international issues, including the situation in southern Africa, the Commonwealth role in global disarmament, realignment of world trading patterns and threats to the environment.

More than 200 parliamentarians from the national, state, provincial and territorial Assemblies of Commonwealth countries will take part in the Conference, hosted by the Parliament of Australia and its eight state and territorial legislatures.

The Conference will be held September 14 to 25, with each delegation touring one of the six state capitals before all delegations meet in Canberra for a week of formal discussions.

Before attending the Canberra meeting, Mr. Pedersen will also participate in the 8th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of Members from Small Countries, held in Hobart, Tasmania. Among the topics on the agenda for this conference are the problems of single or limited resources economies; the need to unite small countries to deal with international communities; and, the future of parliamentary democracy in small states.

These special conferences allow members from the smallest branches of the Parliamentary Association (with populations of less than 250,000) to discuss common problems.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, an organization of legislators from Commonwealth countries, promotes understanding and co-operation among its members through conferences, meetings, seminars and exchanges of delegates.

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RICHARD RESIGNS ASSEMBLY SEAT

YELLOWKNIFE (September 2, 1988) - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Red Pedersen today received the resignation of MLA Ted Richard.

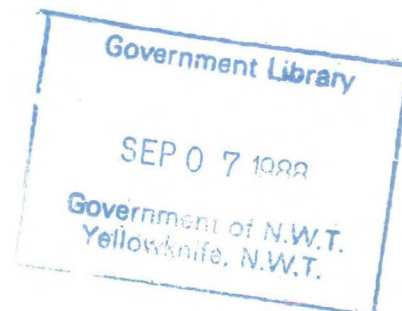
Mr. Richard, the Member for Yellowknife South, has been appointed to the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. His resignation from the Legislative Assembly is effective today.

Mr. Pedersen has notified Commissioner John Parker of Mr. Richard's resignation. Commissioner Parker will issue a writ for a by-election in the constituency to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Richard has been a Member of the Legislative Assembly since 1984 when he was elected to the Tenth Assembly in a by-election. He was re-elected in the 1987 general election. Mr. Richard was chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and a member of the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions and the Special Committee on the Northern Economy.

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FOUR CANDIDATES TO RUN IN BY-ELECTION

YELLOWKNIFE (October 3, 1988) - Four candidates will contest the by-election for the Legislative Assembly seat in Yellowknife South.

Nominations closed today at 2:00 p.m. The four candidates who filed nomination papers for the by-election, to be held Monday, October 31, are Gary J. Boyd, Charles Dent, Peter Fuglsang and Tony Whitford.

The by-election became necessary following the resignation of Mr. Justice Ted Richard on his appointment September 2 to the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Advance polls, for eligible voters unable to vote on Election Day, will be held Thursday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 25.

To be eligible to vote in the by-election, voters must be Canadian citizens, at least 19 years of age and resident in the Northwest Territories for at least 12 months prior to Election Day.

Voters' lists have been completed and posted in public places in each polling division. Qualified voters whose names do not appear on the list should contact the Returning Officer no later than October 12 to have their names added to the voters' list. Voters may also apply on Election Day to have their names added but they are not able to vote at the advanced polls or by proxy.

Further information about voting is available from Eldy Johnston, Returning Officer for Yellowknife South, at 873-8391.

PRESS STATEMENT

October 14, 1988

The following Members of the Legislative Assembly have put their names forward for consideration for the vacant ministerial position:

Mr. Butters (MLA Inuvik)

Mr. McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point)

Mr. Morin (MLA Tu Nedhe)

Mr. Nerysoo (MLA Mackenzie Delta)

Mr. Zoe (MLA Rae-Lac la Martre)

Ludy Pudluk,
Deputy Caucus Chairman

BY-ELECTION RETURNS AVAILABLE ELECTION NIGHT

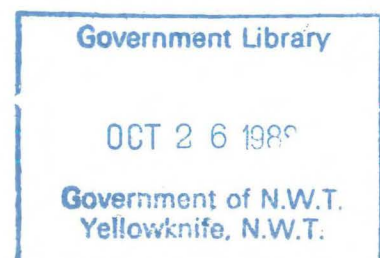
YELLOWKNIFE (October 25, 1988) - Results of the Yellowknife South by-election will be available in the lobby of the Legislative Assembly Building.

Starting at 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 31, when the polls close, returns will be posted as they are received. Yellowknife South, with 3700 eligible voters, has 13 polling divisions.

The public is invited to visit the Legislative Assembly to see the returns posted. The results received on Election Night are unofficial counts only. The official addition will be completed by the Returning Officer on November 1.

A by-election is required in Yellowknife South to fill the Legislative Assembly seat left vacant following the resignation of Ted Richard on his appointment to the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. Four candidates - Gary Boyd, Charles Dent, Peter Fuglsang and Tony Whitford - are contesting the by-election.

Polls are open on Monday, October 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For further information about the Yellowknife South by-election, contact Returning Officer Eldy Johnson at 873-8391.



WHITFORD ELECTED IN BY-ELECTION

YELLOWKNIFE (November 1, 1988) - Tony Whitford was elected as the new Member of the Legislative Assembly for Yellowknife South in a by-election held yesterday.

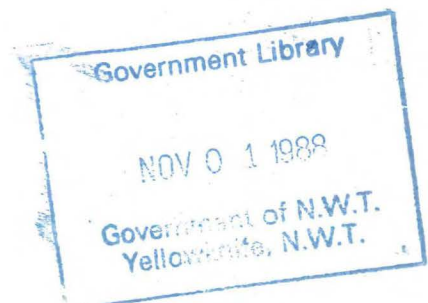
The unofficial results show Mr. Whitford won the seat with 948 of the 1,763 ballots cast or 53.8 per cent of the vote. Charles Dent received 450 votes, followed by Gary Boyd with 222 and Peter Fuglsang with 143. Approximately 47 per cent of the 3734 eligible voters went to the polls.

The official vote count will be completed today by the Returning Officer and Mr. Whitford will be sworn in on Monday, November 7.

Mr. Whitford takes the seat formerly held by Mr. Justice Ted Richard who resigned in September following his appointment to the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.

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WHITFORD TO BE SWORN IN

YELLOWKNIFE (November 3, 1988) - The newest Member of the Legislative Assembly will be sworn in on Monday.

Commissioner John Parker will deliver the Oath of Office to Tony Whitford, the Member for Yellowknife South, elected in a by-election October 31.

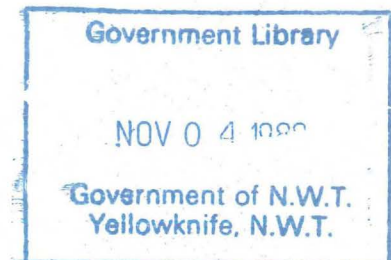
The swearing-in will take place Monday, November 7 at 12:30 in the Legislative Assembly Chamber. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

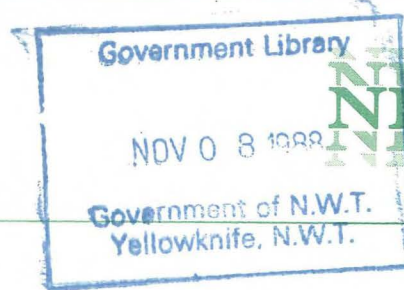
Mr. Whitford will then take his seat in the Legislative Assembly for the first time when the sitting begins at 1:00 on Monday.

Mr. Whitford fills the seat left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Justice Ted Richard following his appointment to the Territorial Supreme Court.

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POST OFFICE SHOULD PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES, COMMITTEE SAYS

YELLOWKNIFE (November 7, 1988) - The Territorial government should consider having local post offices provide banking services, the Special Committee on the Northern Economy recommended in its first report to the Legislative Assembly.

"Lack of adequate banking services is a serious problem throughout the Territories, especially in the more isolated communities", said co-chairman Brian Lewis in presenting the committee's report last week.

"The development of our northern economy depends upon our people learning good personal economy", Lewis said. "This is difficult when there are no financial services available".

The Committee feels the time is ripe for establishing local post offices as banking centres, Lewis explained.

"The commercial banks seem reluctant to set up operations in many smaller communities. If residents are going to receive the necessary banking services, some other agency is going to have to provide them. Why not the Post Office?", Lewis asked.

In other countries, post offices often provide banking services, he noted.
"It is not a new or radical idea."

"With Canada Post interested in privatizing more and more of its operations, we think our government should take a serious look at establishing a postal corporation which also provides basic banking services", Lewis added.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE VISITS DELTA COMMUNITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (November 21, 1988) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy travels this week to the Mackenzie Delta to hold community meetings.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The schedule of public meetings in the Mackenzie Delta is:

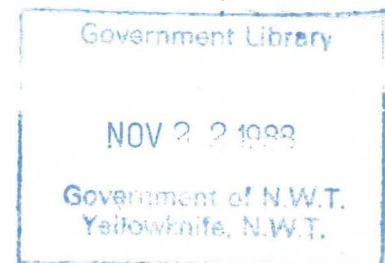
Fort McPherson

Public Meeting
Tuesday, November 22
7:00 p.m.
Recreation Centre

Workshop
Wednesday, November 23
9:30 a.m.
Recreation Centre

Tuktoyaktuk

Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 23
7:30 p.m.
Kitty Hall



Workshop
Thursday, November 24
9:30 a.m.
Hamlet Council Chambers

The Committee invites submissions from individuals and organizations outlining their concerns about the economy, their analysis of economic problems in their community and recommendations for improving the economy.

People wishing to appear at these community meetings may contact Doug Schauerte, Committee Clerk, before the meeting in each community.

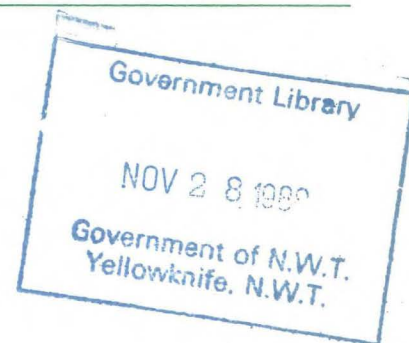
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GO ON DECEMBER 5



YELLOWKNIFE (November 25, 1988) - In celebration of the Christmas season, federal, provincial and territorial legislatures will turn on their Christmas lights at the same time across Canada Monday evening, December 5.

In Yellowknife, the lights go on outside the Legislative Assembly Building at 5:00 p.m. The lighting ceremony begins at 4:45.

'Christmas Lights Across Canada', now in its third year, is planned as an annual event to bring Canadians together and strengthen symbolic links across the country during the holiday season.

During the tree lighting ceremony, the St. Joseph's School Choir will sing and Commissioner John Parker, Speaker Red Pedersen and Deputy Government Leader Stephen Kakfwi will deliver their Christmas messages. Each visitor will receive a Christmas candle torch to be lit during the ceremony.

After the Christmas lights have been turned on, the choir will lead visitors in carol singing in the Legislative Assembly Chamber. Visitors will then be able to enjoy hot chocolate, cider and Christmas cookies at an informal reception in the lobby of the Legislative Assembly Building.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE VISITS SAHTU AND INUVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (December 22, 1988) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy travels next month to the Sahtu region and Inuvik to hold community meetings.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The schedule of public meetings is:

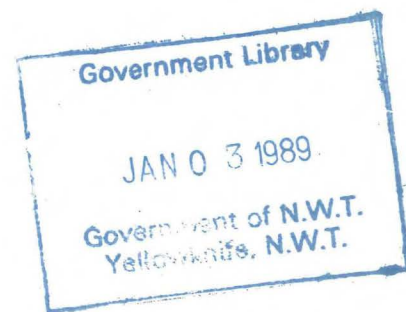
Norman Wells

Public Meeting
Monday, January 9
7:30 p.m.
Community Centre

Workshop
Tuesday, January 10
9:00 a.m.
Community Centre

Inuvik

Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 11
7:30 p.m.
Large Family Hall



Workshop
Thursday, January 12
9:30 a.m.
Large Family Hall

The Committee invites submissions from individuals and organizations outlining their concerns about the economy, their analysis of economic problems in their community and recommendations for improving the economy.

People wishing to appear at these community meetings may contact Doug Schauerte, Committee Clerk, before the meeting in each community or by calling 1-800-661-0784 (toll-free).

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